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2025 North Island Velvet Competition

Te Awamutu Rugby Sports & Recreation Club

Saturday 29th November 2025 AWARDS DINNER & VIEWING

COMPETITION CATEGORIES & SPONSORS

- Class 1. Champion Red Velvet - **PGG WRIGHTSON**
- Class 2. Champion Elk/Wapiti Velvet - **ORAKA DEER PARK**
- Class 3. 3yr old Red Velvet - **TOWER FARMS**
- Class 4. 4yr old Red Velvet - **FOREST ROAD FARM-NZ RED DEER**
- Class 5. 5yr old Red Velvet - **RAROA RED DEER**
- Class 6. Elk/Wapiti Supreme Velvet - **ELK WAPITI SOCIETY OF NZ**
- Class 7. Provelco Double - **PROVELCO LTD**
- Class 8. Heavy Weight 10+ kg non-traditional – **SOUTHERN VELVET BUYERS LTD**
- Class 9. Commercial Red - Best 5 heads - **CK IMPORT EXPORT**

'People's Choice' & 'Champion of Champions' sponsored **BY XCELL BREEDING**

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Judging will be carried out on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th November 2025.

Awards Dinner and Viewing

Te Awamutu Rugby Sports & Recreation Club – 420 Albert Park Drive, Te Awamutu
all heads entered in the competition will be available for viewing

5.00pm viewing

5.15pm cash bar

5.45pm – nibbles

6.45pm 'Dinner & Presentations'

'Tickets for the dinner are \$80 each and need to be booked by Friday 21st November 2025'

Bookings are essential. Email: chocken@inspire.net.nz or Phone 0274 576 388

Entry forms are available from your local NIVC antler receiver, the DINZ website at www.deernz.org - or email

Craig Hocken – chocken@inspire.net.nz

Entry forms will be posted out to previous entrants

VELVET booked for collection through your local NIVC Antler Receiver:

Craig Hocken	Wellington, Manawatu, Wanganui, Taihape & Taranaki	0274 576 388
Grant Charteris	Hawkes Bay, Gisborne & Wairarapa	0272 308 531
Ross Moore	Te Awamutu / Waikato – King Country	07 888 1449

VELVET MUST BE CONSIGNED THROUGH YOUR LOCAL NIVC ANTLER RECEIVERS AND MAY BE FREIGHTED THROUGH A PGGW STORE TO REACH PGG Wrightson in Te Awamutu CLEARLY MARKED FOR THE NIVC COMPETITION, BY WEDNESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2025- no later than 5.00PM.

Please ensure one of the above receivers knows what to do with your velvet before dropping it off.

All heads must have a DINZ band for ease of identification

and numbers must be recorded on your entry form

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FOREST ROAD FARM
NZ AND DEER



Downlands
DEER & STOCK



All completed entry forms must be received by Wednesday 26th November 2025 – 5.00pm.

2025 North Island Velvet Competition RULES & JUDGING

1. All entries are at the owner's risk.
2. **Velvet Insurance is the personal responsibility of the owner.**
3. Entry forms and entry fees must be completed, received, and paid in full no later than 5pm, Wednesday 26 November 2025.
4. All **VELVET** must be consigned to arrive at PGG Wrightson, **Te Awamutu OFFICE** or with your collector. Please **advise the NIVC Velvet receivers of your velvet consignment if via PGGW.**
5. All entries must have DINZ ID bands that match the entry form on each piece of velvet antler, and the duplicate entry form must accompany the entry.
6. All velvet entered must have been grown in the North Island from button drop.
7. a) Velvet must be from this year's crop and hard antler cut or cast this calendar year; or
b) Cut after the 2024 NIVC competition date.
8. Velvet in the 3-year class must have been cut from a stag born after 1 April 2021. Any 3-year-olds head cut after the 2022 North Island Velvet Competition may participate in the 2025 class, see 7b) above.
9. Any number of heads can be entered into each class, but each head is only eligible for the class nominated on the entry form. **A head cannot be entered into more than one class.**
10. **All competition velvet must have a defined brow, bez and trez tyne with correct placement. Excludes Classes 8 & 9. Super Heavy 10kgs+ Non-Traditional and Best Commercial 5 Heads.**
11. The stags nominated in the entry form must be available for inspection at the discretion of the judges of the Competition Committee.
12. The judges' decisions are final, and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into.
13. All velvet entered will be displayed at the **Te Awamutu Rugby Sports & Recreation Club** 420 Albert park Drive Te Awamutu.
14. The commercial sections will be from the best five heads available and must not be chosen from sire stags.
15. Damaged and overgrown heads will stay in the Competition but will be downgraded accordingly. They will also be labelled to indicate status but will still be displayed.

JUDGING CLARIFICATIONS

- Class 8 'Super Heavy 10+kgs Non-Traditional' Velvet. Non-traditional will be defined by the current DINZ grading sheet. Both sticks **MUST** be Non-Traditional. Velvet can be from any aged animal but **MUST** be over 10kgs. This class will be judged purely on a \$ basis i.e.: just grade each side and highest value determines ranking.
- Class 9 to exclude sire stags that have been used that season.
- The heads will be commercially graded on the current DINZ guidelines, also paying attention to hygiene and handling criteria. The combined dollar value of the five heads based on commercial value at the time of competition will determine the winner of classes 9.
- Entry of velvet can be made at any PGG Wrightson Agri Centre which is a receiving depot for PGG Wrightson Velvet Sales.
- In the event of a tie, quality and style will also be used in judging.

Champion of Champions

The Champion of Champion's will be chosen from the winners of classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Prize \$50.00 cash

People's Choice

Votes received on the night. One vote per person only. Prize \$50.00 cash

Sponsorship Prizes

Cash prizes to three placing will be paid in all classes. Prizes will be \$100 for 1st place, \$75 for 2nd place and \$50 for 3rd place.

Elk/Wapiti Supreme

The winning Elk/Wapiti head **will** be entered in the National Elk Wapiti Society Competition, January 2026.

Provelco Double

Two very similar heads with excellent style and processing qualities, any weight, any age.



PLEASE FILL IN BOTH PAGES & PRINT CLEARLY

please enter full details of all of the stags, especially important in Commercial classes and Sire of Three classes, continue on another sheet if necessary

Dinner Tickets @ \$80.00 per person	Number of entries:	Amount to pay and how
Number of people: _____	_____ @ \$40.00	Grand total payment: \$ _____ Payment due on line by Wednesday 26 November 2025 by 5pm Bank details: 01 0414 0298070 00 use your name as the reference
Account Name: North Island Velvet Competition		

Competition velvet insurance is now the competitors' responsibility. Whilst the competition organisers will endeavor to take care of your velvet we are no longer able to offer insurance as part of the competition administration. **PGGW will insure velvet while in transit or stored in their freezers, but not for the competition as it falls outside this criteria. Competitors are advised to check on their own insurance as it may be covered under their own policy.**

2025 North Island Velvet and Hard Antler Competition

Post Competition Instructions for Velvet – please circle and fill in instructions

VELVET COLLECTION POST ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

<u>Please forward my heads to:</u> <u>The National Velvet Competition</u> <u>(copy of entry form needs to be</u> <u>attached)</u>	<u>Please send my velvet to PGG Wrightson to be sold on my account:</u> <u>PGG Wrightson Client Number:</u> _____ <u>For account of:</u> _____
<u>Please return my velvet through my</u> <u>local NIVC Receiver:</u> <u>Receivers Name:</u> _____	<u>I will collect my velvet from the CK Import / Export Bayley Road</u> <u>Sunday 30 November 2025 between -9.00 am and 10.00 am</u>

Entry forms to be returned to

Craig Hocken

314 Colyton Road

RD 5, Feilding, NZ 4775

chocken@inspire.net.nz email

Or photograph & email entry form to: chocken@inspire.net.nz

Please ensure that you have attached your VSD form & DINZ tags to each stick of velvet and/or hard antler and clearly identifying it as a North Island Competition Entry.

Accommodation close by

Asure Albert Park Motor Lodge

Matariki Motor Lodge & Rosetown Motel