Sheep – Horizon Three

Progress Report for the Period January 2020 to March 2020

The Sheep – Horizon Three programme is now most of the way through its fourth year and is coming to the end of the second season milking the new genetic lines at the Pilot Farms.

Highlights from this period include:

- The 6th Annual SheepMilkNZ conference was held in March and changed to a single day online streaming event due to Covid 19
 - The virtual event was attended by over 180 people and has received over 1,430 views to date
 - Key topics and presentations focused on sharing learnings and educating attendees about markets, manufacturing, the nutritional benefits of sheep milk, farm operations and breeding and genetics.
 - The results of the recently completed clinical study that compares the digestibility and bioavailability of cow and sheep milk were presented
- All farms are progressing well towards the end of the milking season and despite the dry conditions in the Waikato, all flocks will continue milking into April; attributed to the advanced genetics and feeding systems
- Onboarding of the three new supplier farmers for next season continues
- The team have been hosting a wide range of prospective suppliers and interested New Zealanders on the farms
- Preparation continues for product launches locally and in key markets for the coming six months

Investment Summary:

	Industry Contribution	MPI Contribution	Total Investment
During this Period	689,156	459,437	1,148,593
Programme to Date	11,779,371	7,852,914	19,632,285



Comparison of Cow vs Sheep Digestibility Study presentation – SheepMilkNZ Conference



Sheep on the 'Bovine-Ovine' Outdoor Farm



Annual SheepMilkNZ Conference, March 2020