Titoki Farms, 120 acres
Rongotea, Manawatu

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> After using water soluble 30% Potassic Phosphate for years, our pasture had become very yellow looking with sickly urine spots and the deer droppings weren't breaking down. We hadn't used lime for twenty odd years and when we looked at the paddock the clover was hotch potch and the soil lifeless. We decided that our only solution was to re-grass our paddocks as the majority hadn't been done for over 20 years.

"Around this time my cousin, who had used Hatuma products for years, paid me a visit. He commented that my paddocks were looking really sick and that's what his used to look like before he started using Dicalcic Phosphate.

I applied Dicalcic Phosphate and within 6 months the difference was dramatic. The paddocks have become a deep, healthy green and our deer velvet has won the velvet cup for the 5 best commercial heads for 2 years running (Wellington/Horowhenua and Manawatu).

Previously the teeth on the deer were wearing quickly, and most were gummy by the age of 7 - 8 yrs. But now the 4-5 year olds teeth are showing great improvement due to longer grass with plenty of healthy clover.

We use very little supplementary feed - hay during our very wet winters and baleage for the dry summer when needed.

Our farm has a Tokomaru Silt Loam soil type. On a recent visit by some Massey University students, their tutor commented that the soil structure and micro-activity under the pasture was one of the best that he had seen of that type of soil.

I have been using the Dicalcic Phosphate for the last four years and in that period the velvet from the main velveting heard has increased from 2.5kg to 3.5kg on average.

It doesn't matter what the experts or consultants say, and I don't worry about soil tests. I am sure we are getting these results through the mixes. If your place is in good heart, it holds on and recovers quickly.

I don't mind telling people what we have experienced because if you get these results that's all you need to know."

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