

THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION
LINCOLN COLLEGE CENTENNIAL AWARD

1979 — J. T. B. GUISE

This trophy, awarded annually to a farmer who has made a substantial contribution aiding student instruction in practical aspects of animal production, has been awarded to Mr J. T. B. Guise.

Joe Guise produces prime lambs, wool and cereals on a 250 ha farm at Aparima in western Southland. His farming system is an excellent example of what can be done in the practical application of fresh ideas and methods, and he has frequently hosted student groups.

Of particular note is the fact that Mr Guise has been a leader in the implementation of all-grass wintering systems. Careful rationing of the grass that was available meant that the nutritional requirements of the sheep could be satisfied by the grass plus a little hay without having to resort to the utilization of root crops, as is traditional in Southland. This all-grass system has proved cheap and effective and is now widely adopted. Mr Guise favours shifting the sheep daily, and to achieve this without having to meet the expense of extra fencing, the ewe flock is combined with that of a neighbour for the winter period. This degree of co-operation is fairly rare.

Mr Guise was an active member of one of the first farm discussion groups in Southland and has always been receptive of new ideas and willing to pass on his knowledge and experience to others.