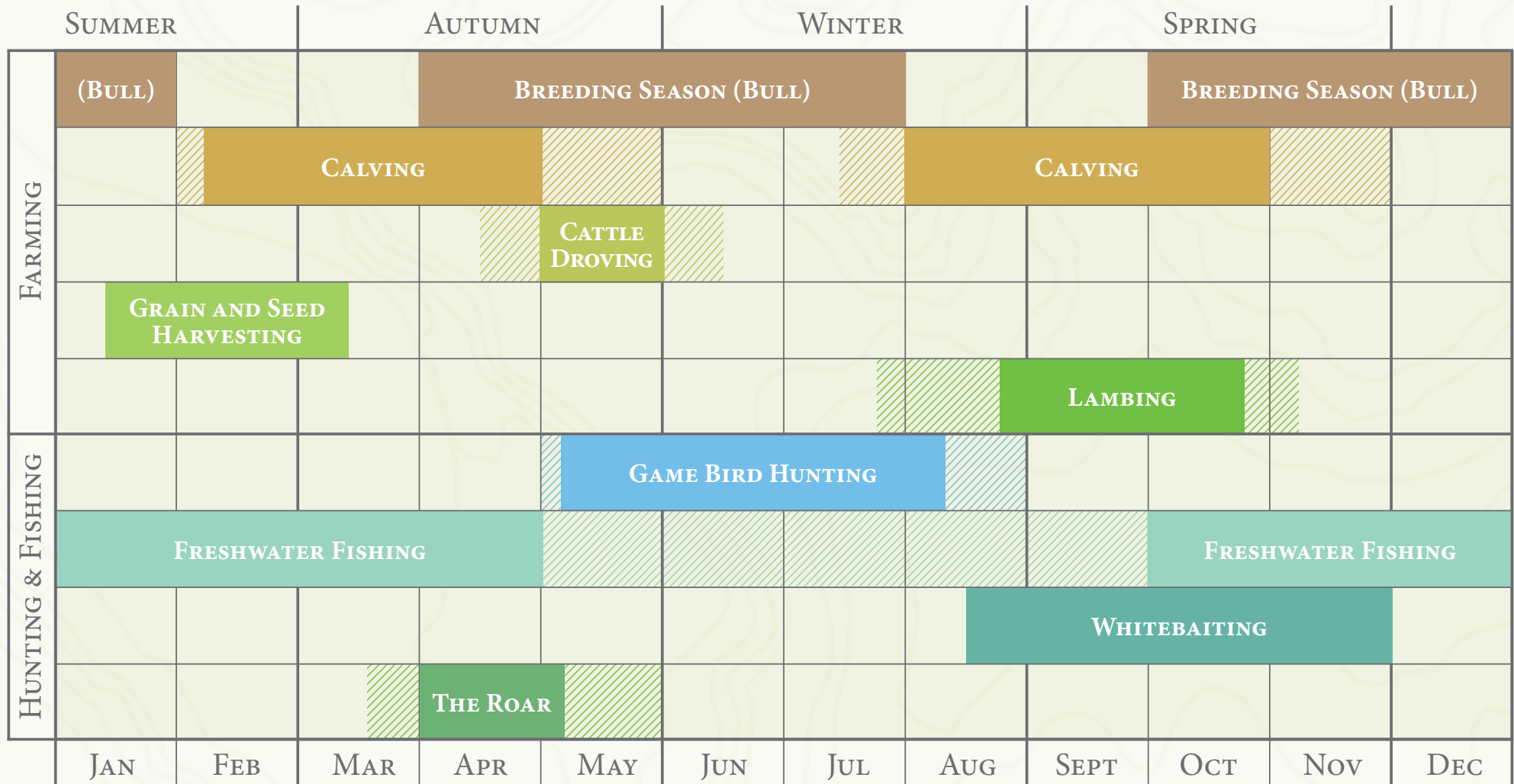


# THE COUNTRY AND OUTDOOR RECREATION CALENDAR

MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW THE KIWI WAY AND ASK LANDHOLDERS FOR PERMISSION IF YOU WANT TO CROSS PRIVATE LAND. THIS ALLOWS LANDHOLDERS TO SUGGEST A ROUTE WHICH WILL CAUSE LEAST DISRUPTION AND TO WARN YOU OF ANY OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY WORKPLACE HAZARDS YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF.

THE WALKING ACCESS MAPPING SYSTEM ([WWW.WAMS.ORG.NZ](http://www.WAMS.ORG.NZ)) WILL HELP YOU IDENTIFY LAND THAT IS PUBLIC AND LAND THAT IS PRIVATE.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ACCESSING THE OUTDOORS RESPONSIBLY, CHECK OUT THE OUTDOOR ACCESS CODE AT [WWW.WALKINGACCESS.GOV.T.NZ](http://WWW.WALKINGACCESS.GOV.T.NZ).



PLEASE NOTE – SOME EVENTS MAY START EARLIER OR FINISH LATER DUE TO REGIONAL VARIATIONS. THIS IS INDICATED BY THE SHADED AREAS.

## FARMING

- Breeding season (bull)** – Start of October to end of January and Start of April to end of July.  
Paddocks with bulls in them should be avoided.
- Calving** – Early February to end of April and start of August to end of October.  
Cows accompanied by calves should be avoided as they become aggressive if approached. The exact calving periods vary by region and altitude.
- Cattle droving** – May  
Visitors should exercise caution if cattle droving is taking place. This is for their own safety and the wellbeing of the animals.
- Grain and seed harvesting** – mid-January until mid-March.  
Heavy machinery may be operating during grain and seed harvesting season. Be careful about which paddocks you go through to avoid damaging new crops.
- Lambing** – Late August to late October.  
Lambing may vary depending on the altitude of the farm and the region of New Zealand it's in.

**Gypsy Day takes place on 1 June** and is a particularly busy time of the year in rural New Zealand. Gypsy Day is when many farms change hands, contracts are completed and farm workers and sharemilkers move between properties at the start of the new dairy season.

## HUNTING AND FISHING

- Game bird hunting** – The first Saturday in May until mid-to late-August.  
The end of the game bird hunting season varies between regions. Check [www.fishandgame.org.nz](http://www.fishandgame.org.nz) for season dates in your area.
- Freshwater fishing** – 1 October to 30 April.  
Freshwater fishing season can vary by region and location. Many lakes and rivers can be fished year-round. Check [www.fishandgame.org.nz](http://www.fishandgame.org.nz) for season dates in your area.
- Whitebaiting** – Most of New Zealand: 15 August to 30 November. West Coast: 1 September to 14 November.  
For more information about the whitebaiting season in your region, visit [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz).
- The Roar** – Start of April to early May.  
While deer can be hunted all year around, “The Roar” breeding season is when stags are most vocal and active. This can vary by species and region. For more information, visit [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz).

