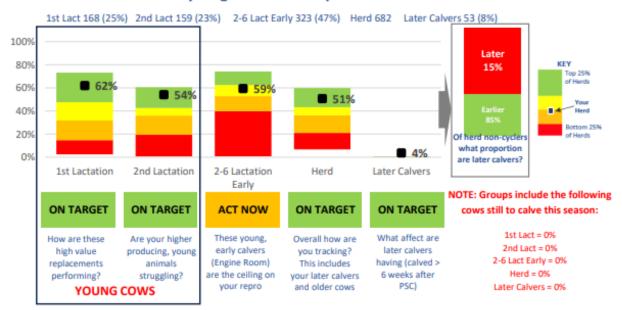
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# **Pre-Mate Heat Analysis** Southern Dairy Hub (Week -4 to PSM)



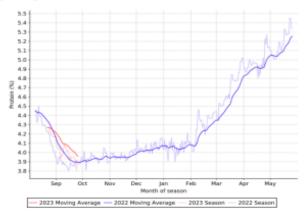
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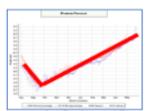
# **Benchmark of Pre-Mate Cycling** Which cows are cycling? Drivers and potential solutions



Is your herd on a rising plane of nutrition? Cows on a rising plane of nutrition heading into mating have improved pre-mate cycling rates AND increased first round conception rates

Monitoring Energy Balance Your herd's Milk Protein





- Target the "Nike Tick" protein curve
- Ideally rising from late Sept / early Oct
- Drops or extended low protein % may indicate an

# How can you improve cycling NOW?

#### **INCREASE ENERGY INPUTS**

- Priority Mob Feeding
- Consider additional supplements
- Target high quality pasture / lower entry covers
- Split Heifer Mob

# MAXIMISE HEALTH

- Metricheck
- Minerals (pre-mate bloods +/multimin)
- Eprinex / Cydectin Drench
- Monitor Mastitis and Lameness

# **DECREASE ENERGY** OUTPUTS

- Reduced walking for non-cycler

- Late Calvers OAD until cycled/mated

- OAD Mob



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# **Key Outcomes Days in Milk**

#### Calving pattern drives Days in Milk!

Earlier calving cows have increased days in milk (DIM) and this is a key driver of farm productivity.

\* Note: Days in milk may not always highlight tail-end calvers. Please refer to separate Proportion of Later Calvers Graph at bottom

### Average DIM/Cow for this season

Average DIM per cow from planned start of calving (PSC) until 120 days after PSC



# Key Outcomes **Mating Period**

### Were there problem periods during mating?

Getting cows pregnant consistently across the whole mating period is key for a desirable future calving pattern, low Not-In-Calf rates and lifetime efficiency. It also provides scope for herd

#### In-Calf Rate

Percentage of non-pregnant animals conceiving in each 3 week mating round. This can highlight changes in nutrition over mating.



#### 9 Week Not-In-Calf Rate

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Percentage of animals Not-in-Calf by week 9 (therefore late calvers or MT). Indicates potential cow wastage.



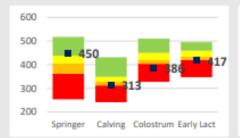
# Pericalving Milestones

### How did your cows transition?

Rumination activity gives an indication of how well the cows transitioned into lactation and Collar Health Events give an indication of underlying nutritional issues or peri-calving disease (eg metritis, metabolics & severe mastitis).

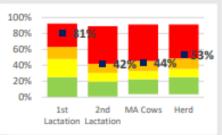
#### Rumination Activity

Mins/Day for Each Period



#### Collar Health Events

% of Group Affected



# **Premate** Milestones

### How did your cows cycle premate?

The proportion of cows cycling at Day -7 from PSM is influenced by transition success and early season nutrition. Later calving cows are less likely to cycle by the PSM

# Cows Cycling by Day -7 from PSM

The following graphs highlight to what extent age and laterr calvers influenced cycling. Early calving young cows should cycle well by the PSM and issues in this group can highlight a more generalised nutritional or transition problem



#### Proportion of **Later Calvers**

Calved >6 weeks after PSC 40% 20% % Later

How many later calvers did you have?