



# Key Weekly Information

	2024/25	25-Mar-25	02-Apr-25	Change	25-Mar-25	02-Apr-25	Change	03-Apr-24
		Standard	Standard		Future	Future		Whole farm
Farm Area	Grazing area available to milkers - ha	173.6	173.6	↑	91.6	91.6	-	267
	Winter & springer area - ha	26.1	26.1	-	10.4	10.4	-	17.4
Stock Numbers	Cows milking into vat	472	444	↓	207	199	↑	NA
	Cows milking NOT into vat - treated	8	6	↓	4	4	↓	NA
	Total cows milking	480	450	-	211	203	-	672
	Once a day milking cows	30	30	↓	15	15	↓	NA
	Sick Cows	10	11	↑	10	5	↓	31
	Average BCS	4.7	4.7	-	4.7	4.6	↓	4.5
	BCS 4.0 or less (%)	16	13	↓	19	18	↓	6
Milk production	Current Bulk milk SCC	133	107	↓	189	156	↓	134
	Milk solids per cow	1.62	1.69	↑	1.83	1.72	↓	1.66
	Protein:Fat ratio (%)	0.76	0.77	↑	0.77	0.77	-	0.8
	Milk Urea N	24.9	34.8	↑	26.5	33.3	↑	32.6
	FEI	7.7	6.17	↓	4.46	4.98	↑	5.11
Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2472	2567	↑	2672	2672	↑	2351
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	13.1	15.8	↑	16.4	16.5	↑	17.1
	Current Silage fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	1.0	0.0	↓	0.5	0.0	↓	1.4
	Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	3.4	2.7	↓	2.1	2.0	↓	
	Current PKE in trailers - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	1.0	0.0	↓	0.0	0.0	-	0
	Current per cow (kg DM/cow/day allocation)	18.5	18.5	-	19.0	18.5	-	18.5
	Stocking rate	2.8	2.6	↓	2.3	2.2	↓	2.5
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)	36	41	↑	38	37	↑	43
	Pasture growth rate	64	54	↓	71	51	↓	36
	Pre-graze cover target (for week coming)	3000	3000	-	3100	3100	-	3000-3500
	Residual (average for week past)	1800	1800	↓	1900	1800	↓	1800
	Round length (actual)	33	37	↑	34	42	↑	30
Farm Conditions	Soil temperature average (degree C)	17.8			15.7			13.2
	Rainfall (mm)	25			11			14
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	735			811			899
	Soil conditions	Dry			OK			NA
People	Current Roster	6.2			6.2			
	Health and safety incidences	0			0			
	Milking routine	TAD & OAD			TAD & OAD			TAD & OAD
Farm System Description	Standard herd: average BW Southland herd stocked at 3.2 cows/ha at peak, up to 180 kg N/ha and wintered on swedes Future herd: higher genetic merit herd (127 BW difference) stocked at 2.5 cows/ha at peak, up to 180 kg N/ha and wintered on baleage							
Key decisions/actions this week	<p><b>General</b></p> <p>Aiming to reduce rotation length to 32-35 days after it pushed out to 37-42 days this week when grazing new grass paddocks            First cows to be dried off next week - cows that have to gain more than 0.5 BCS before 1 June to achieve their calving BCS target            Finalised paddocks for aeration - 14% of the farm area identified: aiming to do as much as possible when weather conditions and grazing rotations align            Will continue to use the ground hog for paddocks with surface compaction only            Have identified paddocks with high base residuals and old clumps that will be tidied up with the mower following their next grazing (6.5% of farm area)            Hay for drying off and transitioning onto crop being delivered this week            Starting to develop paddock plans for crop and winter baleage paddocks as part of our wintering plan            Drying off consult completed with Vet South and treatment requirements finalised - 15% to receive normal DCT (high SCC or had clinical mastitis during the season); 1% long acting DCT (staph positive cows that wont be culled); 84 % Teat seal only (the rest).            Strong focus on identifying and treating lame cows to have them sound before winter</p> <p><b>Standard herd</b></p> <p>Currently grazing as two mobs: Std 1 = 240 light conditioned early calving cows; Std 2 = 210 later calvers and those already at or close to dry off BCS target            Direct supplementary feed costs from last week = \$1.28/cow/day and \$16.90 estimated milk revenue            Std 1 herd will be prioritised to the better quality pasture paddocks and have a higher supplementary feed allocation            Decrease inshed feeding to Std 2 to 1 kg DM/cow/day            Still finalising springer paddocks as need to take into account winter crop needs for the 2026 winter</p> <p><b>Future herd</b></p> <p>Current direct supplementary feed costs - \$1.02/cow/day and \$17.20 estimated milk revenue            Decrease inshed feeding to 1.5 kg DM/cow on average to increase pasture intake            Finalised paddocks for wintering and springers and will place bales straight into the paddocks as they are delivered</p>							