



Key Weekly Information

	2024/25	30-Apr-25	07-May-25		30-Apr-25	07-May-25		08-May-24
		Standard	Standard	Change	Future	Future	Change	Whole farm
Farm Area	Grazing area available to milkers - ha	159.1	156.2	↓	82.9	77.1	↓	244
	Winter & springer area - ha	37.7	40.6	↑	19.1	24.9	↑	46
Stock Numbers	Cows milking into vat	419	403	↓	188	180	↓	NA
	Cows milking NOT into vat - treated	6	3	-	2	3	↓	NA
	Total cows milking	424	405	↓	190	183	↓	528
	Once a day milking cows	0	0	↓	0	0	↓	NA
	Sick Cows	10	3	↓	3	3	-	16
	Dry cows on farm	5	5	-	3	3	-	84
	Average BCS	4.7	4.7	-	4.6	4.6	-	4.7
	BCS 4.0 or less (%)	16	16	-	21	22	-	10
Milk production	Current Bulk milk SCC	120	117	↓	167	171	↑	163
	Milk solids per cow	1.43	1.49	↑	1.51	1.45	↓	1.25
	Protein:Fat ratio (%)	0.80	0.80	↑	0.76	0.79	↑	0.83
	Milk Urea N	28.2	34.3	↑	28.8	36.7	↑	30.9
	FEI	4.9	5.21	↑	4.43	5.05	↑	5.64
Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2403	2222	↓	2382	2402	↑	2188
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	16.2	15.0	↑	17.2	16.6	↑	14.5
	Current Silage fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	3.5
	Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	2.3	2.2	↓	1.3	1.4	↑	
	Current PKE in trailers - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.0	0.8	↑	0.0	0.0	-	0
	Current per cow (kg DM/cow/day allocation)	18.5	18.0	↓	18.5	18.0	↓	18
	Stocking rate	2.7	2.6	↓	2.3	2.4	↑	2.2
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)	43	39	↓	39	39	↓	31
	Pasture growth rate	26	21	↓	26	23	↓	21
	Pre-graze cover target (for week coming)	3000	2800	↓	3100	3100	-	3000-3500
	Residual (average for week past)	1750	1700	↓	1750	1700	-	1800
	Round length (actual)	38	25	↓	34	48	↑	38
Farm Conditions	Soil temperature average (degree C)	12.6			12			10.5
	Rainfall (mm)	4			7			13
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	871			878			1010
	Soil conditions	OK			OK			Wet
People	Current Roster	6.2			6.2			
	Health and safety incidences	0			0			
	Milking routine	3n2			3n2 (5 am, 3 pm, 10 am)			All 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	General							
	Dry mobs combined and following cows to tidy up residuals; 3rd group to be dried off on 8 May							
	R2's now back at the support block and split into Future and Standard groups. Being rotated around pasture paddocks with baleage as required							
	All winter and springer paddocks now out of rotation							
	8 paddocks have been aerated in the last week							
	Closing the gap on milk solids production deficit with more cows still in milk and producing on average 0.2 kg MS/cow/day more than the same time last season							
	Farm team to start trimming hooves of cows identified as needing a tidy up before winter. Approximately 60 animals to treat							
	Starting to pull together winter mob details so they can be sorted before drying off - will be 5 mobs on swedes and 3 on grass and baleage							
	Standard herd							
	Maintain inshed feeding and offer PKE in trailers on the laneways; baleage likely to be required as well based on pre-graze covers.							
Key decisions/actions this week	Rotation length now 25 days and not likely to lengthen again this season							
	Total feed allocation of 18.0 kg DM/cow/day							
	Average pasture cover now on the target line but current demand is higher than budgeted with 45 more cows in milk than budgeted and fewer culls gone than planned							
	19 in milk surplus cows to go this week and remainder next week							
	15 cows identified for drying off this week							
	Future herd							
	Inshed feeding to be held at current rates							
	Total feed allocation of 18.0 kg DM/cow/day							
	APC currently 150kg DM above target and rotation length longer than 40 days this week							
	Investigating options to keep herd milking until the end of May but will be dependent on vet tech availability for drying off							
Key decisions/actions this week	If dry off date cannot be changed the Standard herd will be used to graze off a couple of paddocks in this farmlet to ensure dry off APC is achieved and the farmlet is set up well for next season.							
	8 cows identified for drying off this week							
	Remaining empties to be sold in milk next week							