



Key Weekly Information

	2024/25	02-Apr-25	09-Apr-25	Change	02-Apr-25	09-Apr-25	Change	10-Apr-24
		Standard	Standard		Future	Future		Whole farm
Farm Area	Grazing area available to milkers - ha	173.6	173.6	↑	91.6	91.6	-	259
	Winter & springer area - ha	26.1	26.1	-	10.4	10.4	-	33
Stock Numbers	Cows milking into vat	444	444	↓	199	199	↑	NA
	Cows milking NOT into vat - treated	6	6	↓	4	4	↓	NA
	Total cows milking	450	450	-	203	203	-	672
	Once a day milking cows	30	55	↓	15	23	↓	NA
	Sick Cows	11	10	↓	5	5	-	31
	Average BCS	4.7	4.7	-	4.6	4.6	↓	4.5
	BCS 4.0 or less (%)	13	13	↓	18	18	↓	6
Milk production	Current Bulk milk SCC	107	115	↑	156	153	↓	114
	Milk solids per cow	1.69	1.56	↓	1.72	1.75	↑	1.63
	Protein/Fat ratio (%)	0.77	0.78	↑	0.77	0.78	↑	0.81
	Milk Urea N	34.8	34.3	↓	33.3	36.7	↑	32.6
	FEl	6.17	5.93	↓	4.98	5.34	↑	4.95
Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2567	2627	↑	2672	2655	↓	2384
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	15.8	15.9	↑	16.5	16.6	↑	17.1
	Current Silage fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.0	0.0	↓	0.0	0.0	↓	1.4
	Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	2.7	2.6	↓	2.0	1.9	↓	
	Current PKE in trailers - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.0	0.0	↓	0.0	0.0	-	0
	Current per cow (kg DM/cow/day allocation)	18.5	18.5	-	18.5	18.5	-	18.5
	Stocking rate	2.6	2.6	↓	2.2	2.2	↓	2.6
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)	41	41	↑	37	37	↑	44
	Pasture growth rate	54	42	↓	51	42	↓	54
	Pre-graze cover target (for week coming)	3000	3000	-	3100	3100	-	3000-3500
	Residual (average for week past)	1800	1750	↓	1800	1800	-	1800
	Round length (actual)	37	34	↑	42	40	↑	28
Farm Conditions	Soil temperature average (degree C)	15.7			15.7			13.2
	Rainfall (mm)	11			19			14
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	811			830			899
	Soil conditions	OK			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	General Still working to reduce rotation length but strong growth is making this challenging Cows to be dried off this week have been separated from their herds and their daily feed allocation reduced; three low producing cows (less than 6 litres/day) have been added to the dry off list Paddocks for deep aeration will be staggered as they come through the grazing rotation Two paddocks aerated with the ground hog this week Paddock plans for all swede paddocks have been drafted and bales will start going out next week Identifying cows that require hoof trimming to tidy up feet before winter Considering shifting to 3n2 milking for the rest of the season to reduce pressure on feet as laneways get wet, facilitate BCS gain and 'free' up time to get the farm set up for winter N fertiliser to be applied to all paddocks that will be harvested for baleage this week, plus new grass paddocks that have only had 2 applications. This will be the last application for the season Contracted silage will be harvested in the next available weather window							
	Standard herd Next group of 20 animals to leave next week - lowest producing empties and discretionary culls Direct supplementary feed costs from last week = \$1.23/cow/day and \$16.20 estimated milk revenue Springer paddocks have been finalised and the first 2 have had their last grazing for the season. Will be dropping out 2 per week for the next 2 weeks; aiming for 3600 kg DM at grazing 1 paddock identified for conservation and will be harvested this week Future herd 10 animals to leave next week - lowest producing empties and some staph positive discretionary animals Current direct supplementary feed costs = \$0.93/cow/day and \$17.50 estimated milk revenue Finalised paddocks for wintering and springers and will place bales straight into the paddocks as they are delivered 1 springer paddock dropped out of rotation this week Winter italian paddocks to be harvested this week and then bales will be laid out 2 paddocks identified for conservation and will be harvested this week							