



Key Weekly Information

	2024/25	07-May-25	14-May-25		07-May-25	14-May-25		15-May-24
		Standard	Standard	Change	Future	Future	Change	Whole farm
Farm Area	Grazing area available to milkers - ha	156.2	156.2	↓	77.1	77.1	↓	244
	Winter & springer area - ha	40.6	40.6	↑	19.1	19.1	↑	46
Stock Numbers	Cows milking into vat	403	374	↓	180	170	↓	NA
	Cows milking NOT into vat - treated	3	3	-	3	5	↓	NA
	Total cows milking	405	377	↓	183	175	↓	490
	Once a day milking cows	0	0	↓	0	0	↓	NA
	Sick Cows	3	4	↓	3	5	-	18
	Dry cows on farm	5	34	-	3	18	-	84
	Average BCS	4.7	4.8	↑	4.6	4.7	↑	4.9
	BCS 4.0 or less (%)	16	9	↓	22	18	↓	8
Milk production	Current Bulk milk SCC	117	112	↓	171	200	↑	158
	Milk solids per cow	1.49	1.47	↓	1.45	1.49	↑	1.29
	Protein:Fat ratio (%)	0.80	0.77	↓	0.79	0.80	↑	0.8
	Milk Urea N	34.3	24.6	↑	36.7	40.1	↑	32.4
	FEI	5.21	5.5	↑	5.05	5.02	↓	6.34
Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2222	2034	↓	2402	2220	↑	2133
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	15.0	15.8	↑	16.6	16.6	↑	11.6
	Current Baleage fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.0	0.3	↑	0.0	0.0	-	6.4
	Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	2.2	1.2	↓	1.4	1.4	-	
	Current PKE in trailers - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.8	0.7	-	0.0	0.0	-	0
	Current per cow (kg DM/cow/day allocation)	18.0	18.0	-	18.0	18.0	-	18
	Stocking rate	2.6	2.4	↓	2.4	2.3	↓	2.0
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)	39	38	-	39	38	↓	23
	Pasture growth rate	21	26	↑	23	21	↓	27
	Pre-graze cover target (for week coming)	2800	2700	↓	3100	2900	↓	3000-3500
	Residual (average for week past)	1700	1550	↓	1700	1550	↓	1800
	Round length (actual)	25	25	-	48	33	↓	42
Farm Conditions	Soil temperature average (degree C)	12			12.1			9.7
	Rainfall (mm)	7			34			8
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	887			912			1025
	Soil conditions	OK			Starting to get wet			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	<p>General</p> <p>Dry cows from both farmlets have been moved to the support block and will graze pasture surplus to R2 requirements until returning to the milking platform on the 29th May</p> <p>R2's were test sealed at the support block this week</p> <p>Aerated paddocks all recorded negative growth rates this week but we expect them to bounce back over the next couple of weeks</p> <p>Gap on season to date milk production is closing with more cows in milk and yield steady around 1.45 kg/cow/day since moving to 3n2 milking</p> <p>Winter planning meeting held yesterday to confirm final plans and put processes in place given end of season changes in staff</p> <p>Decision made to stay on 3n2 milking until the end of the season</p> <p>Latest pasture DM results range from 16.3-18.2%</p> <p>Standard herd</p> <p>Increase inshed PKE to hold the rotation at 25 days or greater and feed baleage as required</p> <p>Total feed allocation of 18.0 kg DM/cow/day</p> <p>Average pasture cover just below target but dries now off the milking platform so demand has decreased</p> <p>Last identified animals to go this week but still waiting on results of herd test pregnancy scan results</p> <p>Will start shutting cows down with whole herd dry off scheduled for the 23rd May</p> <p>Offer hay to reduce protein intake and increase the DM content of the diet over the next week</p> <p>Latest swede crop yields ranged from 10.9 to 15.5 T DM/ha with bulb DM% of 9-10%, leaf DM% of 9-11% and the leaf contributing 22% of the DM</p> <p>Swede growth rate averaged 45 kg DM/ha/day since early April.</p> <p>An additional row of baleage will be added to the paddock with the 10.9 T crop to make up the shortfall in crop yield.</p> <p>Bales will be laid out in paddocks for all of June, with July paddocks being set up closer to the time of grazing</p> <p>Future herd</p> <p>No change to inshed feeding levels required</p> <p>Total feed allocation of 18.0 kg DM/cow/day</p> <p>APC just above feed budget target</p> <p>Dry off date confirmed for the 27th May</p> <p>All remaining animals to go this week</p> <p>2 additional empty cows indicated from HT test pregnancy scan and have since been confirmed empty by the vet</p>							