



Key Weekly Information

	2024/25	14-May-25	21-May-25	Change	14-May-25	21-May-25	Change	22-May-24
		Standard	Standard		Future	Future		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	374	374	↓	170	170	↓	NA
	Cows milking NOT into vat - treated	3	2	-	5	2	↓	NA
	Total cows milking	377	373	↓	175	149	↓	490
	Once a day milking cows	0	0	↓	0	0	↓	NA
	Sick Cows	4	4	-	5	5	-	18
	Dry cows on farm	34	34	-	18	18	-	84
	Average BCS	4.8	4.8	-	4.7	4.7	-	4.9
	BCS 4.0 or less (%)	9	9	-	18	20	-	8
Milk production	Current Bulk milk SCC	112	148	↑	200	140	↓	169
	Milk solids per cow	1.47	1.44	↓	1.49	1.47	↓	1.25
	Protein:Fat ratio (%)	0.77	0.76	↓	0.80	0.79	↓	0.8
	Milk Urea N	24.6	32.7	↑	40.1	34.1	↓	30.1
	FEI	5.5	5.76	↑	5.02	4.7	↓	5.03
Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2034	2082	↑	2220	2211	↓	1930
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	15.8	11.5	↑	16.6	15.5	↑	10.9
	Current Baleage fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.3	2.6	↑	0.0	0.4	↑	6.6
	Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	1.2	1.7	↑	1.4	1.6	↑	
	Current PKE in trailers - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.7	1.2	↑	0.0	0.0	-	0
	Current per cow (kg DM/cow/day allocation)	18.0	17.0	↓	18.0	17.5	↓	17.5
	Stocking rate	2.4	2.4	↓	2.3	1.9	↓	2.0
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)	38	27	↓	38	30	↓	22
	Pasture growth rate	26	33	↑	21	40	↑	15
	Pre-graze cover target (for week coming)	2700	2500	↓	2900	2900	↓	2800-3000
	Residual (average for week past)	1550	1550	↓	1550	1550	↓	1650
	Round length (actual)	25	23	↓	33	31	↓	47
Farm Conditions	Soil temperature average (degree C)	12.1			11.2			8.3
	Rainfall (mm)	34			19			15
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	912			931			1039
	Soil conditions	Moderately Wet			Moderately 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 Dry cows will return from the support block this week for the Standard dries to start transitioning onto swedes with the rest of the herd early next week Focusing on running the inshed feed silos as low as possible by dry off Reassessing the fate of the 6 remaining discretionary culls to determine whether any get a reprieve this year</p> <p>Standard herd Removed grain from the inshed feeding, just feeding PKE Started feeding hay and straw as part of the dry down process, reducing the amount of pasture in the diet ahead of drying off on the 23rd May. Total feed allocation of 17.0 kg DM/cow/day Average pasture cover has held this week so tracking well to end of season average pasture cover 25 T less supplementary feed required through autumn than budgeted Four additional not in calf cows have been identified through milk testing and vet checking Planning a followup meeting with the team next week to talk through crop wintering plans, including expectations around portable trough and back fence management RZ's still on grass and baleage at the support block and will stay there as long as possible given the lower than budgeted swede yields on the milking platform</p> <p>Future herd Removing PKE from inshed feeding and only feeding crushed grain to the end of season Total feed allocation of 17.5 kg DM/cow/day Will start the drying down process over the weekend ahead of dry off date on the 27th May when the cows will move onto their baleage wintering regime APC has held this week so currently 100 kg DM/ha above the autumn feed budget target 7 T less supplementary feed required through autumn than budgeted RZ's moved onto their baleage winter feeding regime</p>							