



Key Weekly Information

	2024/25	21-May-25	23-May-25	Change	21-May-25	28-May-25	Change	29-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	371	370	↓	170	170	↓	
	Cows milking NOT into vat - treated	2	3	-	2	2	↓	
	Total cows milking	373	373	↓	149	149	↓	
	Once a day milking cows	0	0	↓	0	0	↓	
	Sick Cows	4	4	-	5	5	-	
	Dry cows on farm	34	34	-	18	18	-	757
	Average BCS	4.8	4.8	-	4.7	4.7	-	4.9
	BCS 4.0 or less (%)	9	9	-	20	20	-	6
Milk production	Current Bulk milk SCC	148	187	↑	140	131	↓	181
	Milk solids per cow	1.36	0.93	↓	1.47	1.23	↓	1.13
	Protein:Fat ratio (%)	0.76	0.74	↓	0.79	0.78	↓	0.81
	Milk Urea N	32.7	38	↑	34.1	42	↑	33.3
	FEI	5.76	6.64	↑	4.7	3.6	↓	4.35
Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2082	2051	↓	2211	2178	↓	1764
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	11.5	10.2	↓	15.5	10.3	↓	10.1
	Current Baleage/hay/straw fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	2.6	3.7	↑	0.4	3.8	↑	4.9
	Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	1.7	1.1	↓	1.6	1.9	↑	
	Current PKE in trailers - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	1.2	0.0	↓	0.0	0.0	-	0
	Current per cow (kg DM/cow/day allocation)	17.0	15.0	↓	17.5	16.0	↓	15
	Stocking rate	2.4	2.4	↓	1.9	1.9	↓	0.0
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)	27	24	↓	30	20	↓	0
	Pasture growth rate	33	16	↑	40	25	↑	16
	Pre-graze cover target (for week coming)	2500			2900		↓	
	Residual (average for week past)	1550			1550		↓	
	Round length (actual)	23	46	↑	31	49	↑	50
Farm Conditions	Soil temperature average (degree C)	11.2			11.1			8.4
	Rainfall (mm)	19			2			18.8
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	931			933			1058
	Soil conditions	Mod Wet			Moderately wet			Very wet
People	Current Roster	6.2						
	Health and safety incidences	0						
	Milking routine	3n2			All Dried off by 27th May			All Dry
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 Thats a wrap for the 2024-25 season. It was nice to have a strong end to the season after such a difficult start. While milk production was 8% back on last year (which was a record season for the farm) supply to the factory was 3 kg MS short of 319000 for the season and the third highest season production since the farm was converted Final 2.5 paddocks were aerated this week							
	Standard herd All cows dried off on the 23rd May then rotated through recently grazed paddocks with hay and silage to aid the dry down process Early dries from the support block joined the rest of the mob on Saturday. Transitioning onto swedes started on Sunday with cows being offered 2 kg DM swedes and the rest of the diet as pasture, hay and straw in a pasture paddock. Currently up to 6 kg DM/cow/day of swedes and staying in their crop paddocks; target of 10 kg DM swedes and 4 kg baleage. With wet weather in the forecast and being seven days into transition, we have decided to skip the 8 kg DM step and offer 10 kg DM swedes with additional baleage overnight from tomorrow. This will increase the break size and hopefully provide better lying conditions. R2's are still at the support block on pasture and will head to the milking platform in about 10 days to begin their transitioning onto swedes. Had an unexpected death in the R2's this week - autopsy identified heart failure as the cause Closing APC is about 100 kg DM/ha above the target of 1950							
	Future herd All cows dried off on the 27th May and have been rotated through recently grazed paddocks with hay and silage to aid the dry down process; Two cases of mastitis have been detected since dry off, both in Teatseal only cows Cows being drafted into their wintering mobs today and will start on their bale feeding regime with one mob set up at 15T DM baleage per ha (67 bales/ha) and the other at 10T DM baleage/ha (44 bales/ha) and both on 2 day shifts R2's at the support block are on their baleage wintering regime set up at 10T DM/ha and 2 day shifts APC on Tuesday was 200 kg DM above target but cows were still grazing the milking platform							