



Key Weekly Information

	2024/25	23-Apr-25	30-Apr-25		23-Apr-25	30-Apr-25		30-Apr-24
		Standard	Standard	Change	Future	Future	Change	Whole farm
Farm Area	Grazing area available to milkers - ha	159.1	159.1	↓	82.9	82.9	↓	244
	Winter & springer area - ha	37.7	37.7	↑	19.1	19.1	↑	46
Stock Numbers	Cows milking into vat	439	419	↓	196	188	↓	NA
	Cows milking NOT into vat - treated	6	6	-	4	2	↓	NA
	Total cows milking	445	425	↓	200	190	↓	612
	Once a day milking cows	0	0	↓	0	0	↓	NA
	Sick Cows	10	10	-	5	3	↓	19
	Dry cows on farm	5	5	-	3	3	-	61
	Average BCS	4.7	4.7	-	4.7	4.6	↓	4.7
Milk production	BCS 4.0 or less (%)	7	16	↑	13	21	↑	8
	Current Bulk milk SCC	148	120	↓	154	167	↑	134
	Milk solids per cow	1.43	1.43	↓	1.60	1.51	↓	1.4
	Protein:Fat ratio (%)	0.78	0.80	↑	0.77	0.76	↓	0.78
	Milk Urea N	25.1	28.2	↑	28.8	28.8	-	32.6
Feed Budget	FEI	4.86	4.9	-	4.09	4.43	↑	4.92
	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2502	2403	↑	2520	2382	↑	2346
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	16.0	16.2	↑	17.0	17.2	↑	14.7
	Current Silage fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	3.8
	Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	2.5	2.3	↓	1.5	1.3	↓	
	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	2.8	2.7	↓	2.4	2.3	↓	2.5
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)	45	43	↓	41	39	↓	37
	Pasture growth rate	39	26	↓	49	26	↓	31
	Pre-graze cover target (for week coming)	3000	3000	-	3100	3100	-	3000-3500
	Residual (average for week past)	1800	1750	↓	1850	1750	-	1800
	Round length (actual)	31	38	↓	34	34	-	34
	Soil temperature average (degree C)	13.7			12.6			11.5
Farm Conditions	Rainfall (mm)	12.6			4			28.2
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	867			871			986
	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 Contracted silage conserved Second group of cows dried off, early dries following cows to tidy up residuals - aiming for 15 kg DM intake. Will start offering 3-4 kg PKE in trailers Copper sulphate solution being used in a portable footbath in the exit race to minimise the spread of footrot R2's weighed - 450 kg average LW (range 370-554 kg) gaining at 0.66 kg/day over the last 36 days R2's received Lepto, Selenium and B12 supplement and will get copper when they are collared and tagged R2's will be returning to the support block on the 2nd May and will have EID and tags doubled checked and be body condition scored Last of the springer paddocks will be grazed off this week then dropped out of rotation Purchased winter baleage arrived on farm this week so going out on crops Milk solids production currently 9% behind the 2023-24 season Remove inshed feeding from cows already at dry off BCS target							
	Standard herd Maintain inshed feeding but likely to require topping up with baleage later in the week to hold the rotation at 35 days due to declining pre-graze covers Total feed allocation of 18.5 kg DM/cow/day Average pasture cover still above feed budget target but more cows still in milk with fewer dry cows and not all the culls gone is putting more demand on feed All selected cows will be gone by 15th May Discussing options for lighter cows i.e. drying off now vs increased inshed feeding Future herd Inshed feeding to be held at current rates Total feed allocation of 18.5 kg DM/cow/day Maintain the 35 day rotation length Average pasture cover on track with autumn feed budget Last winter baleage paddocks to be grazed this week Discussing options for lighter cows i.e. drying off now vs increased inshed feeding							