

2024/25 Season

Weekly Farm Update

as at 15 August 2025



Your weekly glimpse into research in action at Southern Dairy Hub

		13-Aug-25	13-Aug-25
		Standard	Future
Farm Area	Grazing area available to milkers - ha	170.7	85.81
	Winter area - ha	26.1	13.3
Stock Numbers	Cows milking into vat		
	Cows milknng NOT into vat - treated		
	Total cows milking	80	31
	Once a day milking cows	80	31
	Sick Cows	0	0
	Dry cows on farm	460	194
	Average BCS	5.3	5.5
	BCS 4.5 or less (%)	2	0
Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2655	2772
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	17.5	18.0
	Current Baleage/hay/straw fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.0	0.0
	Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.5	0.5
	Current PKE in trailers - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.0	0.0
	Current per cow (kg DM/cow/day allocation)	18.0	18.5
	Stocking rate	3.2	2.6
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)		
	Pasture growth rate	12	14
	Pre-graze cover target (for week coming)	>3000	>3000
	Residual (average for week past)	1800	1800
	Round length (actual)	NA	NA
Farm Conditions	Soil temperature average (degree C)	7.7	
	Rainfall (mm)	25	
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	189	
	Soil conditions	Good	
People	Current Roster	5 in 2	
	Health and safety incidences		
	Milking routine		
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		