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		Standard	Future
Farm Area	Grazing area available to milkers - ha	173.66	84.61
	Area out of rotation - ha	23.14	14.53
Stock Numbers	Cows milking into vat	345	137
	Total cows milking	375	159
	Dry cows on farm	152	69
	Average BCS Milking Cows (camera)	4.8	5.1
	BCS 4.5 or less (%)	12%	5%
Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2483	2401
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	16.4	16.4
	Current Silage fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day) - colostrums only	0.0	0.0
	Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	1.1	1.1
	Current per cow (kg DM/cow/day allocation)	17.5	17.5
	Stocking rate (based on available pasture area)	3.0	2.7
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)	50	44
	Pasture growth rate	15	16
	Pre-graze cover target (for week coming)	3500	3300
	Residual (average for week past)	1700	1700
	Round length (actual)	48	46
Milk production	Weekly average milksolids (kg/cow)	1.85	1.95
	Fat:protein	0.76	0.72
	Fat%	5.51	5.78
	Prot%	4.04	4.12
	SCC	70	148
	Milk urea	27.0	25.6
Farm Conditions	Soil temperature average (degree C)	9.0	
	Rainfall (mm)	15.2	
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	273.6	
People	Current Roster	5 in 2	
	Milking routine	TAD, colostrums 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 & kale 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		
Decisions and Insights	Pasture growth rates this week are likely underestimated due to the wet and windy conditions during measurement. This was especially noticeable in high-mass paddocks, where the urine patches are lodging.		
	Wet, squally weather this week has impacted pasture utilisation and resulted in soil and pasture damage in some paddocks. We have also had a couple of metabolic issues in the milkers.		
	Reduced water intake, poor pasture utilisation and dusted minerals will be impacting magnesium intake.		
	Paddocks grazed in the first three weeks of calving are showing good regrowth.		
	To hold the spring rotation plan this week, given the predicted weather conditions, silage will be required for the milkers. We are resisting the temptation to speed up the rotation in these wet conditions, as we still have a way to go until balance date.		
	The calving pad has been put to good use again this week, with 100% survival of calves born on the pad.		
The transition of the oldest calves outdoors has been delayed until dehorning is complete. Calves will be weighed before leaving the shed.			