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		Standard	Future
Farm Area	Grazing area available to milkers - ha	173.7	84.6
	Area out of rotation - ha	23.1	14.5
Stock Numbers	Cows milking into vat	380	181
	Cows milking NOT into vat - treated/colostrums	49	8
	Total cows milking	429	189
	Total Sick Cows	12	4
	Dry cows on farm	98	37
	Average BCS Milking Cows (camera)	4.7	5.0
	BCS 4.5 or less (%)	31%	13%
	Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2496
Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)		15.3	14.9
Current Silage fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day) - colostrums only		0.8	1.2
Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)		1.9	1.9
Current per cow (kg DM/cow/day allocation)		18.0	18.0
Stocking rate (based on available pasture area)		3.0	2.7
Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)		46	40
Pasture growth rate		27	27
Pre-graze cover target (for week coming)		3500	3200
Residual (average for week past)		1750	1700
Round length (actual)		47	53
Milk production	Weekly average milksolids (kg/cow)	1.84	1.88
	Fat:protein	0.73	0.71
	Fat%	5.29	5.67
	Prot%	3.87	3.99
	SCC	219	140
	Milk urea	24.5	26.5
Farm Conditions	Soil temperature average (degree C)	9.6	
	Rainfall (mm)	5.2	
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	279	
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	The Standard herd will be split into two mobs this week. One mob will be R2s and R3s, along with any light-conditioned mixed-age cows, with the remainder of the mixed-age cows in the second mob.		
	To hold the spring rotation plan and area allocation, more supplement will be required by the Standard herd. The plan for the next week is 3 kg silage, 1 kg DDG/Barley and 2 kg PKE. With wet ground conditions and reduced utilisation, we decided to offer more in-shed feed, where we get good utilisation.		
	The Future herd will receive 1 kg DDG/Barley blend in-shed, with the remainder of the diet as pasture.		
	While we would like to start applying N fertiliser and soil temperatures are suitable, the ground conditions are not suitable for truck application. With sodden soils, the response would also be lower, so we will hold off until conditions improve.		
	We have started collecting pasture samples from our monitor paddocks to track pasture quality.		
	Calves have been disbudded and DNA samples taken this week. The oldest group, which are fully transitioned onto milk powder, will go outside next week.		
	We will be meeting with the grazier next week to start discussions around the mating plan for the yearlings, as well as weighing, drenching and Se/B12 and copper treatment.		
	Recruitment for a farm assistant has gone well, with an offer having been made this week.		