

2025/26 Season
Weekly Farm Update
as at 10th December 2025

Your weekly glimpse into research in action at Southern Dairy Hub



		10-Dec-25	10-Dec-25
		Standard	Future
Farm Area	Grazing area available to milkers - ha	156.3	74.2
	Area out of rotation - ha	40.5	24.9
Stock Numbers	Cows milking into vat	515	207
	Cows milking NOT into vat - treated	0	1
	Total cows milking	515	208
	Total Sick Cows	2	2
	Average BCS (camera)	4.3	4.3
	BCS 4.5 or less (%)	70	67
Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2307	2397
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	17.6	18.2
	Current Silage fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.0	0.0
	Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	2.4	1.8
	Current per cow (kg DM/cow/day allocation)	20.0	20.0
	Stocking rate (based on available pasture area)	3.3	2.8
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)	61	53
	Pasture growth rate	60	83
	Pre-graze cover target (for week coming)	3150	3000
	Residual (average for week past)	1800	1800
	Round length (actual)	26	26
Milk production	Weekly average milksolids (kg/cow)	1.93	2.11
	Fat:protein	0.76	0.77
	SCC	115	154
	Milk urea	22.8	22.1
Farm Conditions	Soil temperature average (degree C)	16.9↑	
	Rainfall (mm)	16.4	
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	560	
	Soil conditions	Dry	
People	Current Roster	5 in 2	
	Milking routine	TAD	
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		
Decisions and Insights	Production variant identified in one calf Summary of 2025 born weights from this weeks weigh Conception rates from sexed semen Managing higher pasture growth rates especially for the Futures		