

2025/26 Season

Weekly Farm Update

as at 22 August 2025

Your weekly glimpse into research in action at Southern Dairy Hub



		20-Aug-25	20-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 milking NOT into vat - treated		
	Total cows milking	128	56
	Once a day milking cows		
	Sick Cows		
	Dry cows on farm	412	169
	Average BCS	5.3	5.5
	BCS 4.5 or less (%)	2	0
Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2659	2815
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	18.0	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)	18.5	18.5
	Stocking rate	3.2	2.6
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)		
	Pasture growth rate	15	13
	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)	8	
	Rainfall (mm)	21	
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	223	
	Soil conditions	Slightly wetter this week	
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		