



		28-Oct-26	28-Oct-26
		Standard	Future
Farm Area	Grazing area available to milkers - ha	173.4	84.6
	Area out of rotation - ha	23.1	14.5
Stock Numbers	Cows milking into vat	516	224
	Cows milking NOT into vat - treated	4	0
	Total cows milking	520	224
	Total Sick Cows	17	12
	Average BCS Milking Cows (camera)	4.3	4.4
	BCS 4 or less (%)	20%	24%
Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2458	2615
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	17.3	18.8
	Current Silage fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.0	0.0
	Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	2.8	1.2
	Current per cow (kg DM/cow/day allocation)	20.0	20.0
	Stocking rate (based on available pasture area)	3.0	2.6
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)	52	49
	Pasture growth rate	69	73
	Pre-graze cover target (for week coming)	3200	3100
	Residual (average for week past)	1940	2080
	Round length (actual)	29	29
Milk production	Weekly average milksolids (kg/cow)	2.18	2.20
	Fat:protein	0.76	0.79
	Fat%	5.11	5.11
	Prot%	3.85	4.02
	SCC	132	117
	Milk urea	25.8	23.0
Farm Conditions	Soil temperature average (degree C)	15.1	
	Rainfall (mm)	38	
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	561.6	
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 & 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 and feeding - Pasture growth is now well above demand, and at least three Future paddocks have been stepped over for conservation as they are above the pre-graze target of 3,100 kg DM/ha. - In-shed feeding has been reduced for the Standard herds. Although paddocks have been locked up for conservation, the Future herd will continue to receive 1 kg DM/day of DDG/Barley for mineral supplementation. - Continuing in-shed feeding also allows us to priority feed cows with a BCS of 4.0 and under. Currently, Standard priority animals receive an extra 1 kg DM/day of PKE, while Future priority animals receive an extra 1 kg DM/day of DDG/Barley. The priority lists are reviewed fortnightly. Silage and fertiliser - The silage stack is now finished. - All paddocks have now received one application of fertiliser (SoA). We will now begin applying the next round as urea (30 kg N/ha) to paddocks that received fertiliser more than 28 days ago. Young stock - The R2s were weighed on Monday, with an average weight of 312.5 kg. Scratchies were applied, and one week of spot AB mating commenced on Tuesday. Next Tuesday, they will receive a PG shot, followed by a further five days of AB mating before Jersey bulls are put out with them. - All calves were weighed on Wednesday and drenched and vaccinated. The minimum weight was 93 kg, and 80 calves were weaned. They will stay on farm for about a week before heading to the grazier. Effluent - Effluent composition results received last week showed an N content of 0.147 kg/m³, a P content of 0.026 kg/m³ and a K content of 0.21 kg/m³. These levels are lower than in previous Octobers, likely reflecting dilution from September rainfall and the lower CP content of the grass due to later N fertiliser applications.		