



For you, what emerging issues are a priority for Southern dairy farming that SDH Systems-Research should address?

Please rank your **top three** options from the lists below or add additional options you would like to see researched.

Rank	Overarching themes for all systems/research
	Farming in a tightened lending environment
	Meeting public expectations on animal welfare
	Labour for farming, now and in the future
	Achieving greenhouse gas targets
	Nutrient loss to water
	Volume and security of feed in system (pasture growth and bought in feed)

Rank	Major Systems Research Topics
	Low cost off paddock infrastructure for wintering
	Crop based wintering that meets environmental obligations
	Alternative milking frequencies – OAD or 3 in 2
	Alternative pasture/forage species for potential ‘new’ southern climate
	Regenerative farming
	On farm diversification e.g. oat milk, forestry etc miscanthus

Rank	Other issues to consider within Systems Research
	Soil management to improve soil health (min till etc.)
	Fewer bobby calves
	Alternative energy sources
	Sustainable bedding options for loose housed infrastructure
	Practical shade and shelter options
	Effluent application practices