



# Key Weekly Information

	2024/25	09-Apr-25	16-Apr-25	Change	09-Apr-25	16-Apr-25	Change	17-Apr-24
		Standard	Standard		Future	Future		Whole farm
Farm Area	Grazing area available to milkers - ha	167.8	162	↑	88.7	85.8	↓	259
	Winter & springer area - ha	29	34.8	-	10.4	16.2	↑	32
Stock Numbers	Cows milking into vat	444	445	↑	199	199	-	NA
	Cows milking NOT into vat - treated	6	6	-	4	4	-	NA
	Total cows milking	450	450	-	203	203	-	627
	Once a day milking cows	55	55	↓	23	23	↓	NA
	Sick Cows	10	10	-	5	5	-	32
	Average BCS	4.7	4.7	-	4.6	4.7	↑	4.7
	BCS 4.0 or less (%)	13	7	↓	18	13	↓	8
Milk production	Current Bulk milk SCC	115	131	↑	153	136	↓	147
	Milk solids per cow	1.56	1.57	↑	1.75	1.73	↓	1.54
	Protein:Fat ratio (%)	0.78	0.79	↑	0.78	0.77	↓	0.8
	Milk Urea N	34.3	31.8	↓	36.7	28.9	↓	32.6
	FEI	5.93	5.38	↓	5.34	4.64	↓	4.48
Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2627	2463	↓	2655	2393	↓	2360
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	15.9	15.9	-	16.6	16.6	-	15.1
	Current Silage fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	3.4
	Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	2.6	2.6	-	1.9	1.9	-	
	Current PKE in trailers - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	0
	Current per cow (kg DM/cow/day allocation)	18.5	18.5	-	18.5	18.5	-	18.5
	Stocking rate	2.7	2.8	↑	2.3	2.4	↑	2.4
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)	43	44	↑	38	39	↑	37
	Pasture growth rate	42	34	↓	42	24	↓	39
	Pre-graze cover target (for week coming)	3000	3100	-	3100	3100	-	3000-3500
	Residual (average for week past)	1750	1750	↓	1800	1800	-	1800
	Round length (actual)	34	35	↓	40	36	↓	28
Farm Conditions	Soil temperature average (degree C)	15.7			13.8			13.6
	Rainfall (mm)	11			24.8			42
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	811			855			946
	Soil conditions	OK			OK			Wet
People	Current Roster	6.2			6.2			
	Health and safety incidences	0			0			
	Milking routine	TAD & OAD			TAD & OAD			TAD & 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 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							
Key decisions/actions this week	<b>General</b> Continue to use the ground hog for surface aeration as conditions allow Moved to 3n2 milking on 16 April. Milking times of 5 am, 3 pm and 10 am to give a 10:19:19 milking interval Final N applications scheduled for the 17 April Contracted silage still to be harvested, will use an innoculant to help with preservation Chosen cows will leave after Easter Will start the planning for setting up the calf sheds next week to ensure we are set up early for spring Have identified the next group of approximately 20 cows to be dried off after Easter - these are cows needing to gain 0.4-0.6 BCS units before the end of May and are predominantly rising 3 year olds that need to be at BCS 5.5 for calving Winter milking plant maintenance has been booked in with Southland Farm Services 5% copper sulphate solution will be used in a portable footbath in the exit race to minimise the spread of footrot Recent tests indicate good levels of copper and selenium in the cows so no additional supplementation is required R2's require both Cu and Se topups before winter based on their blood results Significant drop in soil temperature measured this week							
	<b>Standard herd</b> 1 paddock harvested for baleage this week No changes to inshed feeding unless residuals are not being achieved Maintain the 35 day rotation length Average pasture cover tracking well to autumn feed budget with 7.5 T DM less inshed feed and 20T DM less silage fed relative to the plan (equals 60 kg DM/cow less) Started discussions on the 2026 wintering plan as part of the FY26 budgeting process							
<b>Future herd</b> 2 milking platform paddocks plus the 2.5 winter Italian paddocks conserved this week Bale placement plan for winter has been finalised and bales will start being laid out this week. Will be setting baleage paddocks up for 2 day breaks and two different supplement intensities - 10 T DM/ha (approx 45 bales/ha) vs 15 T DM/ha (approximately 67 bales/ha) No changes to inshed feeding unless residuals are not being achieved Maintain the 35 day rotation length Average pasture cover tracking well to autumn feed budget with 3.8 T DM (18 kg DM/cow) less inshed feed fed relative to the plan								