

Key Weekly Information

| | 2024/25 | 12-Feb-25 | 12-Feb-25 | ge | 12-Feb-25 | 12-Feb-25 | ge | 14-Feb-24 |
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| | | Standard | Standard | Change | Future | Future | Change | Whole farm |
| Farm Area | Grazing area available to milkers - ha | 156.6 | 167.8 | ↑ | 85.8 | 88.7 | 1 | 276 |
| | Winter & springer area - ha | 40.2 | 29 | + | 13.3 | 10.4 | 4 | 17.4 |
| Stock Numbers | Cows milking into vat | 499 | 488 | 4 | 208 | 205 | 1 | NA |
| | Cows milkng NOT into vat - treated | 10 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 1 | NA |
| | Total cows milking | 509 | 501 | 4 | 212 | 211 | Ψ. | 713 |
| | Once a day milking cows | 103 | 63 | Ψ | 52 | 29 | Ψ. | NA |
| | Sick Cows | 23 | 18 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 13 |
| | Average BCS | 4.4 | 4.6 | 1 | 4.4 | 4.5 | ↑ | 4.6 |
| | BCS 4.0 or less (%) | 22 | 22 | - | 19 | 22 | 1 | 12 |
| Milk production | Current Bulk milk SCC | 177 | 156 | Ψ. | 159 | 169 | 1 | 124 |
| | Milk solids per cow | 1.65 | 1.79 | 1 | 1.92 | 2.09 | 1 | 1.79 |
| | Protein:Fat ratio (%) | 0.76 | 0.78 | 1 | 0.79 | 0.80 | 1 | 0.79 |
| | Milk Urea N | 22.8 | 29.1 | 1 | 20 | 27.7 | 1 | 26.8 |
| | FEI | 7.16 | 7.64 | 1 | 5.41 | 5.9 | 1 | 5.41 |
| Feed Budget | Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha) | 2238 | 2166 | 4 | 2302 | 2192 | 4 | 2500 |
| | Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day) | 12.5 | 14.0 | 1 | 17.1 | 16.8 | 4 | 18.2 |
| | Current Silage fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day) | 1.6 | 0.7 | Ψ. | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | 0.8 |
| | Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day) | 2.7 | 2.9 | 1 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 1 | |
| | Current PKE in trailers - milkers (kg DM/cow/day) | 1.7 | 0.9 | Ψ. | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | 0 |
| | Current per cow (kg DM/cow/day allocation) | 18.5 | 18.5 | - | 19.0 | 19.0 | - | 19 |
| | Stocking rate | 3.3 | 3.0 | Ψ. | 2.5 | 2.4 | Ψ | 2.6 |
| | Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha) | 41 | 42 | - | 42 | 40 | Ψ | 47 |
| | Pasture growth rate | 41 | 33 | 4 | 39 | 24 | Ψ. | 47 |
| | Pre-graze cover target (for week coming) | 2750 | 2650 | • | 2900 | 2700 | Ψ | 2700-3000 |
| | Residual (average for week past) | 1860 | 1660 | Ψ | 1860 | 1800 | Ψ | 1700 |
| | Round length (actual) | 27 | 29 | 1 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 29 |
| Farm Conditions | Soil temperature average (degree C) | 19 | 19.9 | | | | | 16.8 |
| | Rainfall (mm) | 1 | 5 | | | | | 19 |
| | Rainfall season to date (mm) | 705 | 710 | | | | | 788 |
| | Soil conditions | Dry | Dry | | | | | NA |
| People | Current Roster Health and safety incidences | 6.2 | 6.2 | | | | | |
| | Milking routine | TAD & OAD | TAD & OAD | | | | | TAD & OAD |
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General

Latest pasture DM results: New grass 15.2%; Italians 13.6% and normal pastures 20%

Final new grass paddock to be grazed this week when soil conditions allow

Herd test completed, including screening of all cows >250000 SCC for staph aureus

N applied and maintenance fertiliser applications have started 2% empties in the heifers and 1 freemartin identified

Heifer liveweight gain has slowed in the last month so reassessing feeding levels with the grazier; average weight 390 kg (323-474 kg range)

Winter feed budgets started

Silage stack to be opened, DM test done and sample sent away for quality

Changing inshed feeding blend with next loads - dropping the DDG as out of contract, blend will be 70%PKE:30% barley and second silo will be straight PKE with the intention to stop feeding PKE in trailers in the paddock

Key decisions/actions this week

Standard here

Rotation now out to 29 days with one more new grass paddock to graze

Increase in supplementary feeding required for the next week - targeting 3 kg DM inshed, 2.5 kg PKE in trailers in the paddock and at least 2 kg DM silage per day required to meet target intakes

Swede crop yields will start mid March to provide additional information for feed budgeting

Future herd

Harvested 90 bales off Italian paddocks for winter feed but concerns around quality as were not wilted for long enough given the low DM content Rotation out to 31 days with all new grass paddocks back in rotation

Inshed feed allocation to remain the same but will offer 2.7 kg DM/cow/day of silage to meet targe intakes

This week we farewelled Ash (Cow 53). A favourite of the team who has featured in many photos over the last couple of years. Unfortunately she badly damaged her teat and there was not suitable treatment