

Key Weekly Information

	2024/25	15-Oct-24	22-Oct-24	18-Oct-23
Farm Area	Grazing area available to milkers - ha	256	231	247
	Winter & springer area - ha	39	64	43.5
Stock Numbers	Cows milking into vat	706	718	NA
	Cows milkng NOT into vat - treated	12	10	NA
	Total cows milking	729	725	718
	Once a day milking cows	176	176	105
	Lame Cows	5	5	NA
	Dry cows on farm	0	0	0
	Average BCS	4.6	4.6	4.9
	BCS 4.0 or less (%)	4	4	14
Milk production	Current Bulk milk SCC	185	160	108
	Milk solids per cow	1.80	1.82	2.27
	Protein:Fat ratio (%)	0.65	0.70	0.77
	Milk Urea N	15.7	14.7	24.9
	FEI	5.9	6.6	5.8
Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2188	2540	2370
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	5.5	9	16.2
	Current Silage fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	7.0	4.3	
	Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	4.0	5	3.3
	Current PKE in trailers - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	3.0	1.5	0
	Current per cow demand	19.5	20.0	19.5
	Stocking rate	2.85	2.85	2.9
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)	15.7	25.7	47.0
	Pasture growth rate	33	62	54
	Pre-graze cover (average for week coming)	2700	3100	2900
	Residual (average for week past)	1500	1600	1600
	Round length (proposed)	35	25	26.5
Farm Conditions	Soil temperature average (degree C)	11.1	13.8	11.2
	Rainfall (mm)	24.2	4.8	16.4
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	416	421	409
	Soil conditions	Sodden	Wet	Good
People	Current Roster	6:2	6:2	
	Health and safety incidences	0	0	
	Milking routine	TAD	TAD	TAD

Wow what a massive change over the last two weeks

The key decisions/focus areas over the last week:

- · Speed up rotation length to 24-25 days and focus on achieving 1600 post graze residual. Growth has lifted significantly (grew 62 this week v. 33 last week)
- · Reduce inshed feeding to 1kg DM/day for all cows on TAD based on pre-graze covers. NOTE: 1 kg of mineral blend required to deliver additional Ca and Mg supplementation (this was 2.5kgDM/day only a week ago)
- · Light BCS cows to remain on 1 kg mineral blend plus 2 kg DDG/PKE/Barley blend. We continue to see a drop in condition of the cows and really look forward to the numbers heading in the more positive direction for mating
- Step over any paddocks greater than 3100 kg DM/ha for conservation. Focus on grass quality
- Finalise contractors for ground work and conservation. As we all know the window here is tight so planning is key
- Identify paddocks for aeration so they can be scheduled as grazings and ground conditions allow.
- Graze off all remaining springer/winter pasture paddocks and get sprayed out as soon as possible
- Book fertiliser for remaining application of N (ammo 31 at 30 kg N/ha)
- Key decisions/actions this week
 - Continue to capitalise on any opportunity when weather and paddock conditions allow to spread effluent
 - 13 paddocks (approximately 32ha) identified for oversowing based on previous grazing damage
 - We identified 31 non cycling early calving cows for CIDR's this Friday that were within the criteria