

## **Key Weekly Information**

	2024/25	20-Feb-25	27-Feb-25	ge	20-Feb-25	27-Feb-25	ge	21-Feb-24
		Standard	Standard	Change	Future	Future	Change	Whole farm
	Grazing area available to milkers - ha	167.8	167.8	-	88.7	88.7	-	276
Farm Area	Winter & springer area - ha	29	29	-	10.4	10.4	-	17.4
Stock Numbers	Cows milking into vat	488	492	↑	205	204	¥	NA
	Cows milkng NOT into vat - treated	13	9	4	6	7	1	NA
	Total cows milking	501	501	-	211	211	-	713
	Once a day milking cows	63	63	-	29	29	-	NA
	Sick Cows	18	13	¥	7	9	4	16
	Average BCS	4.6	4.6	-	4.5	4.5	-	4.6
	BCS 4.0 or less (%)	22	22	-	22	22	-	12
Milk production	Current Bulk milk SCC	156	116	¥	169	130	4	127
	Milk solids per cow	1.79	1.77	↓	2.09	1.92	¥	1.76
	Protein:Fat ratio (%)	0.78	0.76	¥	0.80	0.78	↓	0.8
	Milk Urea N	29.1	26.5	¥	27.7	26.3	4	26.5
	FEI	7.64	7.92	↑	5.9	5.24	¥	4.85
Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	2166	2322	Ŷ	2192	2436	Ŷ	2506
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	14.0	10.2	¥	16.8	11.8	¥	16.9
	Current Silage fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.7	3.1	Ť	0.0	5.0	-	2.1
	Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	2.9	2.8	$\mathbf{+}$	2.2	2.2	-	2.1
	Current PKE in trailers - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0.9	2.4	Ť	0.0	0.0	-	0
	Current per cow (kg DM/cow/day allocation)	18.5	18.5	-	19.0	19.0	-	19
	Stocking rate	3.0	3.0	-	2.4	2.4	-	2.6
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)	42	30	¥	40	28	¥	44
	Pasture growth rate	33	56	Ť	24	66	1	60
	Pre-graze cover target (for week coming)	2650	2700	1	2700	2800	1	2700-3000
	Residual (average for week past)	1660	1800	Ť	1800	1900	1	1700
	Round length (actual)	29	28	-	31	30	-	28
Farm Conditions	Soil temperature average (degree C)	19 1	17.8 25					17.2
	Rainfall (mm) Rainfall season to date (mm)	705	735					1.8 790
	Soil conditions	Dry	Dry					NA
People	Current Roster	6.2	6.2					
	Health and safety incidences	0	0					
	Milking routine	TAD & OAD	TAD & OAD					TAD & OAD
Key decisions/actions this week	General   Farmwalk data suggests an increase in average pasture cover but cows are suggesting there is not as much available as we are estimating from the plate meter. Quite a lot of dead in the base of many paddocks and pugging makes plating challenging   Looking to heavy roll badly pugged paddocks to smooth them out   Proposing to compare c-dax estimates of pasture mass with plate meter and visuals this week to try and identify opportunities to improve our estimation: of available pasture   Identifying paddocks for aeration once conditions allow - 2023 sown new grass paddocks are struggling so will be prioritised   Empty R2's off to the sale yards next week   Results back from Staph testing of cows at herd test last week - 55 animals with SCC greater than 250,000 were tested; 9 detected and 8 suspects; information to inform culling decisions   Pit silage has come back at 29.6% DM, sample sent off for quality analysis   Keeping a close eye on new grass paddocks in the wedge to time grazings during good ground conditions   Final scan scheduled for 5th March   Standard herd   Will hold current levels of supplementary feeding but look to increase the amount offered inshed and reduce PKE in trailers in the paddock once we have straight PKE coming through the silo. Starting to get some trampling damage around the trailers   Current supplementary feed costs - \$3.60/cow/day and \$17.70 milk revenue   First culls to go as soon as final scan results are available   One cow death of hardware disease this week   Future h							

## LEARN MORE AT southerndairyhub.co.nz