



Key Weekly Information

Weekly Notes: 3 October 2024

		Week Ending		1 Year Ago
		23-Sep-24	1-Oct-24	3-Oct-23
	2024/25			
Farm Area	Grazing area available to milkers - ha	256	256	
	Winter area - ha	39	39	
Stock Numbers	Cows milking into vat	652	685	NA
	Cows milking NOT into vat - treated and colostrums	28	27	NA
	Total cows milking	680	712	725
	Once a day milking cows	82	112	34
	Lame Cows	13	15	9
	Dry cows on farm	31	19	8
	Average BCS	NA	4.9	5
	BCS 4.0 or less (%)	NA	4	3
Milk production	Current Bulk milk SCC	156	165	119
	Milk solids per cow	2.1	2.0	2.1
	Protein:Fat ratio (%)	0.72	0.66	0.77
	Milk Urea N	18.7	20.2	16.2
	FEI	4.3	4.7	4.3
Feed Budget	Average pasture cover (kg DM/ha)	1930	1900	2270
	Current Pasture fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	9.7	5.3	16.5
	Current Silage fed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	5.5	6.7	0
	Current Inshed feed - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	4	4	2.5
	Current PKE in trailers - milkers (kg DM/cow/day)	0	3	0
	Current per cow demand	19	19	19
	Stocking rate	2.8	2.8	2.7
	Current Pasture demand - milkers (kg DM/ha)	27	15	45
	Pasture growth rate	17	21	36
	Pre-graze cover (average for week coming)	2600	2400	2900
	Residual (average for week past)	1500	1500	1600
	Round length (proposed)	36	55	24
Farm Conditions	Soil temperature average (degree C)	9.1	9.8	10.9
	Rainfall (mm)	18.2	32.4	23.8
	Rainfall season to date (mm)	310	342	360
	Soil conditions	Sodden	Sodden	Post flood
People	Current Roster	6:2	6:2	6:2
	Milking routine	TAD	TAD	TAD
Key decisions this week	<p>We have decided to continue with TAD milking for most cows except mixed aged cows BCS 4 or less and 2 & 3 year olds BCS 4.5 or less. These animals have been moved to OAD within their herds. The TAD milking regime allows us to maximise inshed feed allocation given we have such little grass to offer and utilisation with current conditions is challenged.</p> <p>We will continue to offer 4 kg DM/cow supplement inshed during milking but adjust next load to 33% each of PKE, barley and DDG (was 70%PKE)</p> <p>We have moved to utilising springer paddocks to feed silage out under a wire and additional PKE in trailers during the day, offering new ground each day. Longer view feed budgeting has meant we have been able secure the purchase of additional silage for mid/late October as we wait for the grass to grow and fix damaged pasture helping us hold the best we can.</p> <p>Grazing only at night with a silage top up pushes our rotation out to 55 days</p> <p>Continue to hold off N applications until ground conditions improve</p> <p>Take every opportunity to spread effluent when conditions allow to create freeboard in the pond, continue to minimise fresh water use</p>			

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