1. Farm feed wedge (16/03/09).

Farm cover 568kg DM/ha (183/LU)

2. Total rainfall for the past seven days was 11.9mm.
3. Soil temperature today is 8.5°C.
4. 75% of the herd calved to date (expected mean calving date is 4th March).
5. 42% of farm is grazed, ahead of target (39% on rotation planner).
6. Cows are allocated 12kg grass DM and 2kg of concentrate daily.
7. Grass DM is 18.5%.
8. Average growth for the last 7 days was 22.9kgDM/ha.
9. Post grazing height on the last paddock grazed was 3.2cm.
10. Average milk yield is 18.68kg at 4.67% fat and 3.18% protein (1.46kg MS/cow), lactose 4.83%, SCC 365k, TBC 9k.
11. Critical short term actions:

- Grass allocated on a 24hr basis with strip wire.
- Grass allocation based on pre-grazing cover and herd demand.
- On/off grazing in wet conditions.
- Cows straight to grass as they calve.

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Figure 1. Feed budget for spring 2009.

![Ballyhaise Farm Cover Target Spring 2009](image)

Figure 2. Rotation plan and daily area allocation for spring 2009.

![Spring Rotation Planner](image)