Low Stocking Rate Group (2.5 Cows/ha)

Situation

Figure 1. Low Stocking Rate Feed Wedge

- Average farm cover for this week is 774kg/ha (307kg/cow) which is a slight increase on last weeks figure. Farm cover is now well below target for this group (774kg actual versus 1000kg target). Average growth rate over the past 7 days on this farmlet was 52kg, (last week was 33kg).
- In order to address the situation we are continuing to feed supplement at a rate of 3kg concentrate/day.
- Cows are currently grazing block 6, residency time per paddock is 36 hours. Cows are grazing to between 4.5 and 5cm.
- Rotation length has increased to 38 days. This will be increased incrementally to 45 days by the 1st of October.
High Stocking Rate Group (3.3 Cows/ha)

Situation

Figure 2. High Stocking Rate Feed Wedge

- Average farm cover this week is 892kg/ha (271/cow) which is a substantial increase on last week's figure. Growth rate for this week was 58kg/day (last week 61kg). However, we are still below target average farm cover for this week (892kg actual versus 1000kg target).
- Concentrate is being fed at a rate of 3kg/day
- Rotation length has increased to 38 days. This will be increased incrementally to 45 days by the 1st of October.
- Cows are currently grazing paddock 17 and residency time per paddock is 24-36 hours. Cows in this farmlet must graze to the target residual of between 3 and 3.5cm.
Whole Farm Situation

1. Average growth rate over the last 7 days was 47kg.
2. Fertiliser was blanket spread over the whole farm at a rate of 27 units CAN/acre last week. This was the last application for the year and will bring total N spread this season to 250 kg N/ha.
3. Latest milk composition details from the processor are: Fat 4.82%, Protein 4.02%, Lactose 4.62%, Sediment A, Thermoduric 13, SCC 239k, TBC 15k