Low Stocking Rate Group (2.5 Cows/ha)

Situation

Figure 1. Low Stocking Rate Feed Wedge

- Average farm cover for this week is 1063kg/ha (422kg/cow) which is a further increase on last week's figure. Farm cover is now just below target for this group (1063kg actual versus 1170kg target). Average growth rate over the past 7 days on this farmlet was 62kg, (last week was 69kg).
- No action has been taken this week. Even with a 10% reduction in growth during the coming week we will still be on target average farm cover by next Monday (yellow line).
- Cows are on an all grass diet and are currently grazing block 17, paddocks are being split and residency time per segment is 36 hours. Cows are grazing to between 4 and 4.5cm.
- Pre-grazing yields are 1800 and conditions are excellent.
- Rotation length has increased to 45 days (peak).
High Stocking Rate Group (3.3 Cows/ha)

Situation

Figure 2. High Stocking Rate Feed Wedge

- Average farm cover this week is 1114kg/ha (338/cow) which is a slight increase on last week's figure. We remain on target. Growth rate for this week was 62kg/day (last week 67kg).
- No action has been taken this week, cows remain on an all grass diet. They are currently grazing paddock 14. Paddocks are being split in half and residency time per segment is 36 hours.
• Based on a predicted 10% reduction in growth over the next 7 days we will be behind target average farm by next Monday. However, we do not feel supplements are justified at this time.
• Rotation length has increased to 45 days (peak).
• 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 61kg.
2. Fertiliser was blanket spread over the whole farm at a rate of 27 units CAN/acre during the first week of September. That was the last application for the year and will bring total N spread this season to 250 kgN/ha.
3. Latest milk composition details from the processor are: Fat 5.07%, Protein 4.09%, Lactose 4.71%, Sediment B, Thermoduric 0, SCC 212k, TBC 29k