**Low Stocking Rate Group (2.5 Cows/ha)**

**Situation**

Figure 1. Low Stocking Rate Feed Wedge

- Average farm cover for this week is 888kg/ha (353kg/cow) which is a very substantial reduction on last week's figure. Farm cover is below target for this group (888kg actual versus 1150kg target). Average growth rate over the past 7 days on this farmlet was 31kg, (last week was 45kg).
- The reduction in both growth rate and average farm cover was greater than anticipated, as a result, higher levels of supplementation will be required over the coming weeks. However, supplementation will not be increased this week as we want to get more area grazed. To date, 20% of the farmlet has been closed, we plan to graze 3% of the area per day for the next 7 days.
- Concentrate is being fed at a rate of 3kg/cow/day
- Cows were housed on Sunday night.
- Pre-grazing yields are approximately 1900 and conditions are fair. Grass is being allocated after every milking, on/off grazing is practiced when necessary and a back fence is used daily.
High Stocking Rate Group (3.3 Cows/ha)

Situation

Figure 2. High Stocking Rate Feed Wedge

- Average farm cover this week is 914kg/ha (277/cow) which is a reduction on last weeks figure. Farm cover is below target for this group (914kg actual versus 1180kg target).
- Growth rate for this week was 27kg/day (last week 45kg).
- Concentrate is being fed at a rate of 2kg/day
- To date, 20% of the farmlet has been closed, we plan to graze 3% of the area per day for the next 7 days
- Cows were housed on Sunday night.
- Pre-grazing yields are approximately 2000 and conditions are fair. Grass is being allocated after every milking, on/off grazing is practiced when necessary and a back fence is used daily.
- 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 31kg.
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 brought total N spread this season to 250 kg N/ha.
3. Latest milk composition details from the processor are: Fat 5.13%, Protein 4.18%, Lactose 4.68%, Sediment A, Thermoduric 100, SCC 173k, TBC 14k