Low Stocking Rate Group (2.5 Cows/ha)

Situation

Figure 1. Low Stocking Rate Feed Wedge

- Average farm cover for this week is 854kg/ha (339kg/cow). Farm cover is below target for this group (854kg actual versus 990kg target). Average growth rate over the past 7 days on this farmlet was 23kg/day.
- 59% of this farmlet is grazed which is on target. Paddock 2 was skipped last week and a number of lighter paddocks were grazed instead. This paddock will be grazed later this week.
• Concentrate is being fed at a rate of 3kg/cow/day
• Cows were housed on Wednesday.
• 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 782kg/ha (273/cow) which is below target for this group (782kg actual versus 1000kg target). Growth rate for this week was 33kg/day
- Three low yielding cows were dried off today. This lowers stocking rate to 2.87 cows/ha and brings demand back to 37kg/day
- Concentrate is being fed at a rate of 2kg/day
- To date, 83% of the farmlet has been closed, slightly ahead of target. Grazing is projected to be finished on the 19th November (depending on AFC).
- Cows were housed last Wednesday.
• Pre-grazing yields are approximately 1500 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 28kg.

2. Fertiliser was blanket spread over the whole farm at a rate of 27units CAN/acre during the first week of September. That was the last application for the year and brought total N spread this season to 250kgN/ha.

3. Latest milk composition details from the processor are: Fat 5.01%, Protein 4.01%, Lactose 4.68%, Sediment A, Thermoduric 100, SCC 238k, TBC 24k