Low Stocking Rate Group (2.5 Cows/ha)

**Situation**

Figure 1. Low Stocking Rate Feed Wedge and Average Farm Cover Track

- Average Farm Cover for this week is 782kg/ha (358/cow). Growth rate for this group over the past 7 days was 12 kg/day (37kg last week)
- As can be seen in Figure 1, the average farm cover is falling behind target for this time (red line). The green line indicates the expected average farm cover over the next two weeks while the blue line is the target average farm cover for Autumn and Spring.
- Concentrate is being fed at a rate of 3kgs per head per day and the lowest 13% of the herd will be dried this week. This will reduce demand to 35kg/day. Further supplementation may be required over the next few weeks depending on weather conditions and expected grass growth.
- Pre-grazing yields are at 1900kg and cows are currently grazing paddock 2. Grass is being allocated on a 24-hour basis this will change if weather conditions deteriorate.
- Rotation length is at 50 days.

**High Stocking Rate Group (3.3 Cows/ha)**

**Situation**

Figure 2. High Stocking Rate Feed Wedge and Average Farm Cover Track
• Average farm cover this week is 668kg/ha (274/cow). Growth rate over the past 7 days was 23kg per day (26kg last week).

• As can be seen in Figure 2, the average farm cover dropped again this week. We are below target for this time of year (red line). The green line indicates the expected average farm cover over the next two weeks while the blue line is the target average farm cover for Autumn and Spring.

• 3kg of concentrate is being fed per cow per day in order to extend the grazing season and the High stocking rate group will be housed by night on 5kg DM of silage to stretch grass supply for the next 10 days.

• Pre-grazing yield is at 1400kg and grass is being allocated on a 24 hour basis as ground conditions have improved on last week.

• We will have dried off 25% of the high stocking rate groups by the end of this week to reduce demand (dried once yield drops below 8kgs).

• Cows are currently grazing paddock 14 and rotation length is 50 days.
- Animals in the high SR treatment will be completely housed in 10 days to leave sufficient grass for spring.

**Whole Farm Situation**

1. Latest milk composition details from the processor are: Fat 5.36%, Protein 4.40%, Lactose 4.4% and SCC 207k.