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 810kg/ha (370/cow). Growth rate for this group over the past 7 days was 12 kg/day (59 kg last week)
- As can be seen in Figure 1, the average farm cover is 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 yielding 13% of the herd were dried off last 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 2500kg and cows are currently grazing paddock 16. Grass is being allocated on a 24 hour basis this will change if weather conditions deteriorate.

**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 764kg/ha (314/cow). Growth rate over the past 7 days was 41kg per day (23kg last week).
- As can be seen in Figure 2, the average farm cover has recovered 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 were housed by night on 5kg DM of silage to stretch grass supply for the next 10 days.
- Pre-grazing yield is at 1700kg and grass is being allocated on a 12 hour basis as ground conditions have improved on last week.
- We will have dried off 30% of the high stocking rate groups to reduce demand (dried once yield drops below 8kgs).
- Cows are currently grazing paddock 14.
- 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 5.16%, Protein 4.36%, Lactose 4.48% and SCC 245k.