Farm walk notes 10/04/13

- Grass growth rates have increased to 14kg DM/ha/day this week
- Farm cover 602 kg DM/ha (206kg DM/cow) – on target

- In recent weeks we have slowed rotation by feeding 5kg concentrate and 4kg DM of silage. This has resulted in delaying the end of the 1st rotation until April 16th.

Spring Rotation Plan: 76% grazed; 7 days left in Rotation 1

- We are now satisfied that we have sufficient grass to remove the silage from the diet and begin the 2nd rotation. The animal diet for this week is 14kg grass DM/cow/day and 3kg concentrate/cow/day.
- Grass utilisation is excellent with a postgrazing height of 3.0cm on Paddock 5
There is now 800 kg DM/ha on paddock 11b which is the 1<sup>st</sup> paddock for the 2<sup>nd</sup> rotation. We expect that there will be 1,000 kg DM/ha on this paddock when we commence rotation 2 on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**General farm Notes**

Cows are yielding 26 ltrs/day which is very satisfactory for the time of year. Protein 3.44%, BFat 4.30%, Lact 4.80%. Our SCC is 196,000 today and we have identified 6 cows with cell counts over 400,000 so they will be quarter sampled and treated if needed.

We are 10 days into the pre breeding with tail paint and general observation being used to pick up heats (planned breeding start date 25/4/13)