High SR (3.28 cows/ha)

- Grass growth rates have increased to 93kg DM/ha/day this week
- Farm cover 760 kg DM/ha (151 kg DM/cow)
- Rotation length is now set to 21 days
- Feed wedge High SR 13/05/13

The high SR herd are on a grass allocation of 16kg grass DM plus 0.2 kg of concentrate this week. Grass allocation is on a 24 hr basis.

Grass utilisation is excellent - postgrazing height of 2.8cm on Paddock 14a

Our priority for the next 2-3 weeks is to increase grazing area SR and close 40% of the land area for silage conservation. We have already closed 33% of the farm area for silage (bringing the grazing area SR up to 5.0 cows/ha). We will cut some silage area to reduce the grazing area stocking rate to 4.5 cows/ha in the next 2 weeks.

We are currently following the grazing herd with 27 units of sulpha-CAN and any paddocks skipped for silage has received an additional 50 units of urea this week.

Paddock 4a will be sprayed out and surface seeded during the next rotation.
Farm walk notes 13/05/13

Medium SR (2.94 cows/ha)

- Grass growth rates are 79kg DM/ha/day this week
- Farm cover 930 kg DM/ha (193 kg DM/cow)
- Rotation length is now set to 21 days
- Feed wedge Medium SR 13/05/13

- The medium SR herd are on a grass allocation of 17kg grass DM plus 0.2 kg of concentrate this week. Grass allocation is on a 24 hr basis.
- Grass utilisation is excellent - postgrazing height of 3.5cm on Paddock 6b
- We have already closed 40% of the farm area for silage (bringing the grazing area SR up to 4.8 cows/ha)
- We are currently following the grazing herd with 27 units of sulpha-CAN.
- Paddock 4b will be sprayed out and surface seeded during the next rotation.
Farm walk notes 13/05/13

**Low SR (2.52 cows/ha)**
- Grass growth rates have increased to 77kg DM/ha/day this week
- Farm cover 743 kg DM/ha (168 kg DM/cow)
- Rotation length is now set to 21 days
- Feed wedge Low SR 13/05/13

The low SR herd are on a grass allocation of 18kg grass DM plus 0.2 kg of concentrate this week. Grass allocation is on a 24 hr basis.
- Grass utilisation is excellent - postgrazing height of 4cm on Paddock 11c
- We have already closed 40% of the farm area for silage (bringing the grazing area SR up to 4.4 cows/ha)
- We are currently following the grazing herd with 27 units of sulpha-CAN
- Paddock 4c will be sprayed out and surface seeded during the next rotation.

**Overall farm situation (13/05/13)**
- All cows are now calved and on treatments
- Grass DM % was 16% on the farm walk on Tuesday afternoon.
- The AI season commenced on April 25th and after 21 days of AI, we have submitted 85% of the total herd. Cows that have not been served during the 1st 3 weeks, and that are calved 32 days, will be scanned and treated to rapidly achieve submission.
- We have reduced concentrate feeding from 1kg to .2 kg per cow per day on all treatments this week. We are applying Mg and minerals using the doseatron.
- Currently, milk yield for the overall group is 25.75 kg per cow per day at 4.38% fat and 3.58% protein (equivalent to 2 kg MS/cow/day). SCC is 184 and TBC is 14.
- 79% of all calves have been weaned to date (weaning weight =90kg for FR and 75kg for JEX) and these calves are eating 1.5 kg of calf nuts per hd per day.