98% of the group have calved
- Average farm cover is 733 kg DM/ha (205/LU)
- Growth rate for the last 7 days was 49 kg DM/ha/day. Soil temperature is 10.3 deg C this am.
- While average growth rate is up to seasonal norms, the regrowth rate on paddocks during the weekend is close to 90 kg DM/ha/day and so we have passed magic day and are rapidly moving into a period of high grass growth.
- We expect to grow 100 kg per day for the next 7 days and have skipped 3 blocks (17%) of the farm area to bring SR up to 3.6 LU/ha and feed demand to 60 kg/ha/day for the next week. The blocks skipped have a range of herbage masses (700 – 1,800 kg DM/ha).
- We are commencing rotation 2 on paddock 15b today having skipped the last paddock in rotation 1.
- Based on current growth expectations we will remove a further 3 blocks next week to bring the total SR to 4.5 cows/ha and raising demand to 75 kg DM/ha/day thereby keeping pre-grazing herbage mass at approximately 1,400 kg DM/ha.
- Cows are on 36-hour allocations with no back-fence.
- The herd is on a steadily increasing diet of 16.5 kg grass and 0.1 kg of concentrate. (Mg added to water)
- Post-grazing residuals are being maintained at 3.3cm for this treatment.
- The herd are milking 22.5 kg milk/cow/day and (with latest milk composition details from the co-op of fat 4.90%, protein 3.39%, lactose 4.95% and SCC 149k) are producing 1.9 kg milk solids/cow/day currently.
- We will begin following the herd with 27 units of urea from next week. Skipped paddocks will be topped up with 70 units of N for silage.
• Grazing conditions are excellent and postgrazing residuals are being maintained at 3 cm. Below is a picture of paddock 9 which was grazed today. With regrowth rates in excess of 80kg DM/ha per day and 0kg DM/ha residual, we expect to be back grazing this paddock in 21 days at a pre-grazing herbage mass of 1,600 kg DM/ha.

• The second rotation is commencing on paddock 15b at premass of 1,700 kg DM/ha. Ideally, this premass is too high but, as this is a trial mix which is well ahead of the next paddock, we want to evaluate its overall annual performance in a predominantly grazing setting.