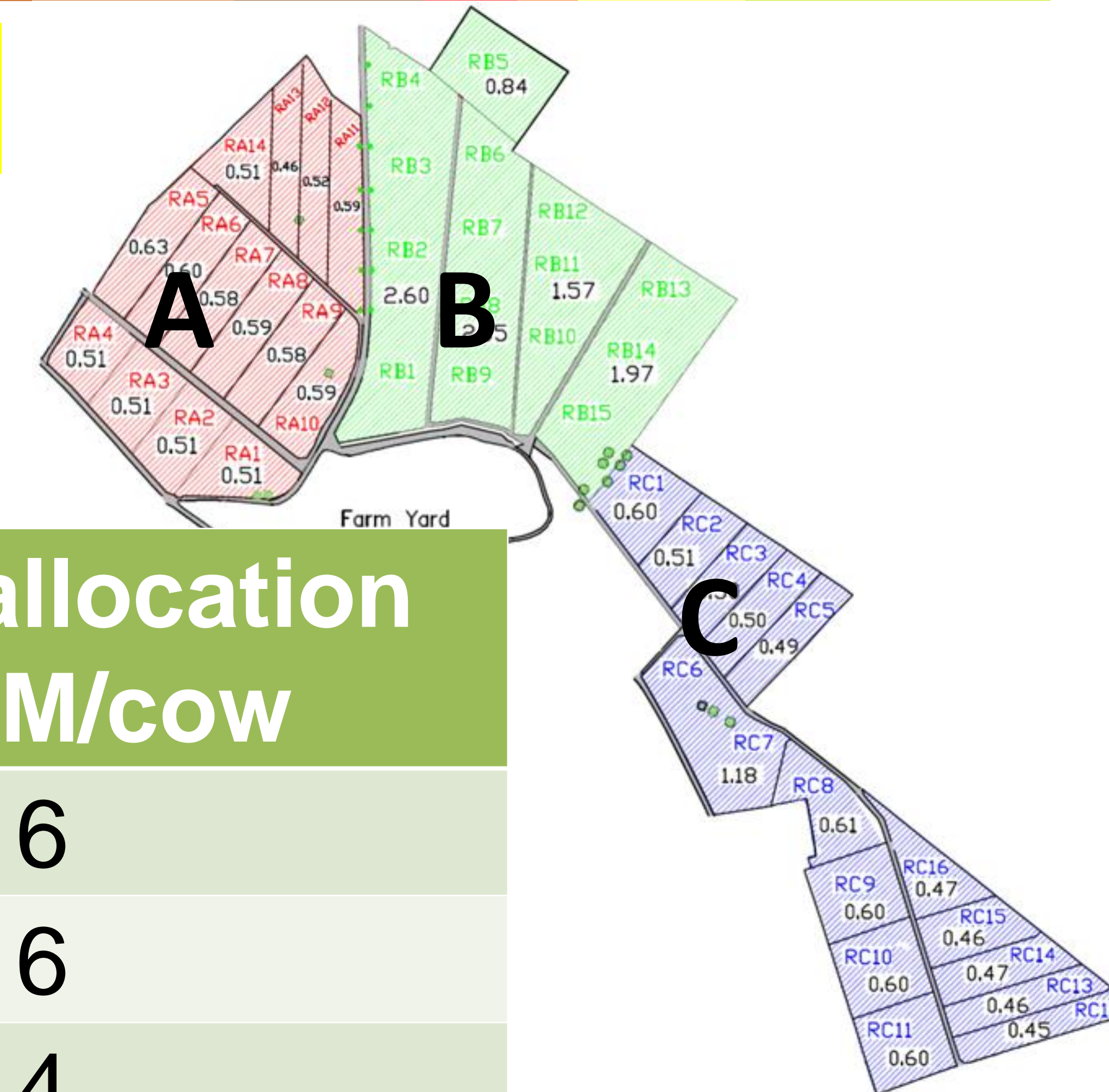


## Total dairy labour reduced by 36% with automatic milking

### Farm characteristics: suitability for AMS

- Farm size
- Number of blocks
- Good grassland management
- Financial situation of the farm



Block	Grass allocation kg DM/cow
A	6
B	6
C	4

### Current performance

Farm cover (kg DM/ha)		Milk yield (kg/cow)	
Pre-grazing herbage mass (kg DM/ha)		Milk solids yield (kg/cow)	
Post-grazing sward height (cm)		SCC (cells/ml)	
Conc. per cow (kg)		Milkings/day	
		Milkings/cow/day	
		Robot utilisation (%)	

### Take home messages

- Design and layout of the yard is crucial to get good cow-flow
- Good grassland management is key
- Option to balance profitability with less labour requirement