Strategies to increase spring grass availability

Autumn closing treatments

- Early closed paddocks have a high herbage mass
- No light to base reduces over winter tiller survival

Early closed paddock

Autumn and Spring tillering

• High grass demand in spring - target AFC >1000 kg DM/ha
• +0.35 kg milk/kg increase in DHA in spring
• Paddocks closed first must be grazed in early spring to promote tillering

Take home messages