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Report for: LUDF
Date: 25th February 2025
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	25 th February 2025 CURRENT	23 rd January 2025 Last Month
Total cows on farm	558	558
Cows Milkers	552	552
Penicillin/ colostrum	5	6
Springer/MT,CO cows	1 dry	-
Milksolids: per day	884 kgMS *	928 kgMS *
per cow	1.60 kgMS/cow	1.68 kgMS/cow
per ha	5.52 kgMS/ha	5.8 kgMS/ha
Somatic cell count	136,000	114,000
Average pasture cover	2376 kgDM/ha	2402 kgDM/ha *
Pre-grazing covers	3384 kgDM/ha	3000 kgDM/ha
Post-grazing covers	1550 kgDM/ha	1500 -1550 kgDM/ha
Effective area in round	160 ha	160 ha
Stocking rate	3.48 cows/ha	3.48 cows/ha

*kgMS /day was calculated as the average of 7 days.

Cows and Mating

- The emphasis now needs to go on early calving light cows and 2nd calvers, as late calvers have additional time over winter to gain condition.
- Some light cows are on OAD with preferential feeding (grazing ahead of the main herd).
- Keep an eye on them and draft any other at-risk cow onto the OAD herd to support body condition gain.
- Consider the estimated timeline (adjusted from DairyNZ) of the days dry required to reach the calving BCS target for cows fed autumn pasture only:

R3 BCS	MA Cows BCS	Days of dry required	Cows calving 1-4 weeks	Cows calving 5-8 weeks
3.5	3.0	160	5-Mar	5-Apr
4.0	3.5	130	5-Apr	5-May
4.5	4.0	100	5-May	End May
5.0	4.5	70	End May	End May

- A stock reconciliation for next season (1st June):

○ 558 Cows	13.6% empty (76 cows)	482 in-calf
○ 113	15.9% empty (18 heifers)	95 in-calf
○ Less		3 Johnes
○ Total		574 in-calf
- Consider slips before the 1st June.
- This will put pressure on next season's peak cow numbers, which needs to be taken into consideration.

Pasture

- Current round length is 27 days based on 160ha effective of 5.9ha/day.
- Current feed demand is:
 - 62kgDM/ha/day at 17.8kgDM intake.
- **Use post-grazing residuals as guidance to estimate feed demand.**
- Look to clean up the clamps that have not been grazed down to 1,550kgDM/ha to set up the farm for next spring. Graze them down before the farm becomes too wet.
- Continue extending the rotation length to capture potential pasture growth rates as growth slows. The targets are as follows:

◦ Current	27 days	
◦ 10 th March	30 days	
◦ 10 th April	40 days	Final round with all culls gone
- Area allocation and pre-grazing targets for 27-day rotation on 160ha.

Total Diet							17.8 kgDM								
Post-grazing		1550 kgDM/ha		Round length		27 days		Area		160 ha					
		Pre-grazing		kgDM/cow		Supplement offered		m ² /cow							
Herd		Cows		target		Area in round		offered		–kgDM/cow		ha/day		/day	
1st Herd		552		3,226		158 ha		17.8		0.0		5.9		106	
Sick/lame cows		6		3,226		2 ha		17.8		0.0		0.1		106	
Total		558						17.8		0.0		5.9			

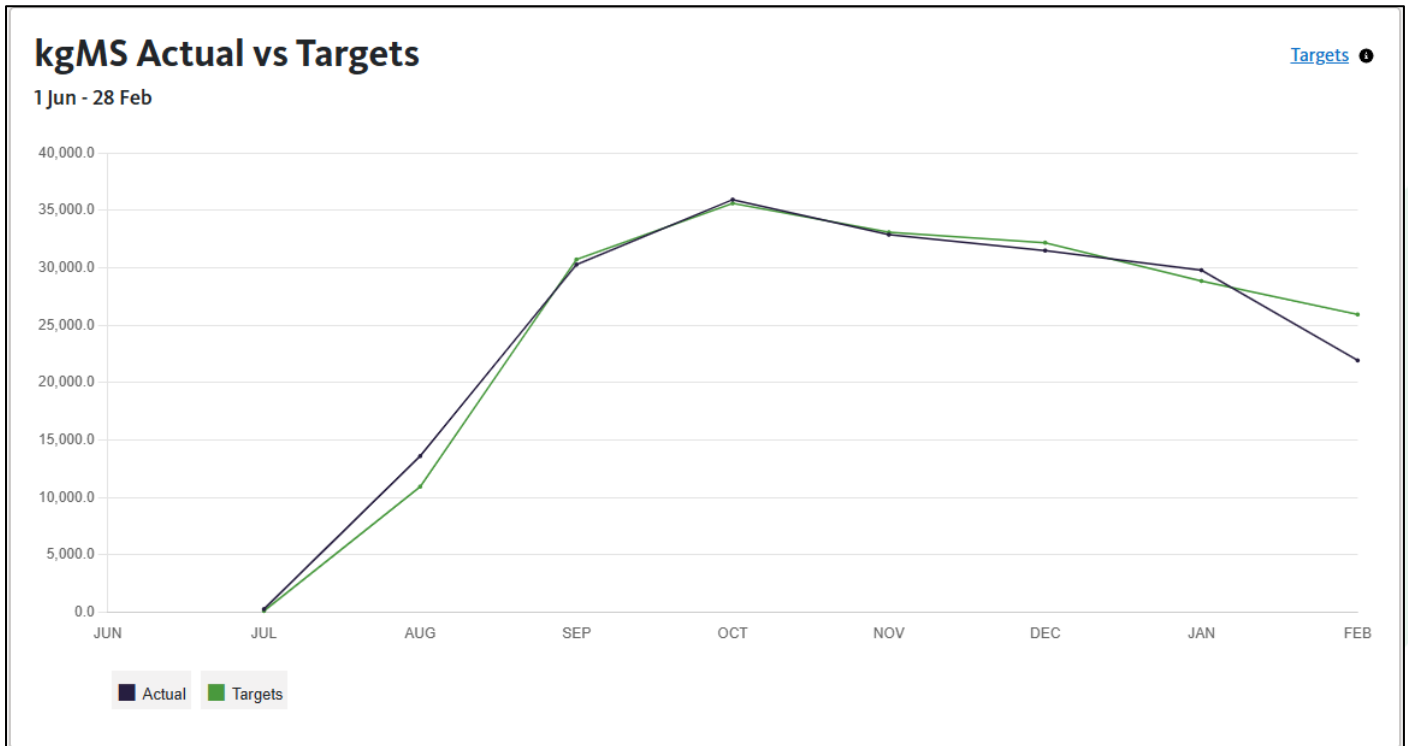
- Area allocation and pre-grazing targets for 30-day rotation on 160ha.

Total Diet 17.5 kgDM						
Post-grazing	1550 kgDM/ha	Round length		30 days		Area 160 ha
Herd	Cows	Pre-grazing target	Area in round	kgDM/cow offered	Supplement offered –kgDM/cow	m ² /cow ha/day /day
1st Herd	552	3,381	158 ha	17.5	0.0	5.3 96
Sick/lame cows	6	3,381	2 ha	17.5	0.0	0.1 96
Total	558			17.5	0.0	5.3

- If post-grazing residuals and pre-grazing targets are lower than the target offer silage rather than speeding up the round length, this will protect the APC.
- If pre-grazing covers aren't to target through the autumn, consider the following options are:
 - Cull low-producing and high SCC empty cows earlier

- Supplement with silage
- Cull all remaining empty cows

Milk Production



Total STD production: 196,235 kgMS vs 197,491 kgMS budgeted to end of February.

Last pick-up report: 24th February.

Nitrogen / fertiliser

- Continue with N applications as per plan.

Any queries about this report or other issues please contact me.

Next scheduled visit: TBC Tuesday 25th March at 9.00am.

Regards,

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