

Northland Demonstration farm data as at Thursday 10th July

	System	% In milk	Soil Temp	Growth	APC	BCS	MS/Cow	Rainfall
Jordan Valley OAD	3	5	10	35	2350	4.9	0	15
Dargaville	3	40	9	41	2440	5.0	-	10

*For definitions of systems and abbreviations visit Farmwatch on the DairyNZ website

DairyNZ Research Farms data as at Friday 11th July

	System	% In milk	Soil Temp	Growth	APC	BCS	MS/Cow	Rainfall
Super P	1	30	3.5	20	2060	5.0	-	20
Tight N	1	0	3.5	15	1960	4.6	0	20

Super P: Target: 1750 kg MS/per total ha. All feed grown within the farm area.

Tight N: Target: Reduce nitrate leaching by 50% and target 1200 kg MS/ha.

Milk fever is currently a problem amongst the early calving older cows. Magnesium supplementation at least 3 weeks prior to calving helps reduce milk fever at calving. Refer to Farm Facts 3-1. After calving you can supplement with calcium during the colostrum period.

Consulting Officer Update

Soil temperatures dropped to 7 — 8°C with the frost last week and the kikuyu saved pastures will be dead or dying, so need to be grazed now. Continue to stand cows off to reduce pugging damage. Set some targets with your staff for the season, around production, animal health, SCC, etc. Break these into small chunks for winter, spring or by month so staff buy into the targets.

If you are a Sharemilker or Owner and would like to join a business group, come along to Jordan Valley farm — 22nd July — 11.30am.