



Annual Dairy Farm Health and Wellbeing Review

Farm name:	Rikon	Dairy number:	36151	Season:	23/24
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Health category	Current farm result	Industry target	Farm target this year	Plan	Date due
Clinical Mastitis incidence	19.5%	<10% season	<10	Increase from last season. Spiked during Jan/Feb. Controlled by stripping. Plan to use mastatest, quick diagnosis. Going to install milk meters.	All season
BMT SCC	194000	<150,000	<150,000	Increase on last season. Aging herd and winter milking empties and lates contributing. Plan to heavy cull for mastitis and cell count at the end of 22 season.	All season
Lameness incidence	14%	<12%	<10	Significant improvement since last year. Plan to have a winter milking paddock for wet weather and continue upgrading lanes and entry/exit system.	All season
Mortality rate – Cows	4%	<2%	<2%	Continue to tweak transition to reduce metabolic issues.	All season
Mortality Rate Calves First 24 hr, 24 hr to 13 weeks	1.5% 0.6%	<5% <2%	<5% <2%	Very low mortality, Excellent calf rearing systems. No scours, continue good work.	All season
Body Condition Score (Thin cows <3.5)		5.0 at calving	5.0 at calving	Target condition score at risk cows in autumn. Light cows drafted and kept home. Once a day mob maintained throughout season for any light cows.	All season
AMR	Aware not to use red drugs	Selective DCT Discuss 'traffic light'		Discussed at RVM consult. Tylo on authorization but only to be used as directed by mastatest.	All season
Animal health plan completed	Yes			Followed carefully.	All season

Planning for adverse weather	Yes	Plan for heat mitigation		Have a written grazing plan for winter. Sprinklers in yards, water troughs in lanes	All season	
Herd improvement and Genetics				Breeding smaller cows with good structure for improved walking.	All season	
Calf Nutrition and Health				4 x daily calf pick ups, Tubing of calves at pick up 3-4 L. Use of brix. No storage required due to volume fed. Combo milk and replacer. Fed meal and gradual weaning from 95 kg.	All season	
Calf Housing				Minimum 1.5m2 per calf, stone and chip bedding, sick calf segregation, restricted entry to calf pens. Gold standard biosecurity as policy. Calves wear jackets and have trees for shelter in paddocks.	All Season	
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