

VCAH DOOKIE DAIRYFARM

WEEKLY REPORT

Week ending Thursday 9/12/1993

	This week	Last week	Last year
Average litres	3460	3540	2990
Cows	160	160	145
Litres/cow	21.6	22.1	20.6
B.F. Test (7 day av.)	3.91	3.95	4.31
Protein Test (7 day av.)	2.99	3.03	3.17
Grain/cow (kg)	6	7	5
Brewers Grain	2	-	-
Grazing rotation (days)	20	20	18
Production/ha (litres)	75	81	60
Av. pasture/ha (kg) available	525	1000	1200
Urea/ha/grazing (kg)	50	50	-
Irrigation Interval (days)	5	5	3.5
Bacteria	28,000	29,000	////////
Sediment	A	A	////////
BMCC	239,000	239,000	////////

Supplements: The brewers grain introduced last week as a trial appears to have been successful. We obtained a below normal cost load to gauge cow acceptability and handling ease.

The brewers grain has been fed out under a hot wire on the laneway. The cows have cleaned up almost every grain in the same way they consume maize silage. Handling the material with a front end loader and feedout wagon is not difficult but it is time consuming.

Given that we can get the same energy and protein into the herd with a barleyllupins mix at about the same price with no feedout labour needed, we have to decided to-opt for this later option.

Pastures: Pasture quality and quantity has declined over the last week as temperatures warm up. Tomorrow each cow will only receive 5 kg of pasture as the paddock is particularly poor. Supplements will have to increase or production will drop.

Millet: The millet and white clover sown into poor pastures with a power harrow have germinated well. After three waterings we have a dense strike of millet with a good smattering of white clover seedlings.