

Macalister Demonstration Farm, Dairy Australia, Extension Project

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Macalister Demonstration Farm Update 331 (Week ending Jan 11, 2013)

The Macalister Demonstration Farm is milking 284 cows grazing 71 hectares, a stocking rate of 4.0 cows per hectare. The daily allocation is one 30th of the grazing area and the actual grazing rest time is 30 days.

Compared to the previous week, milk production per cow is down from 1.88 to 1.84 kg milk solids (MS) per cow per day. Litres per cow per day are down from 25.6 to 25.1. Milk fat test has risen from 4.04% to 4.07% (fat yield is down from 1.04 to 1.02 kg per cow per day). Milk protein test is down from 3.28% to 3.25% (protein yield is down from 0.84 to 0.82 kg per cow per day). This time last year, milk production was 25.1 litres, 1.78 kg MS, 0.94 kg fat, and 0.84 kg protein per cow per day.

The daily pasture consumption from the grazing area is down from 50 to 48 kg dry matter (DM) per hectare per day. The pasture consumption per cow is down from 12.2 to 12.1 kg DM per cow per day. This time last year, pasture consumption was 42 kg DM per hectare per day, and 10.2 kg DM per cow per day.

4.0 mm of irrigation water, 0.8 kg of nitrogen element, 0.05 kg phosphorus element, 0.19 kg of potassium element, and \$0.19 of pasture renovation, all per hectare per day, have contributed to the current pasture consumption. The daily spend on these pasture inputs totals \$4.85 per hectare per day. Based on those cash inputs only, the consumed pasture price is estimated to be \$100 per tonne of dry matter, up from \$91.

Supplementary feed includes crushed wheat, and a pellet containing 25% protein, minerals, Rumensin, and Eskalin, totalling 5.3 kg DM, at an average price of \$441 per DM tonne.

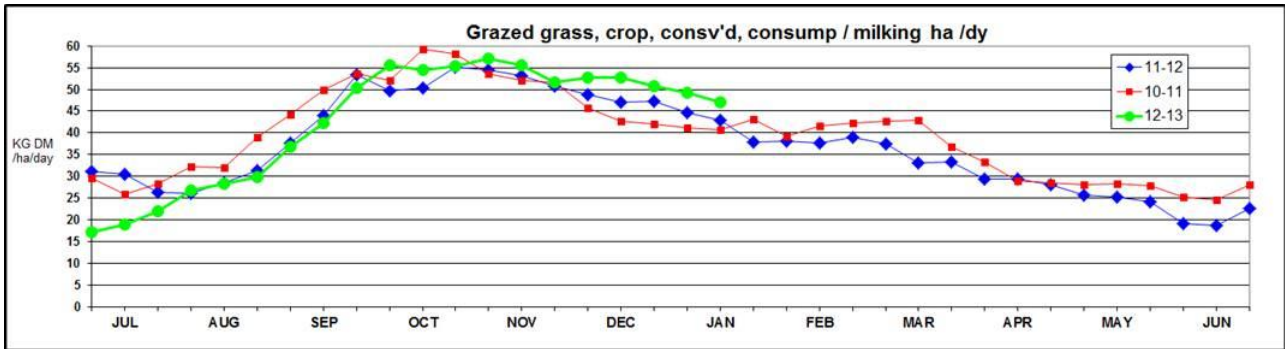
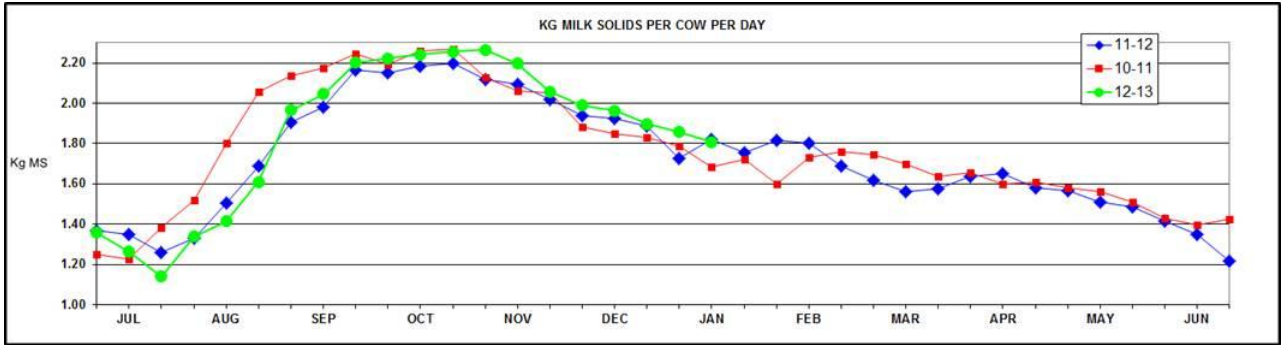
The Bulk Milk Cell Count for the week was 133,000, down from 166,000. This time last year the BMCC was 110,000.

The milk price (less compulsory levies) the MDF anticipates receiving for the week's milk is \$4.51 per kg milk solids, or 33.1 cents per litre, up from 32.2 cents.

Milk income per cow per day is up from \$8.26 to \$8.29, made up of \$2.98 for the fat (up from \$2.95), \$5.96 for the protein (down from \$5.98), and minus \$0.65 for the litres. This time last year milk income per cow per day was \$8.99.

Feed cost per cow per day (including pasture and supplements) is up from \$3.47 to \$3.56 per cow per day, leaving a Margin over All Feed (MOAF) per cow of \$4.72, down from \$4.79. This time last year the feed margin per cow was \$5.86. The margin over all feed per hectare is \$18.90. The whole farm feed margin is \$1,342, down from \$1,385 per day. This time last year the whole farm feed margin was \$1,701 per day.

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WEEKLY FEEDING PERFORMANCE	Last Year	Last week	This week	Units
Week to date:	13-Jan	04-Jan	11-Jan	
Milker graze area	70	71	71	ha
Milker nos	290	289	284	head
Stocking rate	4.1	4.1	4.0	cows/ha
Grazing allocation 1/	30	30	30	th of graze area
Average graze rest time	30	30	30	days
mm irrigation/hectare/day	3.0	3.6	4.0	mm water/ha/day
Element Nitrogen	1.2	0.8	0.8	kg element/ha/day
Element Phosphorus	0.00	0.05	0.05	kg element/ha/day
Element Potassium	0.02	0.19	0.19	kg element/ha/day
Renovation	\$0.19	\$0.19	\$0.19	\$/ha/day
Topping	\$0.10	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$/ha/day
Estm'd pasture consmp'n (incl cons'vd forage)	42	50	48	kg DM/ha/dy
Pasture consum'd per cow	10.2	12.2	12.1	kg DM/cow/dy
Daily spend / milking ha	\$3.92	\$4.55	\$4.85	\$/ha/day
Estm'd pasture price	\$93	\$91	\$100	\$/T DM
Conc (incl additives)supp fed/cow	6.6	5.3	5.3	kg DM/cow/dy
Hay/silage supp fed/cow	0.0	0.0	0.0	kg DM/cow/dy
PKE supp fed/cow	0.5	0.0	0.0	kg DM/cow/dy
Estim'd supp waste	3%	3%	3%	%
Conc (incl additives)supp avg price	\$305	\$441	\$441	\$/T DM
Hay/silage supp avg price	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$/T DM
PKE supp price	\$289	\$0	\$0	\$/T DM
Total feed intake/cow	17.1	17.4	17.3	kg DM/cow/dy
Estm'd body cond't'n change	0.10	0.00	0.00	kg LWT/cow/dy
Litres/cow	25.1	25.6	25.1	l/cow/day
Fat test	3.73%	4.04%	4.07%	%
Protein test	3.37%	3.28%	3.25%	%
Fat per cow	0.935	1.036	1.020	kg/cow/dy

WEEKLY FEEDING PERFORMANCE	Last Year	Last week	This week	Units
Protein per cow	0.844	0.840	0.816	kg/cow/dy
MS per cow	1.78	1.88	1.84	kg/cow/dy
Anticipated final milk price (less levies)	\$5.05	\$4.40	\$4.51	\$/kg MS
Anticipated final milk price (/litre)	\$0.358	\$0.322	\$0.331	\$ per litre
Fat return per cow	\$2.96	\$2.95	\$2.98	\$/cow/dy
Protein return per cow	\$6.68	\$5.98	\$5.96	\$/cow/dy
Volume charge per cow	\$0.66	\$0.67	\$0.65	\$/cow/dy
Milk income/cow	\$8.99	\$8.26	\$8.29	\$/cow/dy
All feed cost/cow	\$3.12	\$3.47	\$3.56	\$/cow/dy
Margin over all Feed/cow	\$5.86	\$4.79	\$4.72	\$/cow/dy
MOAF /ha /day	\$24.29	\$19.51	\$18.90	\$/ha/day
Farm MOAF per DAY	\$1,701	\$1,385	\$1,342	\$/day
MOAF per month	\$51,867	\$42,238	\$40,934	\$/month
Energy density of diet	12.0	12.0	11.9	MJ ME/kg DM
Crude protein % of diet	17.9%	20.0%	20.0%	% CP
NDF Fibre level of diet	32.5%	33.7%	33.6%	% NDF
FCE kg MS per tonne DM food	103	107	105	
Tonne feed /day	5.0	5.1	5.0	tonne DM /day
Milk Return /tonne feed	\$518	\$470	\$476	\$/tonne DM
Average Price of feed	\$180	\$197	\$205	\$/tonne DM
Margin /tonne feed	\$338	\$272	\$271	\$/tonne DM
BMCC	110	166	133	