

Backtrack Dairies

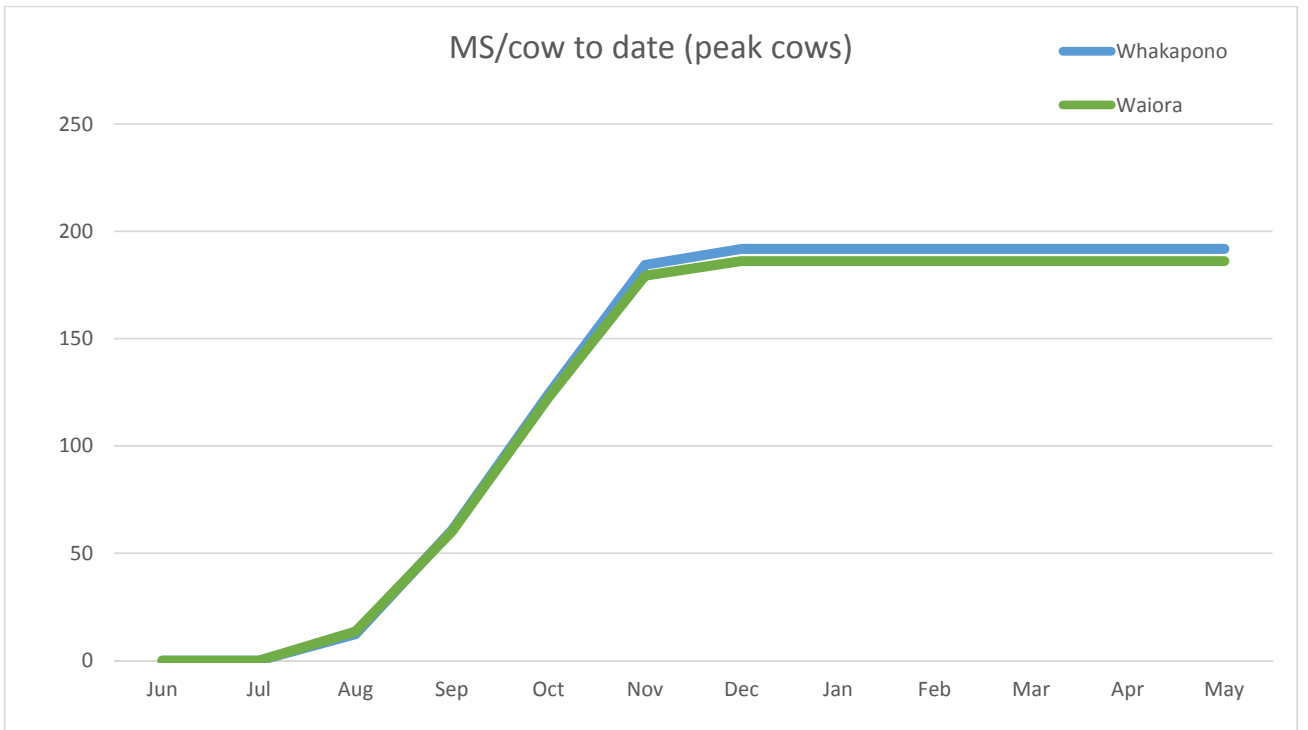
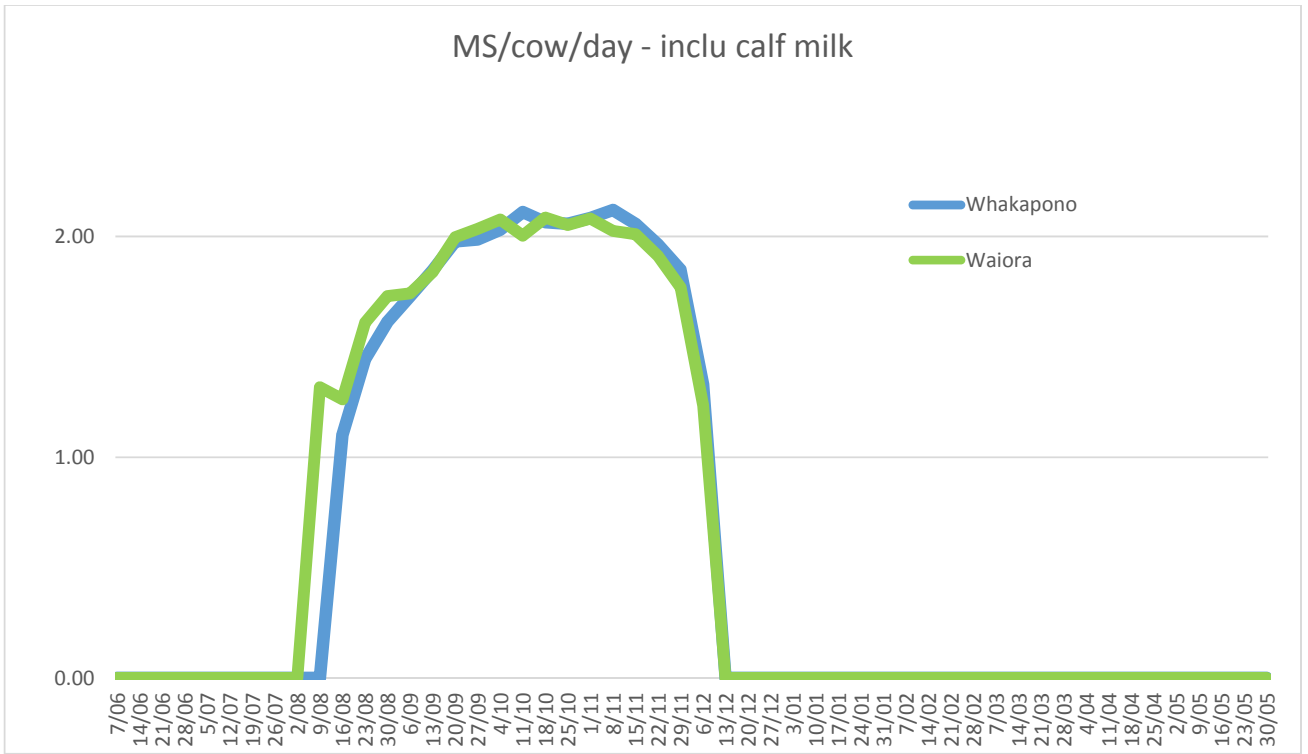
Week ending 15th November 2017

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Two farming systems. One Kinsey-Albrecht (Whakapono) and one conventional (Waiora). Both farms have a stocking rate of 3.3 cows/ha at peak.

Week Ending	8/11/17		15/11/17	
	Whakapono	Waiora	Whakapono	Waiora
Backtrack Dairies				
Farm grazing ha	155	210	155	210
Peak Cows	523	697	523	697
Stocking Rate (cows in milk/ha)	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.3
Cows in Milk	523	686	522	686
% of cows in Sick Herd	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.2
Cows in Vat	521	679	520	684
Ave. Pasture Cover	2598	2564	2752	2649
Ave. Pasture Growth	80	51	73	61
Area Grazed	5.12	6.43	6.37	8.31
Grazing Interval	30	33	24	25
Pasture Intake (est kgDM/cow)	20	18	22	19
Grass Silage Fed (kgDM/cow)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grain/PKE Fed (kgDM/cow)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total Fed KgDM/cow	21	19	23	20
Milk Solids (Kg/cow/day)(inclu calf milk)	2.12	2.03	2.06	2.01
MS/ha/day	6.58	6.16	6.56	6.14
Nitrogen applied (kg N/ha)	0	7	0	0
Rainfall (mm for week)	5	5	2	2
Irrigation applied (mm for week)	20	0	29	71
Soil Temperature at 9am	14	14	13	14
Soil Moisture (between 65-76%)	80	72	94	78
Cell count (000's)	146	121	129	137
Mastitis Cases (%)	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0
Lameness Cases (%)	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.1
Body Condition Score				
Totals To Date				
Milk Solids to factory	67895	88623	75040	97693
Milk Solids inclu calf milk	73961	96516	81484	106171
MS/ha	436	420	482	463
MS/cow (peak cows)(inclu calf milk)	141	138	156	152
Nitrogen applied (kg N/ha)	49	65	71	83
Supplements Fed (kg/cow)	274	281	281	287
Deaths %	1.9	2.2	1.9	2.2
Culls %	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.3
Mastitis %				
Lameness %				

Production Graph



Mating

Timeframe of Mating	Dates
Planned Start of Mating	29 th October
Metri-checking & PG 1	22 nd November
PG 2	1 st December
Change to short gestation hereford	7 th December
AI Finished	16 th December
Bulls entered herd	16 th December
Bulls removed from herd	7 th January
Pregnancy Scanning 1	1 st February
Pregnancy Scanning 2	1 st March

The plan is to use kiwi cross for most cows and friesian straws over obvious jersey cows. The above dates are when everything is planned to happen. These dates will get updated as we get to them.

Animal Health

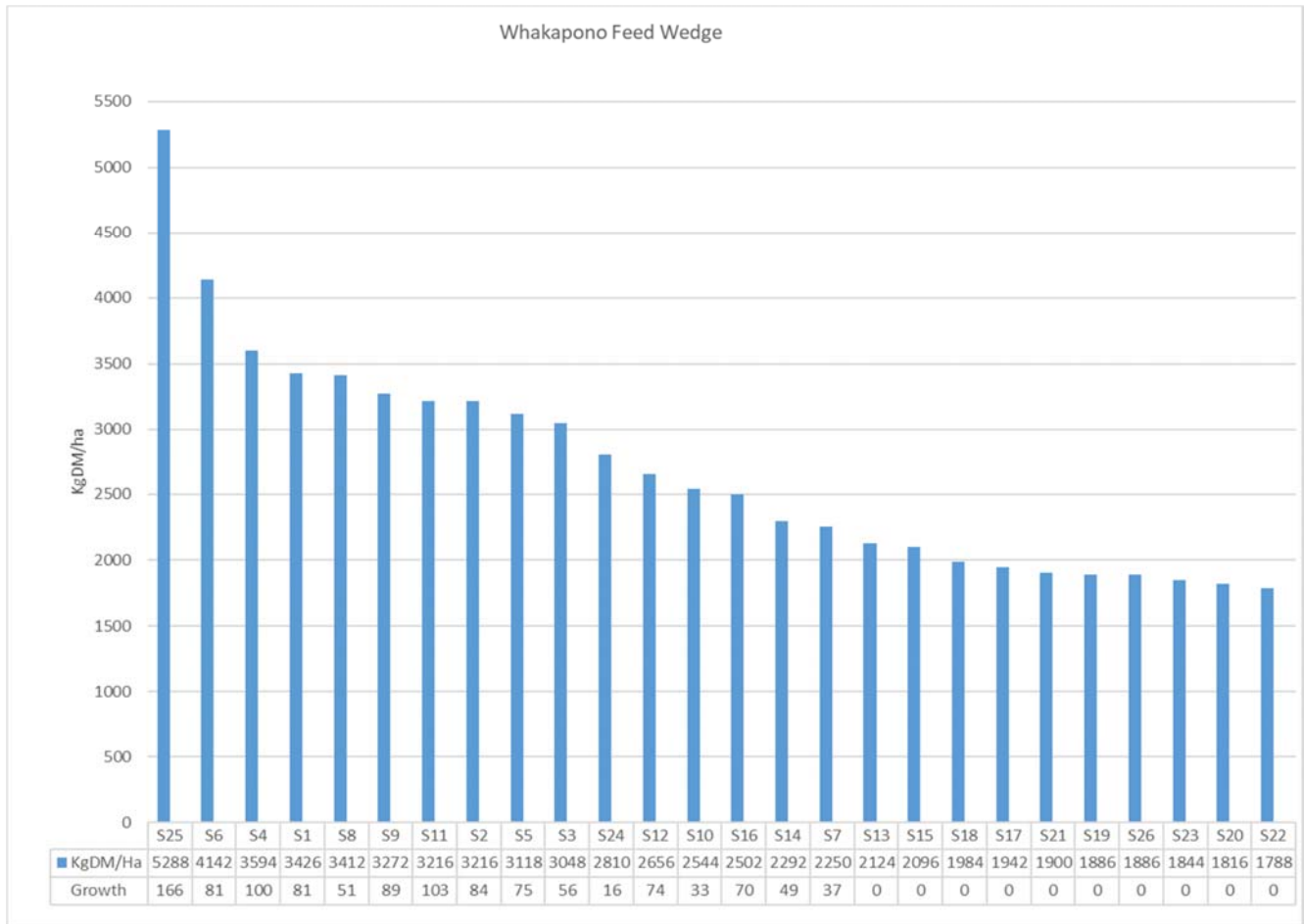
	Whakapono	Waiora
No of Mastitis Cows	1	0
No of Lambe Cows	2	1
Sick Herd %	0.4	0.2

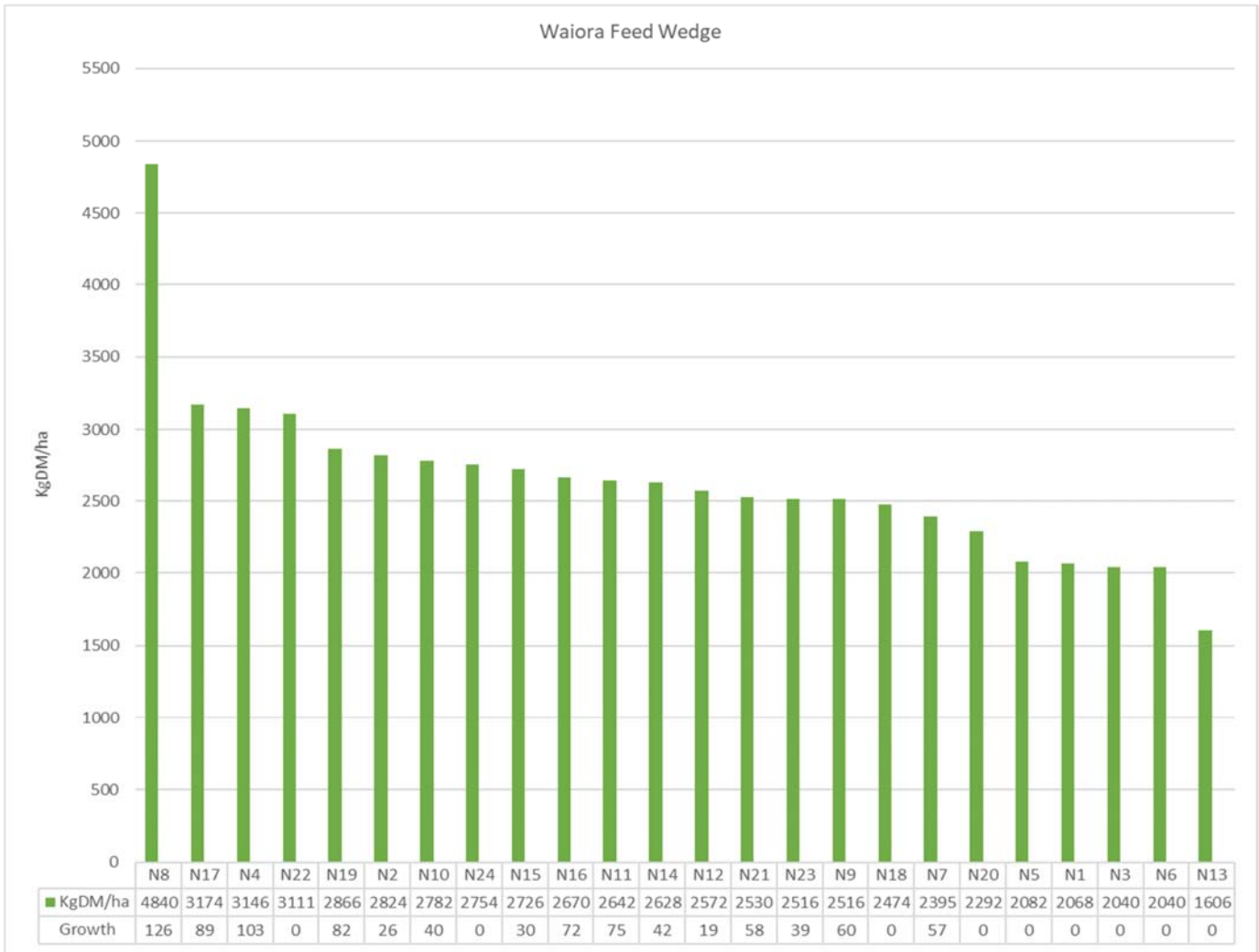
Pastures

Pasture Quality for this week

	Whakapono	Waiora
DM%	19	19
Ryegrass (%DM)	84	90
Clover (%DM)	15	8
Weeds (%DM)	1	2
Herbs (%DM)	0	0

Feed Wedges – 14th November





Fertiliser Applied

Whakapono – Healthy Soils

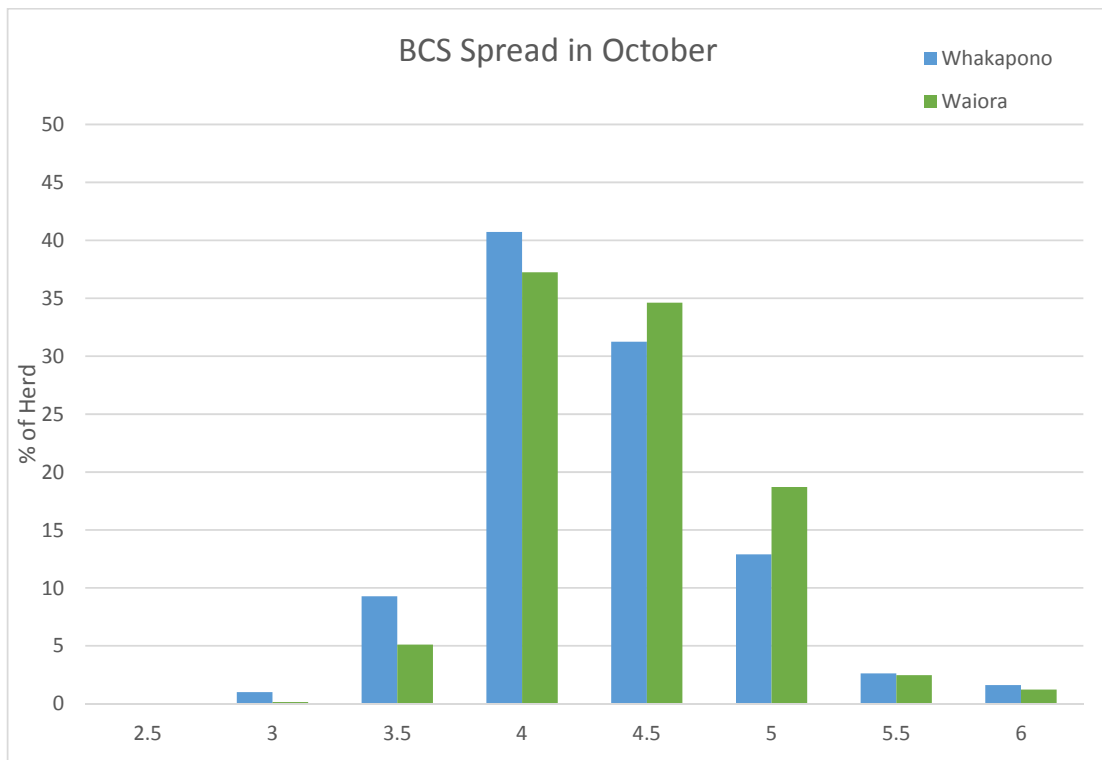
Month	N	P	K	S	Mg	Ca
August	9	0	0	11	0	0
September	18	0	0	20	0	0
October	13	19	28	52	0	115
November	22	14	37	56	0	87
December	5	0	5	7	0	0
Total to Date Applied	67	33	70	146	0	202

Waiora - Ballance

Month	N	P	K	S	Mg	Ca
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August	27	0	0	14	0	2
September	13	0	0	7	0	1
October	18	9	9	12	7	22
November	21	11	11	14	8	27
December	4	0	0	0	0	0
Total to Date Applied	83	21	20	47	15	52

Cow Condition



Cows were assessed at the start of October. Average condition is 4.3 on Whakapono and 4.4 on Waiora. 10% of the herd on Whakapono was below CS 4.0 and there was 5% below CS 4.0 on Waiora.

Herd Test Results

Farm	No. of herds	Herd Size	Milk (L)	Milkfat (%)	Milkfat (kg)	Protein (%)	Protein (kg)	Milk Solids (kg)
Whakapono		438	27.6	4.25	1.17	3.92	1.08	2.25
Waiora		570	27.1	4.39	1.19	3.86	1.05	2.24
Canterbury	157	659	26.4	4.41	1.16	3.72	.98	2.15

Results are from the 9th and 10th of October.

Management Summary

- Rotation length at present is 24 to 26 days.
- 3 paddocks have been locked up on both sides for silage.
- Irrigation started – a small amount for 1 round then stopped.
- Irrigation measurements for Waiora have started again so this week shows how much irrigation has gone on to date. It will be back to normal next week.
- Irrigation for k-lines and pivots as per moisture meter.
- Maintenance fertiliser being put on. Pasture mag 5kg on Waiora at a rate of 401kg/ha. This includes 1kg/ha of selenium. Whakapono has put on annual fertiliser with nitrogen.
- The plan for fertiliser plan for this season is to have both farms put on no more than 100kg/ha of N for the season.
- Waiora is now going to exceed this as the first round of fertiliser has been put on with a different product than what was initially planned. Interestingly it did not lift the cover to above expected levels.
- To date 8/11/17 the spend for Waiora has been \$79,945.
- And on Whakapono the spend has been \$64,844.
- We have been pre-mowing paddocks to keep on top of pasture quality.
- We have oversown all the paddocks that we calved on – with winter active ryegrass and plantain.
- Sprayed out kellites on N22 and N24 – didn't want to use round up so used grandstar instead, which means you need to leave it for 2 weeks if you want to plant with herbs.
- Calf milk is being taken from the vat on both sides. Whakapono 4200L for the week and Waiora 6500L for the week.
- Calves still on farm – another 80 have left the farm this week (after the first 80 last week) left the farm at 85kg or more. Calves go to the 2 graziers on a random basis as they come up to weight, but come back to their home farms at calving.
- Herd test done in late October – see results table above. Another one due to be done in December?