Pasture & Forage News



Grow your peace of mind this winter, and make spring better too.

Your girls may be off to winter grazing very soon but before you know it, they'll be back home with big bellies and an even bigger appetite.

What better way to welcome them than with the best range of pasture cover across the milking platform, and a sure-fire plan to get weak paddocks growing well again?

It will make life easier for everyone when things get super busy in a couple of months' time. And you'll start the new season feeling in control.

Full coverage

Successful calving starts with a range of pasture covers in front of you, so your feed wedge is indeed a nice wedge-shape, from short paddocks to long ones.

High covers have real value in early lactation. But if too many paddocks are too long, feed quality drops as dead matter builds up in the base of those pastures.

Then they don't re-grow as well as they should, and bam, you fall into a hole in the second round after calving, just as you're trying to get cows to peak. Not okay!

Eyes down

If you're not checking pasture growth over winter with

this wedge in mind, we suggest you do so.

This is very important if winter is unusually warm, and grass starts growing faster than normal. That way you'll notice early enough to get some cows home early to stop paddocks from getting overgrown.

But that's not the only good reason to be out looking at pastures before spring.

Performance review

Some pastures will be struggling after the season just gone. Now's the time to identify your poorest performers and work out how best to restore them to their full potential.

Earmark them early, and you'll have plenty of time to organise remedial work for spring, whether it's undersowing, grass to grass renewal or setting them up for crop.

Use grazing records to pinpoint the worst cases. Or give us a call today for your free personal Pasture Health Check.

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