High-performing Contract Milker, Ashburton

Location Ashburton, New Zealand

Farm Size 207 Ha effective milking platform

124 Ha Additional purchased land for milking platform

Contour/Soil Type Flat

Farm Production

	2025 – 2026	2025 - 2024	2023 - 2024
	(Target)		
Milking Area (ha)	207 Ha	207 Ha	
Cows peak milked (1 Dec)	760	765	
Total kg MS	365,000	365,000	
Kg MS per hectare	1763	1763	
Kg MS per cow	480	480	

Policies Twice a day milking

Spring Calving

Mating Start Date: October 25th – Herd. 6 weeks Al mating. October 15th R2s (double PG)

Al Mating.

Use of some PG and CIDR's

Calves All Al replacements calves tubed colostrum, weaning at 90kg, moved off to grazing

at 100kg (November/December).

Animal Health Animal Health plan – as set with Vets

Vaccinate: Salmonella, Lepto & 7in1

Current Herd Crossbred herd 138/52 BW and 169/71PW

760 MA cows

196 R2 240 R1

Herd is Genemark profiled

Current Staffing 1 Manager

1 2IC

1 Herd Manager

1 Dairy Farm Assistant

Grazing Policies Pre-grazing covers of 2,900-3,100

Post-grazing cover of 1,500-1,600

Spring rotation planner used

Feeding Systems System 4,

In-shed feeding – 250 Tonne wheat, 300 Tonne PKE, 120 Tonne grass silage, 70

Tonne maize

Infrastructure 54 bail rotary (Read plant & Donald platform), 3 main calf sheds, 3 in paddock calf

shelters. Pivot irrigator and pond storage system.

Water/Irrigation 55 litres/second

3x Pivot Irrigators, Kline and fixed grid

35 litres/second Lateral fixed grid

BCI & MHV water schemes.

Fertiliser Sustain 190 – 190kgN at 40kg/Ha. Sulphurgain 15S – 400kg.

Machinery 2x Massey tractors (120 & 140 HP), calf trailer, feedout wagons, heavy roller, 3x 2

wheel motorbikes, 1x 4 wheel motorbike, mower, calf feeder, 2x PKE trailers

Housing Managers Home – 3 Bedrooms, 2 bathrooms

2IC House - 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom 2x Staff Houses – 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom

Schooling Hayfield and Mt Somers primary schools (10kms), secondary school options in

Methven and Ashburton.

