

# Focus Farm Report

Date	October 2015	Region	NSW Dairy
Farmers	Daniel and Rebecca Cochrane	Milking area	115 Hectares
Farm location	Wogamia NSW	Irrigated	60 Hectares

Production			
Cow numbers	315	Fat %	3.7
Kg Milk solids/cow/day	1.69	Protein %	3.2
Litres/cow/day	24.4	BMCC	147000

Grazing and Supplement Feeding	
Pellets costing 53cents/kgDM (\$480/t)	1.5
Pasture silage costing 36c/kgDM (\$322/t)	6.5
Pasture (kgDM) approx.	12.9
Area in rotation (ha)	115
Rotation length (days)	16
Grazing area (ha per 24 hours)	4.5
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Daily Income Over Feed Costs (IOFC)			
October	Milk price (\$/kgMS)	7.39	\$/L 0.51
Income/cow			\$12.47
Supplementary feed cost/cow			\$2.78
Total feed costs* (\$/cow/day)			\$4.07
MOFC – Margin Over Total Feed Costs (\$/cow/day)			\$8.39

\* Total feed costs include supplement, conserved fodder and estimated pasture cost (based on cost of \$100/tonne DM)

## Comments

This month there has been a slight drop in income over feed costs due to a reduction in pasture allocation to encourage cows to eat harder into pasture residuals to improve late spring pasture quality and for optimising spring silage harvest. It is planned that with the continuation of irrigation of pasture and accrual of silage, Dan and Bec will only be looking to need 4-5 loads of cereal hay for the springers .

The perennial rye, prairie, chicory, lucerne and clover pasture is growing well at the moment and should last another month

Natasha Lees