

What to look out for in the paddock during winter...

More rain is coming

Cows are struggling to walk through the mud or can't comfortably lie down

Sick cow:
Droopy ears
Loss of appetite
Separate from the mob

Water pooling

Wet sticky mud that's difficult to walk across

If there is prolonged wet weather and your cows are on crop or grass, here are some options to improve conditions:

- Move the back fence to give the cows access to drier areas
- Spread straw for a drier lying surface
- Feed extra grass or supplement
- Feed extra crop by offering the second break area (excluding fodder beet)
- Consider moving cows to a grass break out zone
- Remove sick cows, inform your manager, treat and record

Don't forget to inform your manager of what you see.