

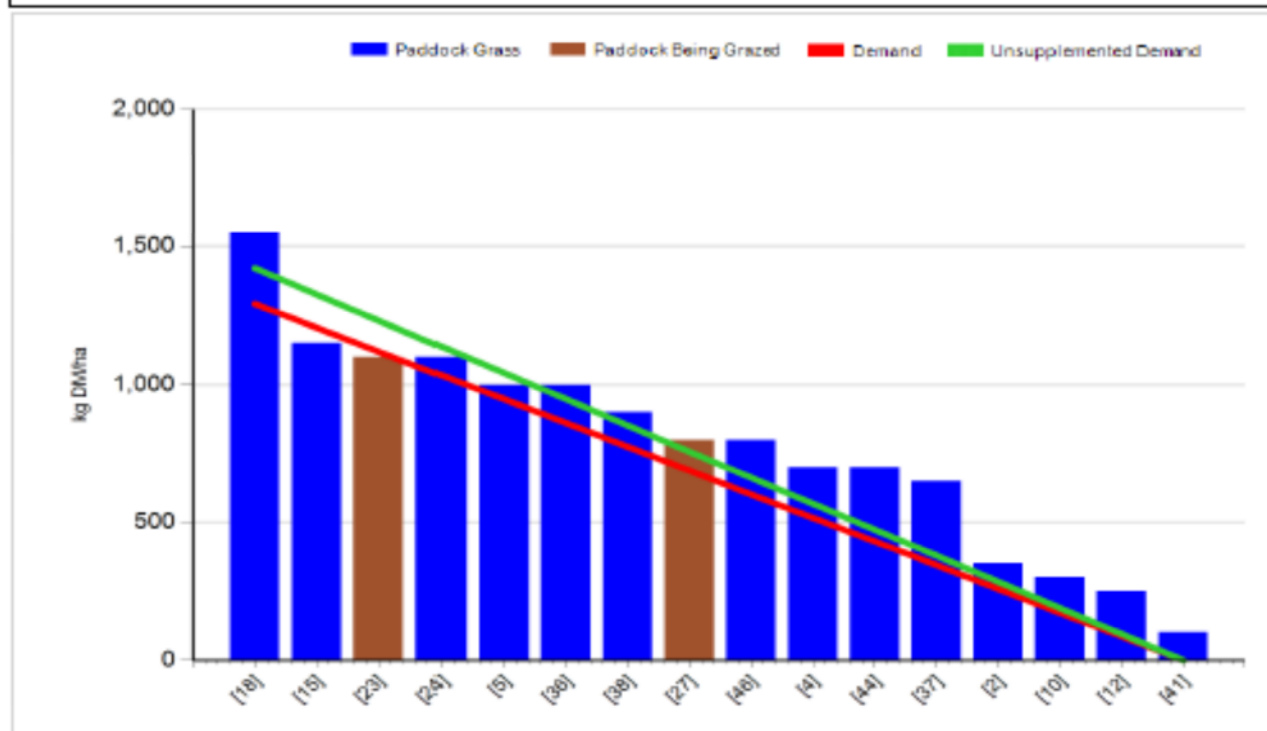
## Ballyhaise Farm Walk Notes Tuesday 18-05-15

Figure 1. Early Calving (mean calving date 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb) feed wedge Tuesday 18/05/15

Rotation Length (days):	21	Silage Fed (kg DM/cow):	0.0
Grass Allocation/Cow (kg DM/cow):	15.0	Residual Height (cm):	4.0
No. of Cows:	60		
Concentrate Fed (kg/cow):	1.5		

### Cover Parameters

Grass Allocation/LU (kg DM/LU):	15.0	Growth Rate (kg/ha/day):	66
Total Livestock (LU):	60.0	Farm Demand (kg DM/ha/day):	61
Farm Cover (kg DM/ha):	728	Target Pre-grazing yield (kg DM/ha):	1292
Farm Cover (kg DM/LU):	178	Days Ahead:	12
Stocking Rate (LU/ha):	4.10	LU/ha (Liveweight/ha):	0



- Average farm cover is 728 kg DM/ha (178 /LU), DM 15%.
- Growth rate for the last 7 days was 66 kg DM/ha/day; this is similar to last week.
- 30% of area closed for silage.
- Ground conditions are poor and we are using 12 hour strip wire most of the time, on dry days we are allocating in 24 hr blocks.
- Average post grazing residual for the week is 4.3cm, even with 12 hr allocation cows have dirtied grass and would not graze out on the very wet days.
- Feeding 1.5kg of Cal mag and mineral carrier ration.
- Breeding started on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 64% of herd submitted in first two weeks.
- The herd are milking 23.8 kg milk/cow/day and (with latest milk composition details from the co-op of fat 4.47%, protein 3.59%, lactose 4.86% and SCC 218k) are producing 1.94 kg milk solids/cow/day currently.