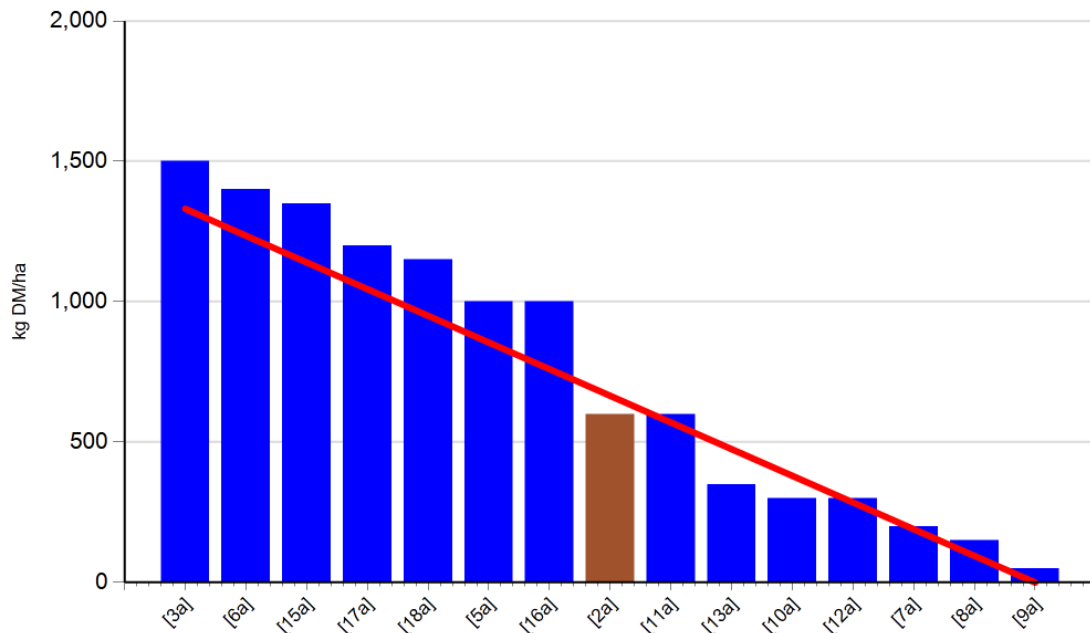


Farm Walk Notes 01/07/13

High SR (3.28 cows/ha)

- Grass growth – 69 kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover – 745 kg DM/ha (188 kg DM/LU)
- Rotation length – 21 days

Feed Wedge

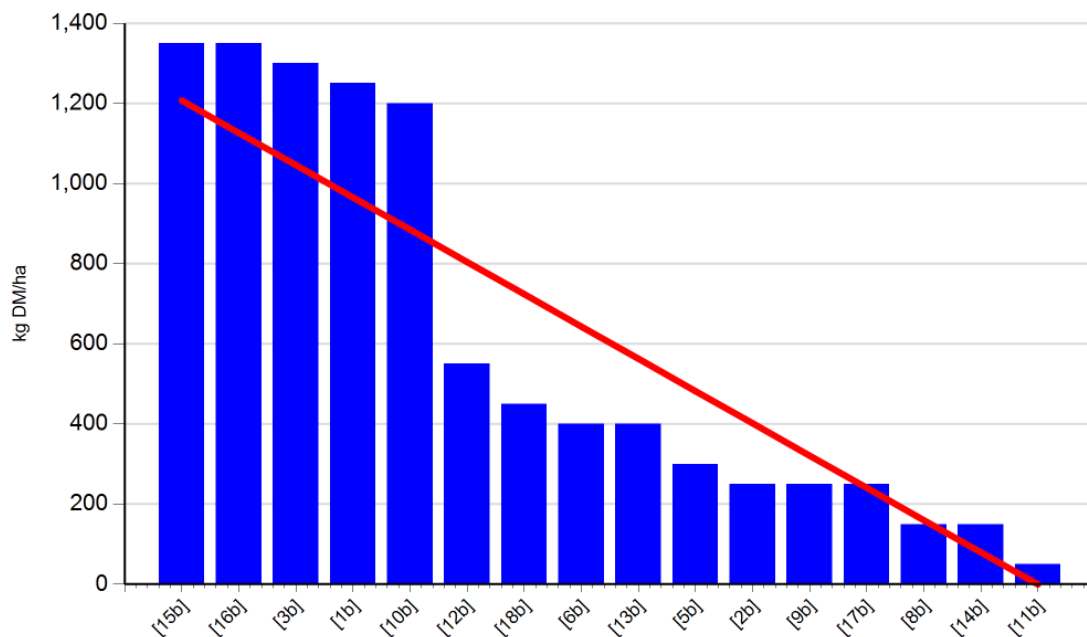


- Grass growth was satisfactory this week at 69 kg DM/ha/day. We feel growth should be higher but we were moisture restricted this week.
- Cows are beginning to graze after-grass. The high quality swards are being utilised well and residuals of 3.5 cm and lower were recorded this week.
- The high SR herd have a daily grass allocation of 16 kg with 0.2 kg concentrate. Grass allocation is on a 24 hour basis.
- We are following the grazing herd with 20 units of sulpha-CAN.
- Reseeding took place this week on the paddock sprayed off in early June.
- No paddocks were taken out of the rotation this week as we fear there will be little rain this week leading to low growth.

Medium SR (2.94 cows/ha)

- Grass growth – 62 kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover – 615 kg DM/ha (182 kg DM/LU)
- Rotation length – 21 days

Feed Wedge

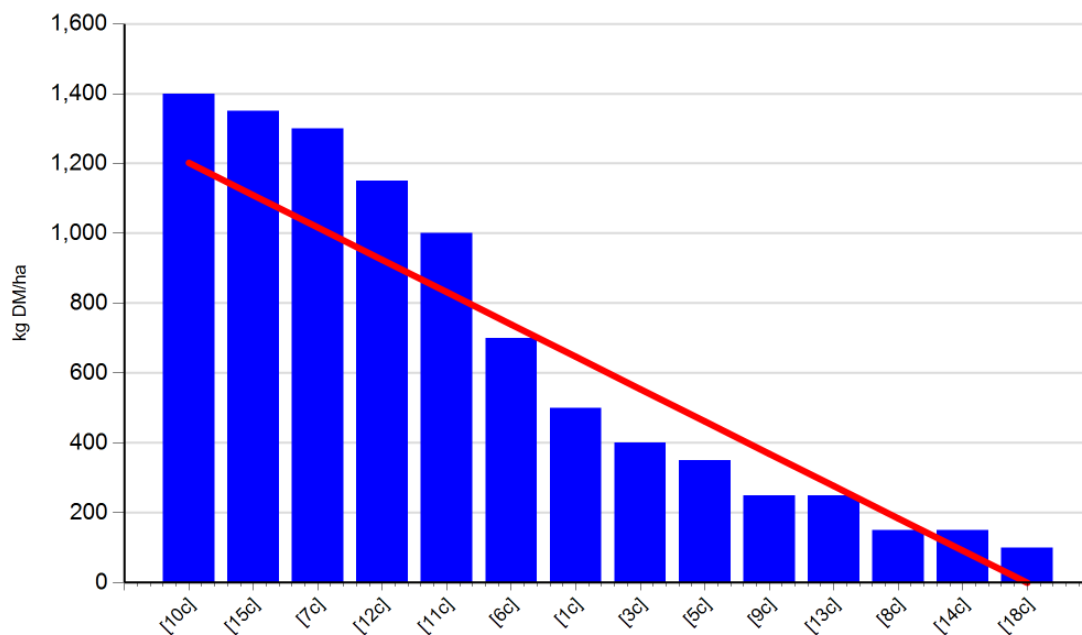


- Grass growth was back to 62 kg DM/ha/day this week from 78 kg/day last week. This was disappointing and we feel this was due to moisture restriction.
- Cows are beginning to graze after-grass. The high quality swards are being utilised well and residuals of 4 cm and lower were recorded this week.
- The medium SR herd have a daily grass allocation of 17 kg with 0.2 kg concentrate. Grass allocation is on a 24 hour basis.
- We are following the grazing herd with 20 units of sulpha-CAN.
- Reseeding took place this week on the paddock sprayed off in early June.
- No paddocks were taken out of the rotation this week as we fear there will be little rain this week leading to low growth.

Low SR (2.52 cows/ha)

- Grass growth – 57 kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover – 670 kg DM/ha (211 kg DM/LU)
- Rotation length – 21 days

Feed Wedge



- Grass growth was disappointing this week at 56 kg DM/ha/day, down from 83 kg last week. We feel this reduction in growth is due to moisture restriction.
- Cows are beginning to graze after-grass. The high quality swards are being utilised well and residuals of 4.5 cm and lower were recorded this week.
- The low SR herd have a daily grass allocation of 18 kg with 0.2 kg concentrate. Grass allocation is on a 24 hour basis.
- We are following the grazing herd with 20 units of sulpha-CAN.
- Reseeding took place this week on the paddock sprayed off in early June.
- Although farm cover per cow is high this week no paddocks were taken out of the rotation this week as we fear there will be little rain this week leading to low growth.

Overall farm situation

- Grass DM was recorded at 18% on the farm walk on Monday morning.
- We are applying Mg and minerals using the doseatron and concentrate supplementation is at 0.2 kg per cow per day.

- Milk yield is on average 19 kg per day at 4.65% fat, 3.63% protein and 4.69% lactose. SCC is at 114.