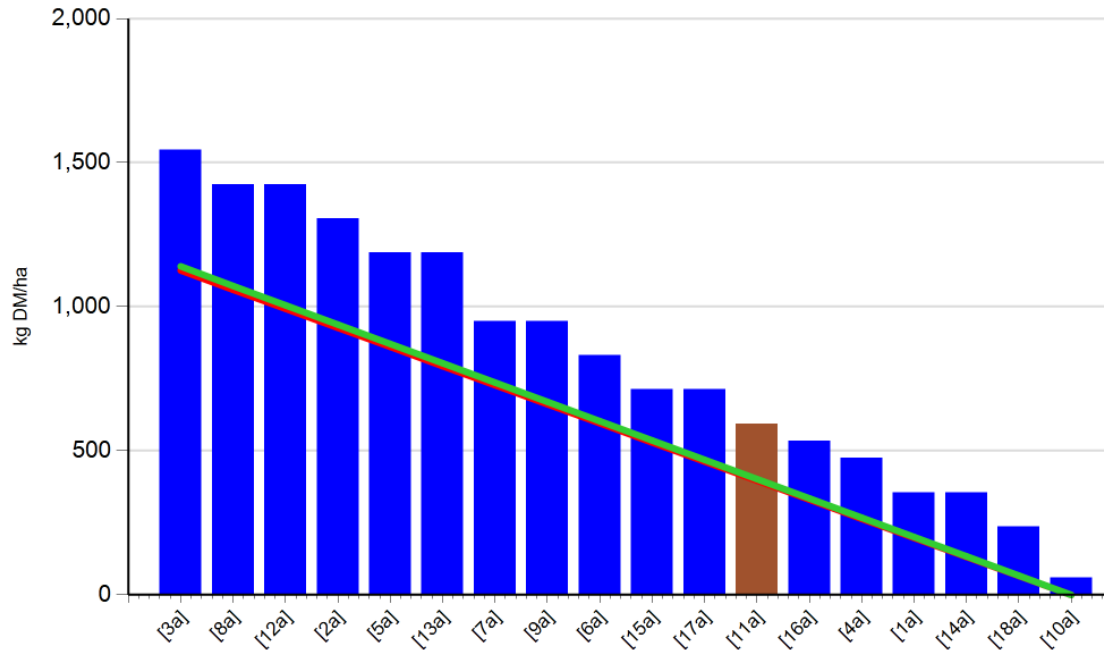


Curtins Farm Walk Notes 29/07/13

High SR (3.28 cows/ha)

- Grass growth – 63kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover – 821kg DM/ha (245kg DM/LU)
- Rotation length – 34 days

Feed Wedge



- Grass growth was 63kg per day in the last week. We were pleased with this growth and we expect growth will continue to increase this week. Pre-grazing herbage mass is at 1,500kg DM/ha.
- Cows are struggling to hit target residual of 3.5 cm in some paddocks over the last week due to the coarse sward base.
- Rotation length is at 34 days.
- The high SR herd have a daily grass allocation of 16kg with 0.2kg concentrate. Grass allocation is on a 24 hour basis.

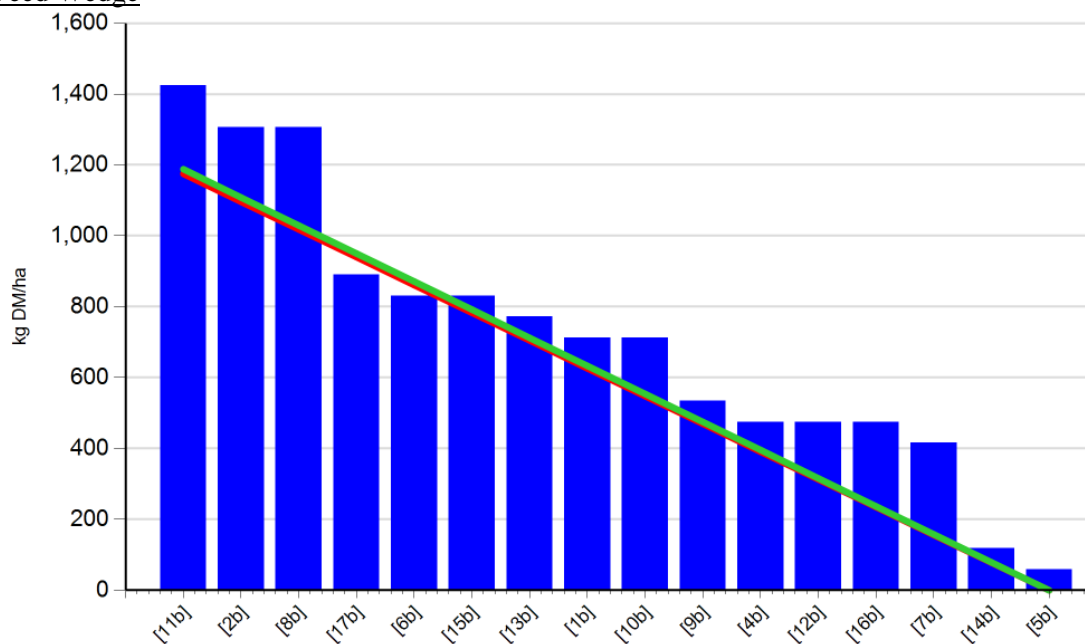
Once it began to rain there was an increase in grass growth. Silage supplementation was removed from the diet last Thursday and concentrate supplementation was gradually reduced from 6kg to 0.2kg.

- We have increased fertiliser to 27 units this week in order to optimise grass growth.
- The reseeded ground will be grazed early this week.
- We have taken one paddock out of rotation this week. We feel it is essential to maintain sward quality for grazing.

Medium SR (2.94 cows/ha)

- Grass growth –64kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover – 707kg DM/ha (215kg DM/LU)
- Rotation length – 34 days

Feed Wedge



- Grass growth increased to 64kg DM/ha in the last week. We expect growth will continue to increase this week. Pre-grazing herbage mass is at 1,400kg DM/ha.
- Cows are hitting target residual cover of 4 cm.
- Rotation length is at 34 days.
- The medium SR herd have a daily grass allocation of 17kg with 0.2kg concentrate. Grass allocation is on a 24 hour basis.

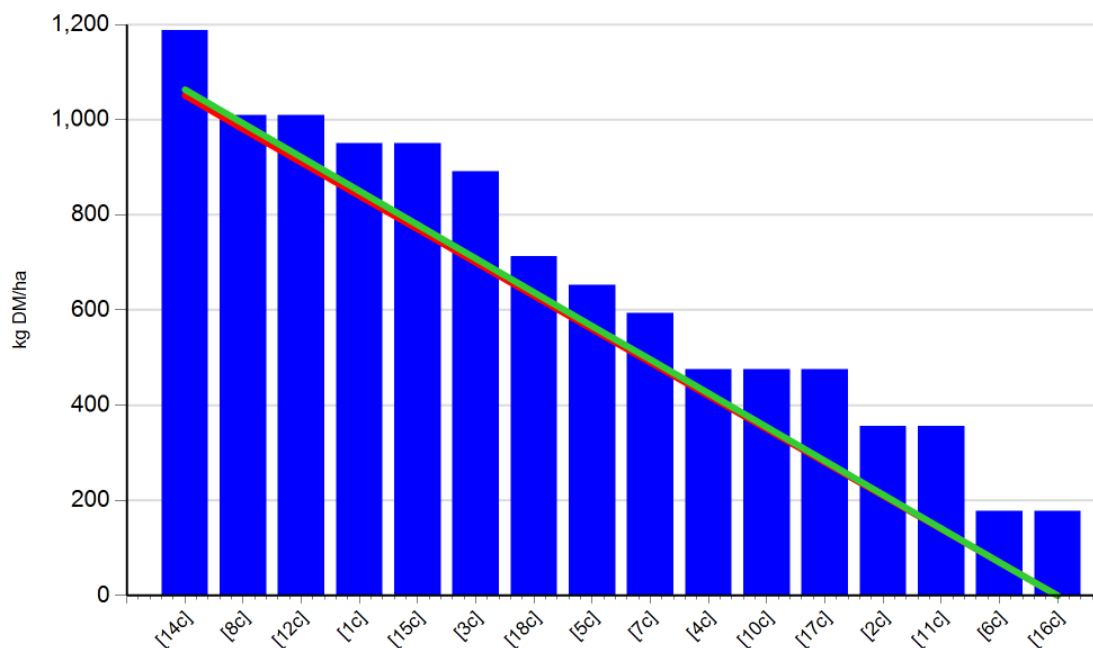
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- The reseeded ground will be grazed early this week.
- We have taken one paddock out of rotation this week. We feel it is essential to maintain sward quality for grazing.

Low SR (2.52 cows/ha)

- Grass growth – 46kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover – 646kg DM/ha (232 kg DM/LU)
- Rotation length – 34 days

Feed Wedge



- Grass growth of 46kg DM/ha was achieved last week. We expect growth will continue to increase this week. Pre-grazing herbage mass is at 1,200kg DM/ha.
- Cows are hitting target residual cover of 4.5 cm.
- Rotation length is at 34 days.
- The medium SR herd have a daily grass allocation of 18kg with 0.2kg concentrate. Grass allocation is on a 24 hour basis.
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- We have increased fertiliser to 27 units this week in order to optimise grass growth.
- The reseeded ground will be grazed early this week.
- We have taken one paddock out of rotation this week. We feel it is essential to maintain sward quality for grazing.

Overall farm situation

- Grass DM was recorded at 20.9% 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 17.5 litres per day at 4.57 % fat and 3.56% protein. SCC is at 185,000.
- Rainfall - We got 34.6 mm of rainfall in the last week.