Curtins Farm Walk Notes 12/08/13

Medium SR (2.94 cows/ha)

- Grass growth – 80 kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover – 690 kg DM/ha (205 kg DM/LU)
- Rotation length – 24 days

Figure 1. Feed wedge for Curtins Farm Medium SR treatment this week.

Figure 2. Autumn feed budget for Curtins Farm Medium SR treatment
- Grass growth was excellent this week at 80kg. Growth exceeds herd demand of 57kg.
- Baled silage was taken from three paddocks at the weekend with a cover of 2500kg/dm/ha. Two extra paddocks have also being taken out due to the extra grass growth and will be cut this week.
- Cows are hitting target residual cover of 4 cm.
- Rotation length is at 24 days.
- The medium SR herd have a daily grass allocation of 17kg this week plus .2 kg of a 14% dairy ration per day.
- We are following the grazing herd with 27 units of sulpha-CAN.
- The reseeded area is back in the rotation now having being grazed twice in the last two weeks to promote tillering in the young plants.

**Overall farm situation**

- Grass DM was recorded at 18% on the farm walk on Monday morning.

Milk yield is on average 17 litres per day at 4.72% fat, 3.79% protein and 4.68% lactose. SCC is at 159,000