

Curtins Farm weekly Farm Walk Notes 19/08/13

Medium SR (2.94 cows/ha)

- Grass growth –70 kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover – 830 kg DM/ha (246kg DM/LU)
- Rotation length – 26 days

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

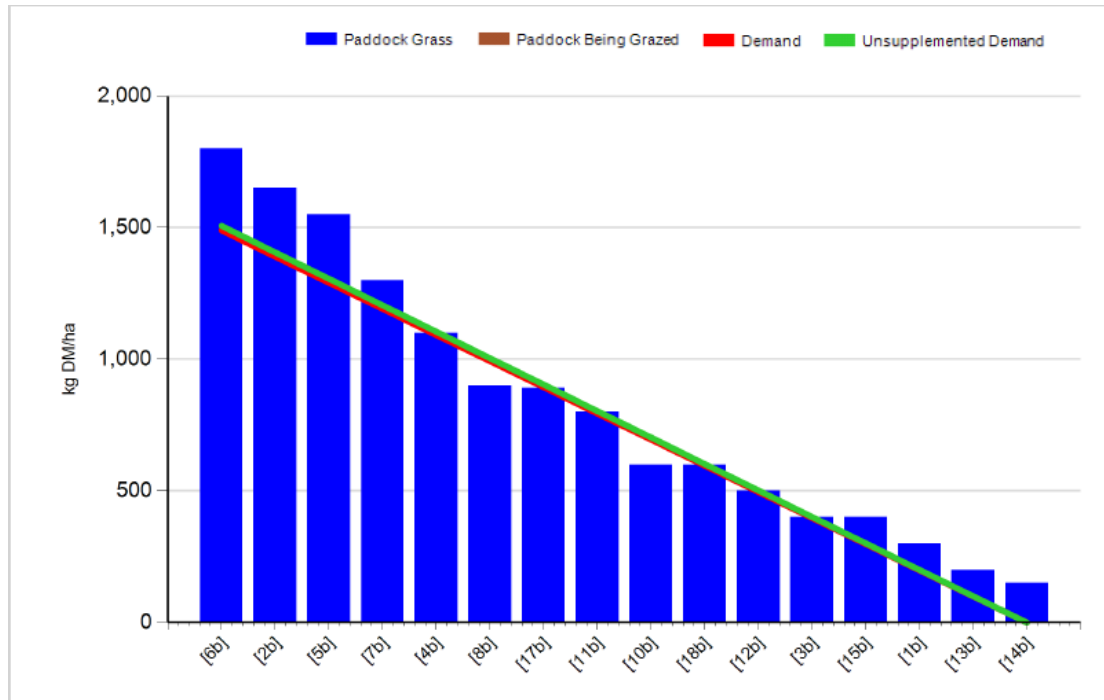
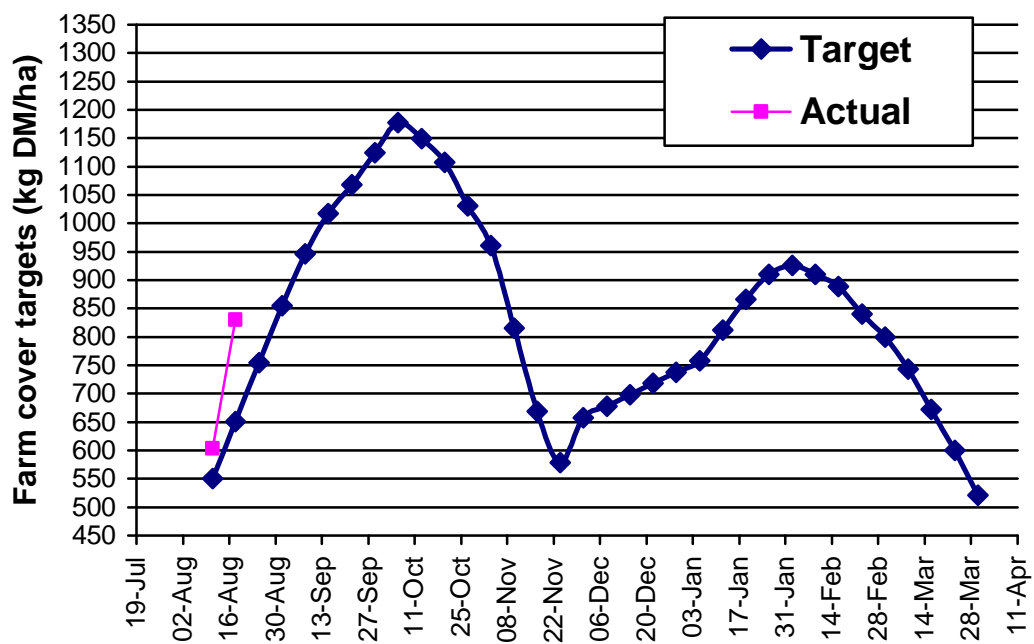


Figure 2. Autumn feed budget for Curtins Farm Medium SR treatment



- Grass growth was very good this week at 70kg. Growth exceeds herd demand of 57kg.
- The two paddocks that were taken out as surplus last week will be cut and baled early this week with an estimated cover of 2500 kg DM/ha recorded on the paddocks Monday.
- Cows are hitting target residual cover of 4 cm with grazing conditions being excellent.
- Rotation length is at 26 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.
- Total Nitrogen spread year to date is 200 kgs of N per hectare with 50kg remaining it is planned that we follow the cows for the next two rotations.

Overall farm situation

- Grass DM was recorded at 13.5% on the farm walk on Monday morning.

Milk yield is on average 16 litres per day at 4.66% fat, 3.76% protein and 4.66% lactose. SCC is at 157,000