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 (246 kg 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 sulphamethazine.
• 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