Curtins Farm weekly Farm Walk Notes 26/08/2013

Medium SR (2.94 cows/ha)

- Grass growth – 66 kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover – 763 kg DM/ha (258 kg DM/LU)
- Rotation length – 28 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 good this week at 66kg. Growth exceeds herd demand of 50kg
- As seen in figure 2. the Autumn planner is more in line after the surplus was taken out.
- Cows are hitting target residual cover of 4 cm with grazing conditions being excellent.
- Rotation length is at 28 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 with one full farm spreading rotation planned.
- Total Nitrogen spread year to date is 220 kgs of N per hectare with 30kg remaining it is planned that we follow the cows for the next two rotations.

**Overall farm situation**

- Grass DM was recorded at 14% on the farm walk on Monday morning.
  Milk yield is on average 16 litres per day at 5.03% fat, 3.75% protein and 4.56% lactose. SCC is at 131,000