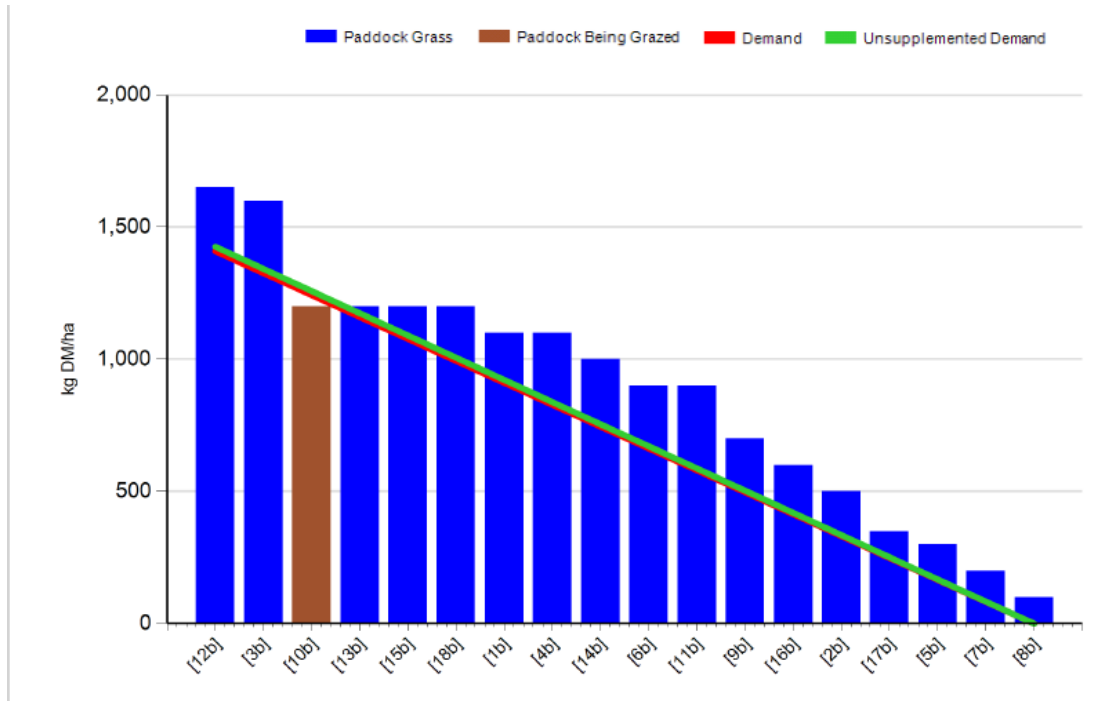


## Curtins Weekly Farm Walk Notes 03/09/2013

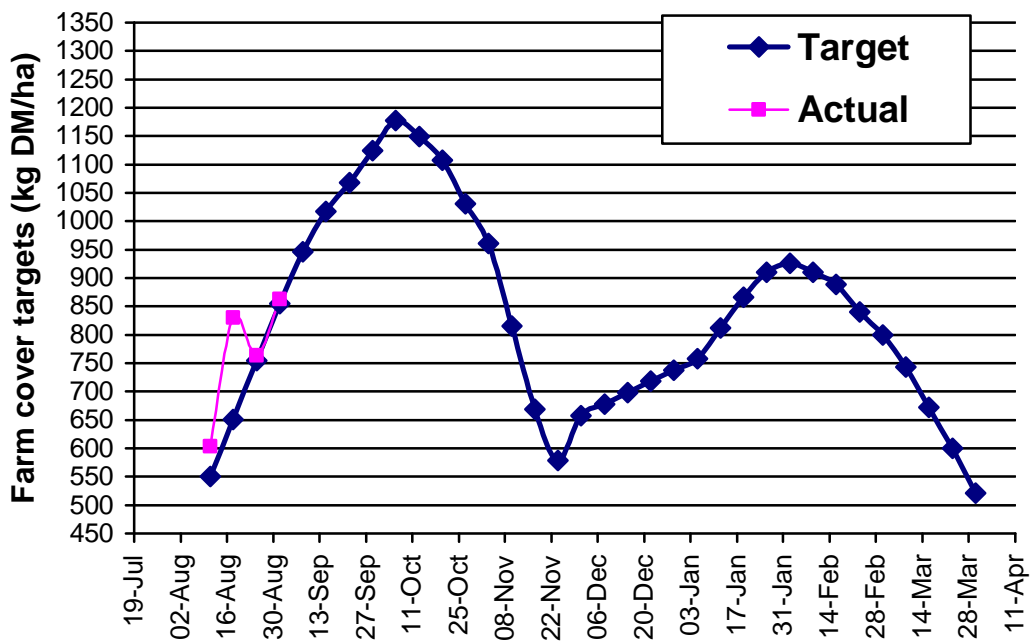
### Medium SR (2.94 cows/ha)

- Grass growth –61 kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover –863 kg DM/ha (292kg 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 61kg. Growth exceeds herd demand of 50kg
- As seen in figure 2. the Autumn planner is more in line after the surplus was taken out two weeks ago and the growth and farm cover are matching our budgeted farm cover.
- Cows are hitting target residual cover of 4 cm with grazing conditions being excellent, ground conditions are just starting to get dry slightly.
- 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 expected to be stopped spreading 20/09/2013.
- Total Nitrogen spread year to date is 228 kgs of N per hectare with 22kg remaining it is planned that we follow the cows for the next rotation.

## **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