

Curtins Farm weekly Farm Walk Notes

09/09/2013

Medium SR (2.94 cows/ha)

- Grass growth –47 kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover –833 kg DM/ha (281kg DM/LU)
- Rotation length – 32 days

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

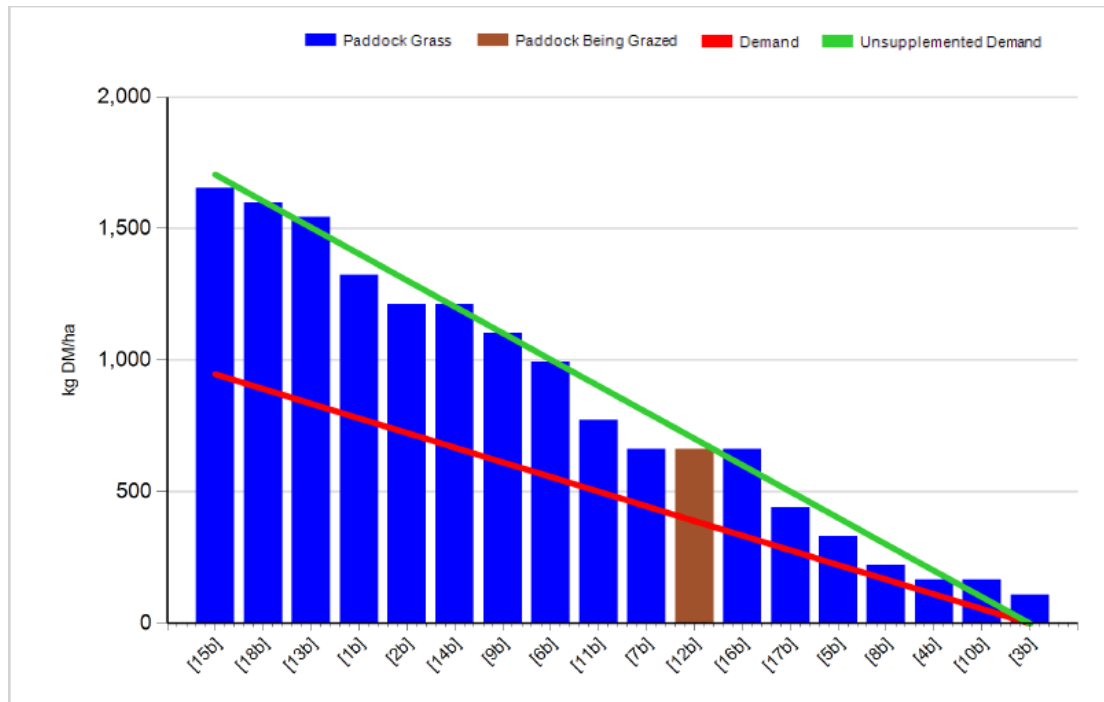
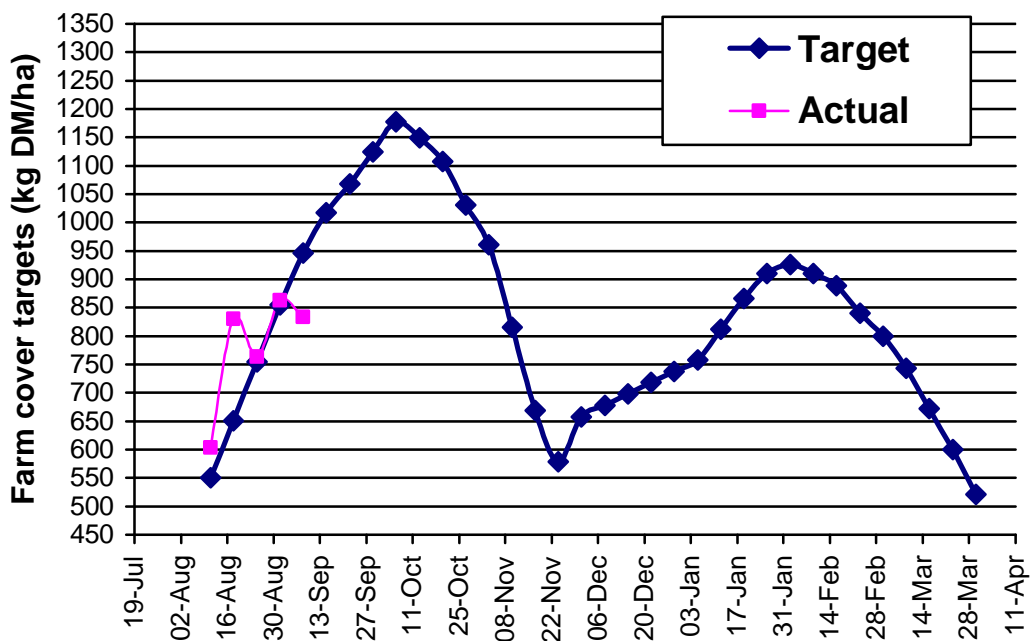


Figure 2. Autumn feed budget for Curtins Farm Medium SR treatment



- Grass growth was average this week at 47kg. Growth is being hampered by moisture deficit in the ground.
- As seen in figure 2. the Autumn planner our actual farm cover has come under our target farm cover this week.
- We plan on feeding 5kg of concentrate plus 3kgs of silage per cow for the week, we are doing this because we need to build overall farm cover in order to carry enough grass into the Autumn.
- Cows are hitting target residual cover of 4 cm with grazing conditions being excellent and silage being fed after morning milking.
- Rotation length is at 32 days.
- The medium SR herd have a daily grass allocation of 110kg this week plus 5 kg of a 14% dairy ration per day plus 3kg baled silage.
- We are following the grazing herd with 27 units of sulphur-CAN with one full farm spreading rotation planned expected to be stopped spreading 20/09/2013.

Overall farm situation

- Grass DM was recorded at 16.5% on the farm walk on Monday morning.

Milk yield is on average 14.5 litres per day at 5.18% fat, 3.96% protein and 4.59% lactose.
 SCC is at 137,000, TBC 6k