

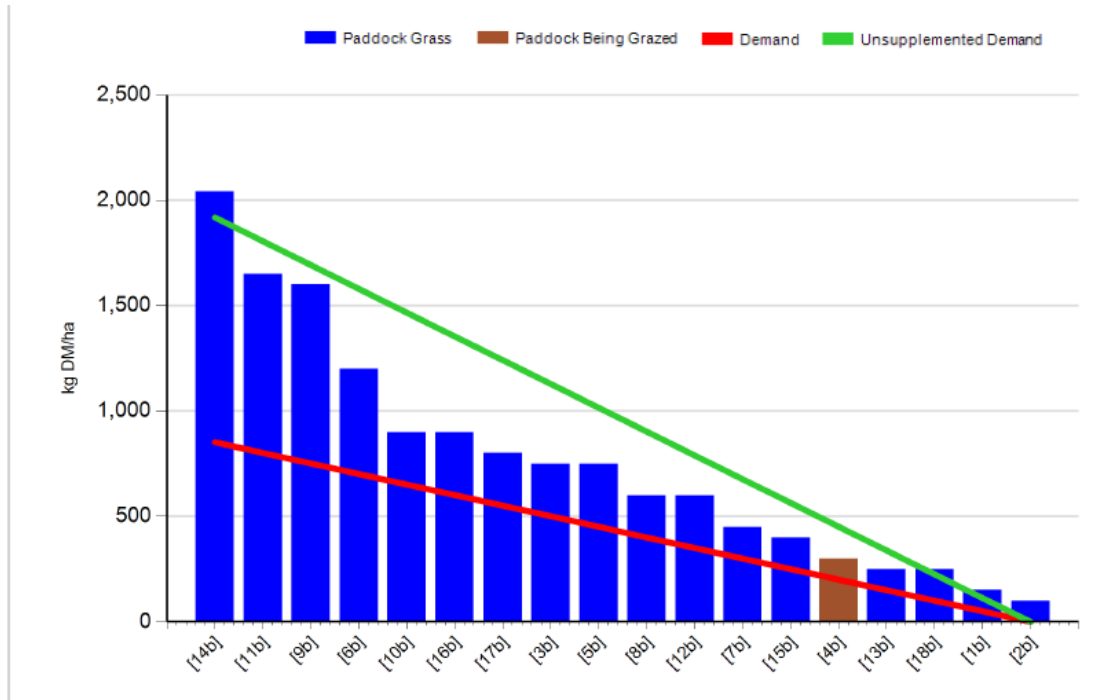
## Curtins Farm weekly Farm Walk Notes

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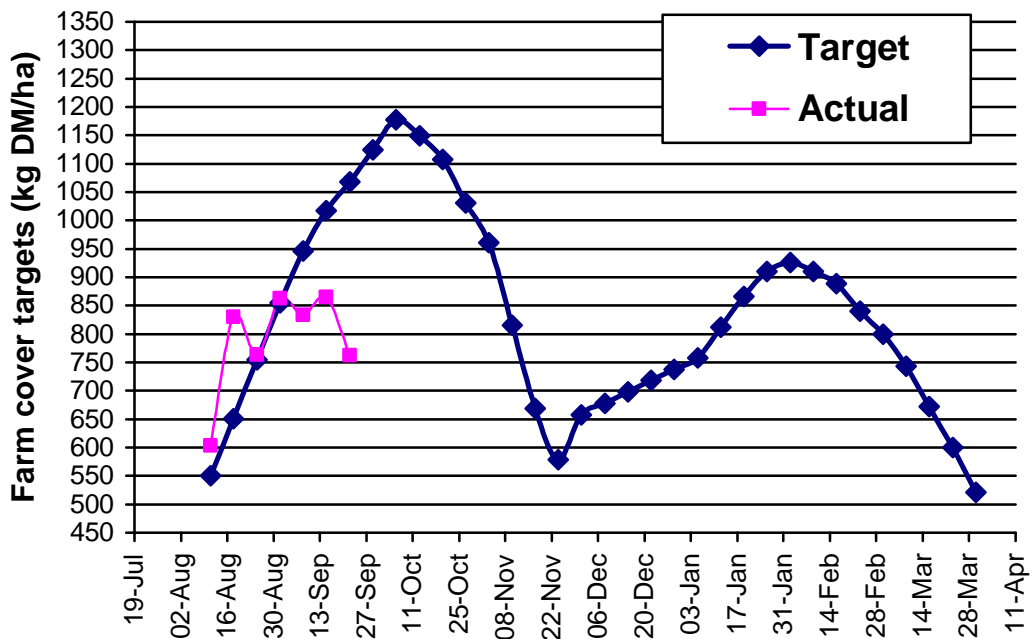
### Medium SR (2.94 cows/ha)

- Grass growth –41 kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover –762 kg DM/ha (257kg DM/LU)
- Rotation length – 36 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 41kg. Growth is being hampered badly 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 and we will struggle to get it back to target without a large increase in grass growth and added supplementation.
- We plan on feeding 5kg of concentrate plus 5kgs of silage per cow for the week plus 8kg grass, 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 36 days.
- We are almost finished spreading our nitrogen for the year with only 4 paddocks remaining to be spread.

## **Overall farm situation**

- Grass DM was recorded at 18% on the farm walk on Monday morning.

Milk yield is on average 14.5 litres per day at 5.22% fat, 4.09% protein and 4.63% lactose.  
SCC is at 140,000, TBC 6k