

Curtins Farm weekly Farm Walk Notes

14/10/2013

Medium SR (2.94 cows/ha)

- Grass growth –56 kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover –945 kg DM/ha (319kg DM/LU)
- Rotation length – 40 days

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

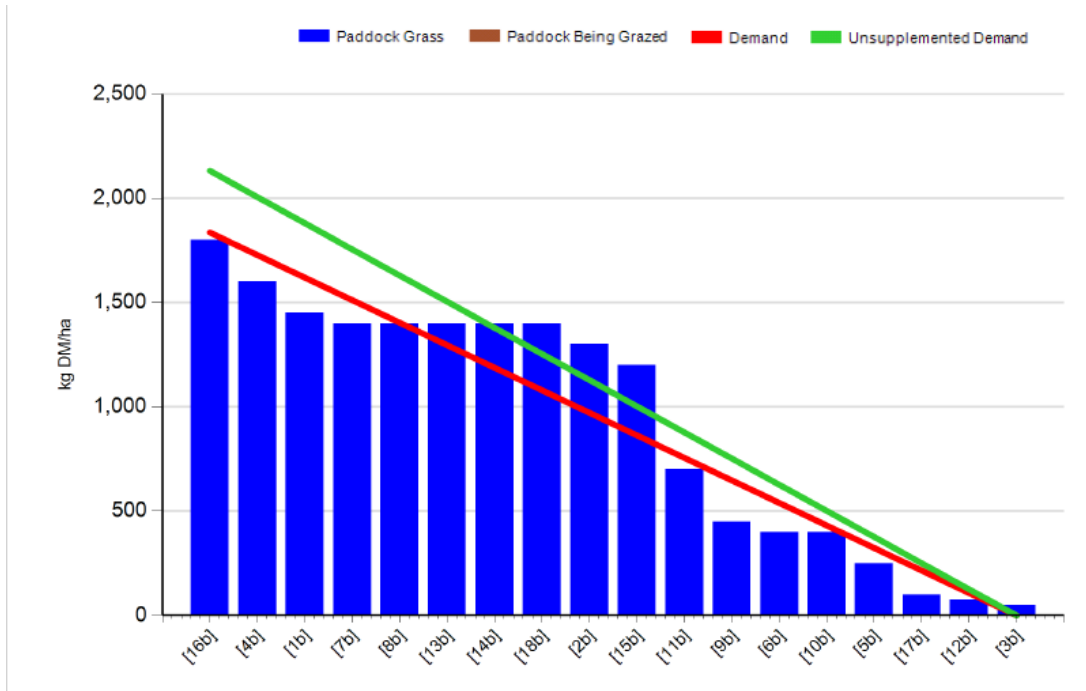
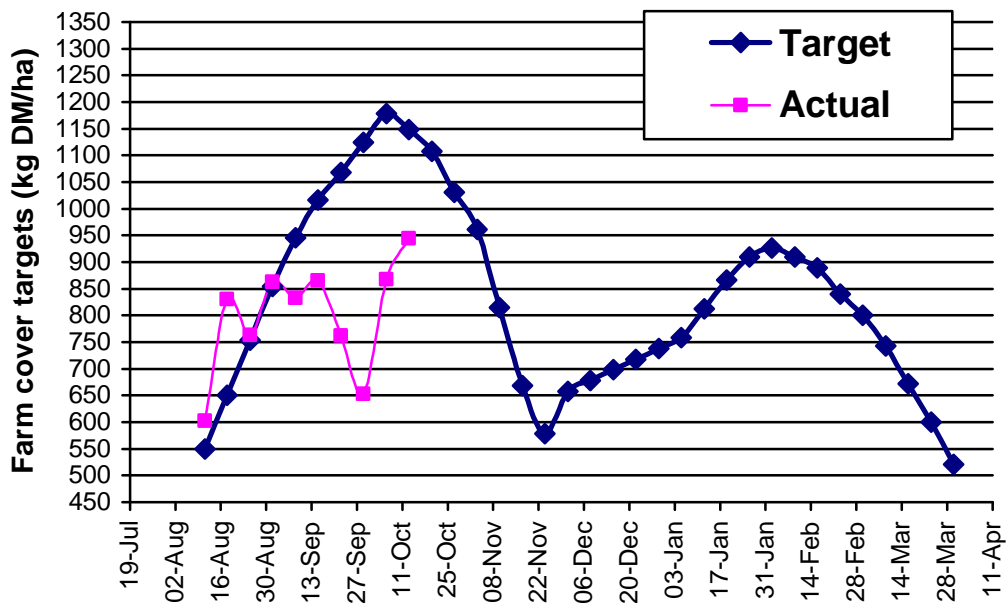


Figure 2. Autumn feed budget for Curtins Farm Medium SR treatment



- Grass growth has held this week at 56kg the rain and high soil temp are helping maintain the good growing conditions.
- As seen in figure 2. the Autumn planner our actual farm cover is still under our target farm cover this week and we will struggle to get it back to target without a further increase in grass growth and added supplementation but we are in a good enough position to extend the growing season.
- We plan on feeding 2.5kg of concentrate plus 15kg 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.
- Rotation length is at 40 days.
- We are finished spreading fertiliser with our allocation of 250kg of N per HA being reached.
- Slurry/Dirty water is being applied to paddocks as the cows have finished grazing them at a rate of 2500gal/acer and we seem to be getting a good response from this in grass growth.

Overall farm situation

- Grass DM was recorded at 15.5% on the farm walk on Monday morning.

Milk yield is on average 14.2 litres per day at 5.50% fat, 4.18% protein and 4.53% lactose.
SCC is at 180,000, TBC 6k