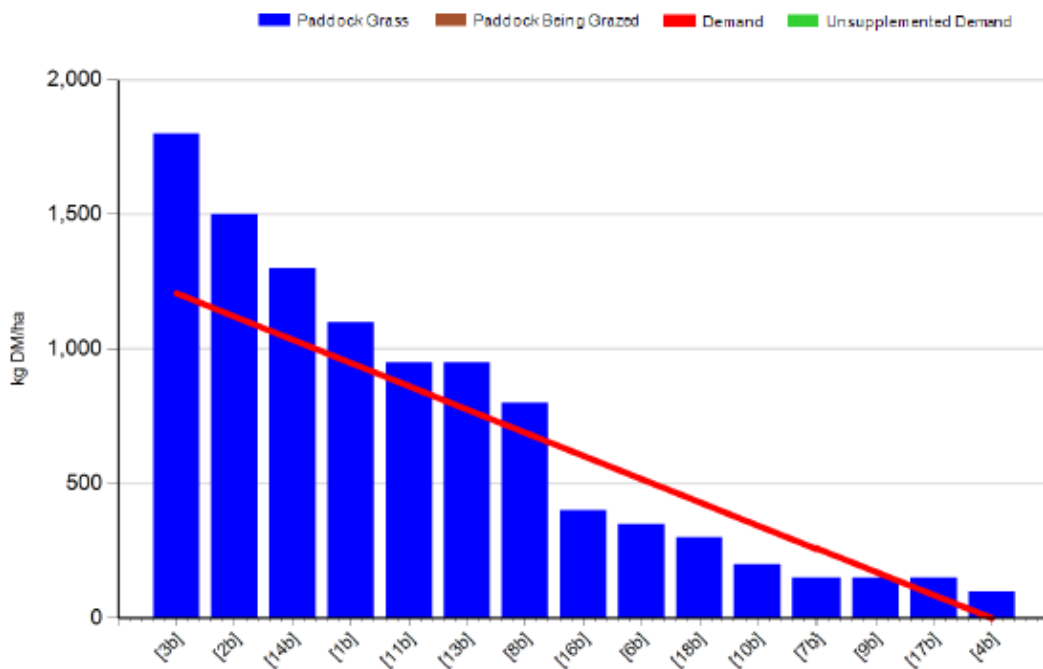


07/07/14
Curtins Farm weekly Farm Walk Notes

Medium SR (2.94 cows/ha)

- Grass growth –67kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover – 654kg DM/ha (184 kg DM/LU)
- Rotation length – 20 days
- Current stocking rate 3.55 cows/Ha



- Grass growth was back on previous weeks this week at 67kg this is because of two reasons 1- Lack of moisture in the ground, 2- we have 8 paddocks under a cover of 500kg/dm/ha as we cut out all our second cut last week.
- Cows are hitting target residual cover of 4 cm but some stubble coming into pasture and the grass is still producing seed heads.
- Rotation length is at 20 days.
- The medium SR herd have a daily grass allocation of 17kg this week plus 0.2 kg of a 14% dairy ration per day.
- We are following the grazing herd with 18 units of sulphha-CAN.
- All cows are getting there mineral requirement in the water system.

Overall farm situation

Grass DM was recorded at 19% on the farm walk on Monday morning.

Milk yield is on average 18.5 litres per day at 4.74% fat, 3.60% protein and 4.70% lactose.

SCC is at 160,000. TBC 5K

- We have reduced our farm cover by taking one block of ground out of the rotation for re-seeding we will leave this grow to over 2000kg/dm/ha and then spray it off.
- Grass quality remains ok some paddocks are still producing a lot of seed heads.
- 62% of the cows have been scanned in calf from the first 5 weeks of the breeding season. (Cows are scanned 32 days after service)
- Tail paint topped up every second day as we are coming to the end of the breeding season and we use 100% AI tail paint and watching the cows closely is crucial.