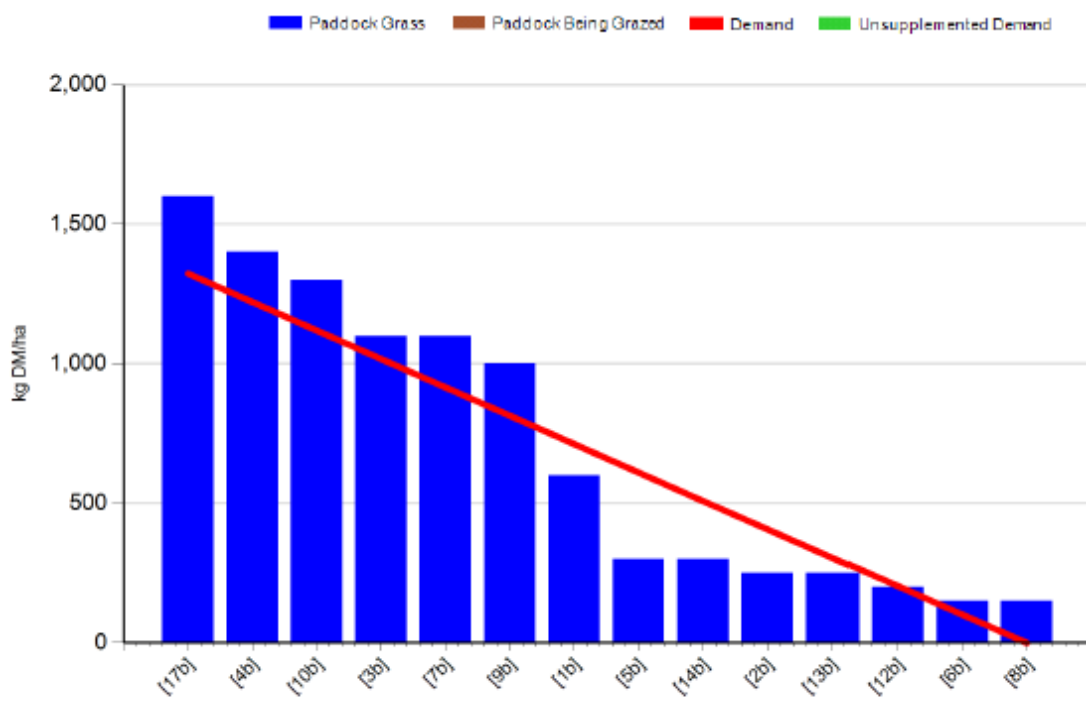


21/07/14
Curtins Farm weekly Farm Walk Notes

Medium SR (2.94 cows/ha)

- Grass growth –78kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover – 713kg DM/ha (183 kg DM/LU)
- Rotation length – 20 days
- Current stocking rate 3.89 cows/Ha



- Grass growth was good on the farm last week with some very welcomed rain which fell on Saturday. As this is a very dry farm we run into a moisture deficit very quickly.
- 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 sulphur-CAN.
- All cows are getting their mineral requirement in the water system.

Overall farm situation

Grass DM was recorded at 16% on the farm walk on Monday morning.

Milk yield is on average 18 litres per day at 4.74% fat, 3.62% protein and 4.70% lactose. SCC is at 171,000. TBC 5K

- We sprayed our paddock last Monday and will cut it today to clean it off before reseeding
- Grass quality remains ok some paddocks are still producing a lot of seed heads.
- 7 week in-calf rate is 77%
- 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.