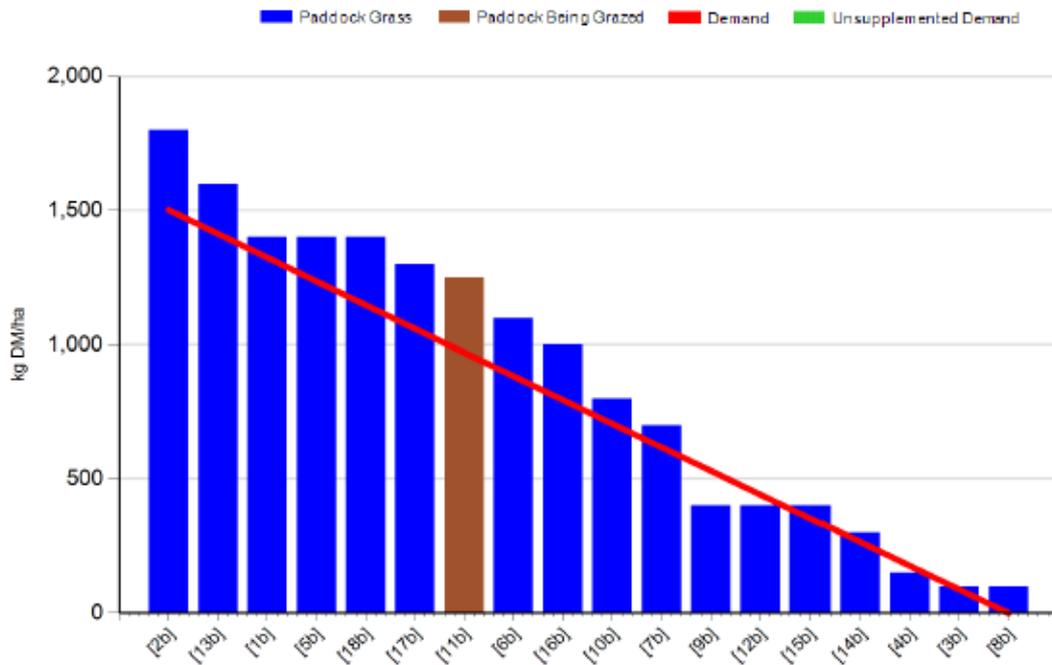
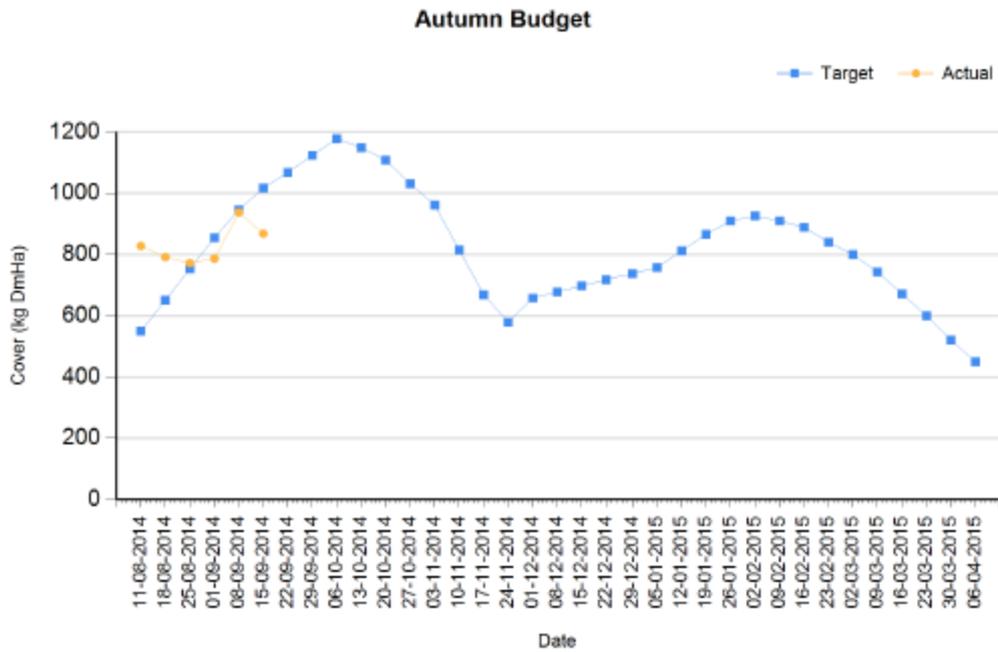


16/09/14
Curtins Farm weekly Farm Walk Notes

Medium SR (2.94 cows/ha)

- Grass growth –44kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover – 868kg DM/ha (293 kg DM/LU)
- Rotation length – 35 days
- Current stocking rate 2.96 cows/Ha





- Grass growth is back in line with our current farm demand, this is causing us to struggle to build farm cover. We have decided to leave the cows on 3kgs of concentrate and also add 5kgs of bale silage. With this we hope to slow down the drop between target and actual graph above.
- Cows are hitting target residual cover of 4 cm grass which is very easy for this time of year with the very good ground conditions.
- Rotation length is at 35 days our plan is to extend this every week by two days and to start building our autumn cover now.
- The medium SR herd have a daily grass allocation of 8kg this week plus 3.0 kg of a 14% dairy ration per day and 5kgs of baled silage.
- Nitrogen spreading has now ceased and I estimate we have spread 248kg of N per Ha Year to date.
- Grass seed have been grazed and plan on grazing again in 14days to promote good tillering in the new plants

Overall farm situation

Grass DM was recorded at 20% on the farm walk on Monday morning.

Milk yield is on average 15.5 litres per day at 4.97% fat, 4.11% protein. SCC is at 159,000.

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Breeding season is now finished and early scanning results indicate a successful breeding season with an empty rate of 9%. 13 week breeding season, 100% AI.

I have included our Autumn Budget planner in this weeks notes our plan is to stick to plan as closely as possible to allow us produce as much milk as possible off grass into the later stages of the season, this is proving very difficult with a severe rain shortage in this area.