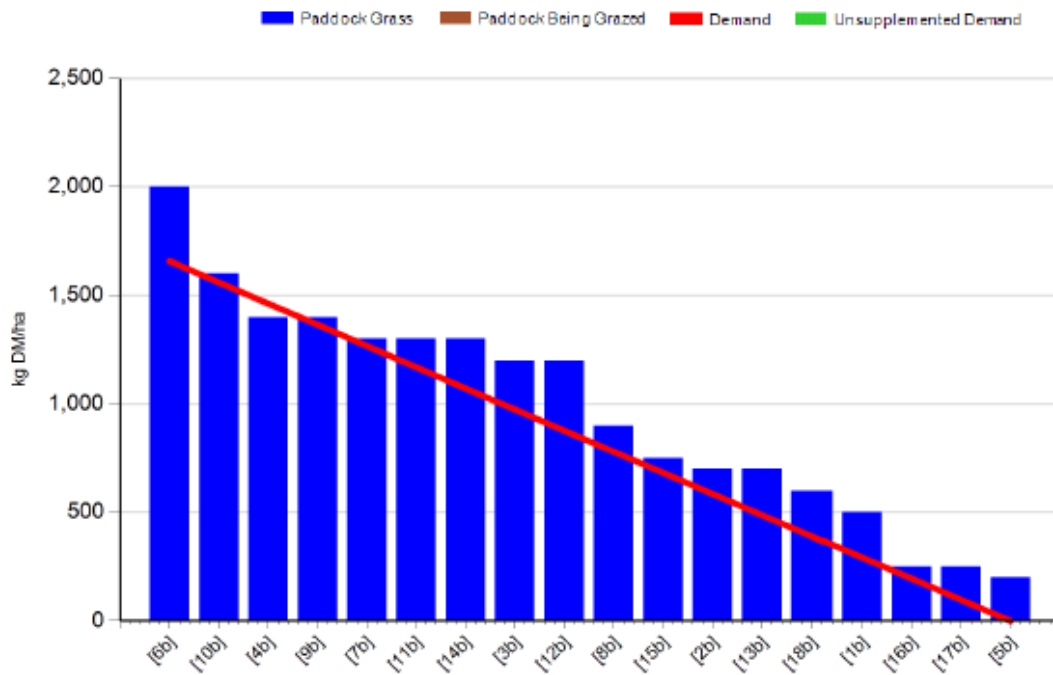
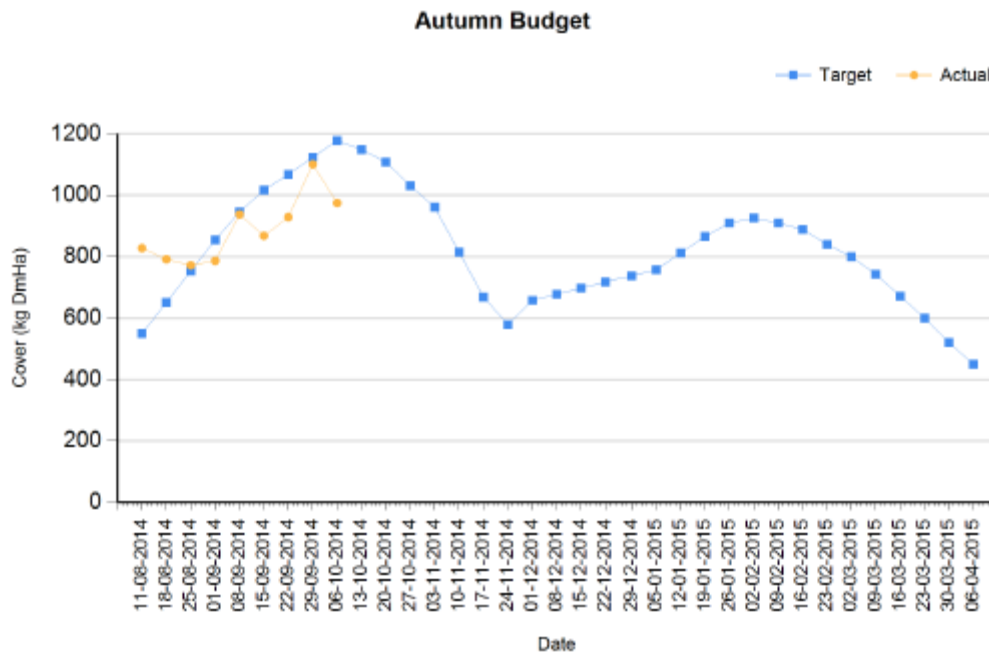


**06/10/14**  
**Curtins Farm weekly Farm Walk Notes**

**Medium SR (2.94 cows/ha)**

- Grass growth –32kg DM/ha/day
- Farm cover – 975kg DM/ha (329 kg DM/LU)
- Rotation length – 40 days
- Current stocking rate 2.96 cows/Ha





- Grass growth is not good enough for us to build adequate cover therefore we are 200kgdm per hectare behind our target.
- Cows are hitting target residual cover of 4 cm grass which is helpful.
- Rotation length is at 40 days now.
- The medium SR herd have a daily grass allocation of 13kg this week plus 3.0 kg of a 14% dairy ration per day.
- 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 14% on the farm walk on Monday morning.

Milk yield is on average 15 litres per day at 5.14% fat, 4.11% protein. SCC is at 127,000.

TBC 4K lactose 4.67%

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.