

14/09/15
Curtins Farm weekly Farm Walk Notes

Medium SR (2.94 cows/ha)

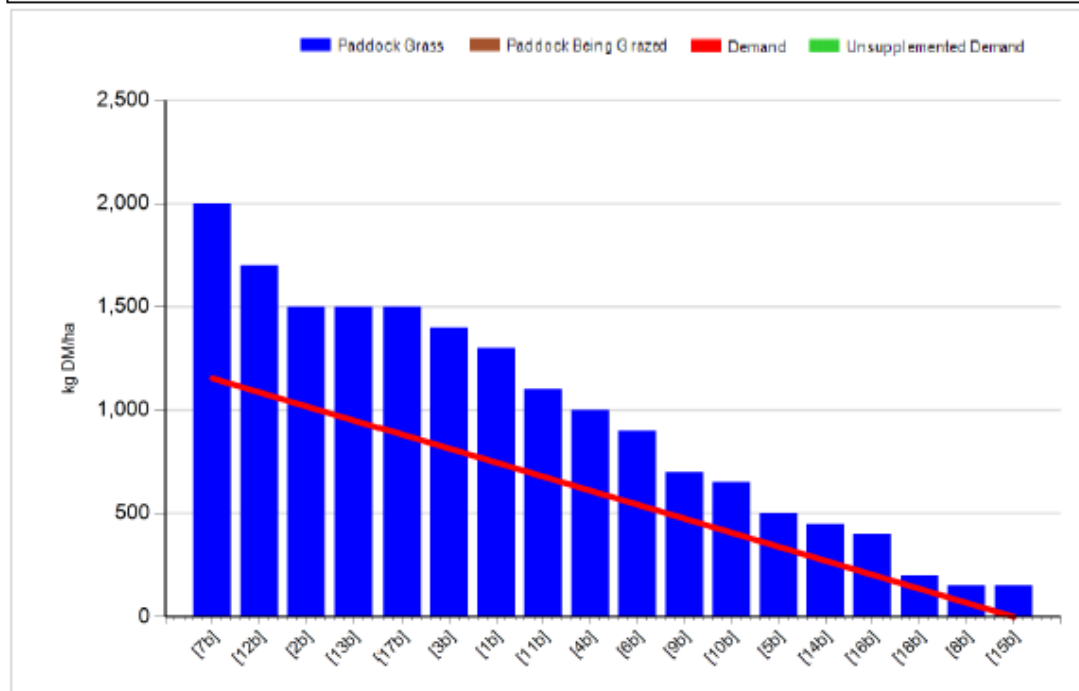
Group:	Cover Date: 14/09/2015
Farm: Curtins Farm	Treatment: Medium stocking rate

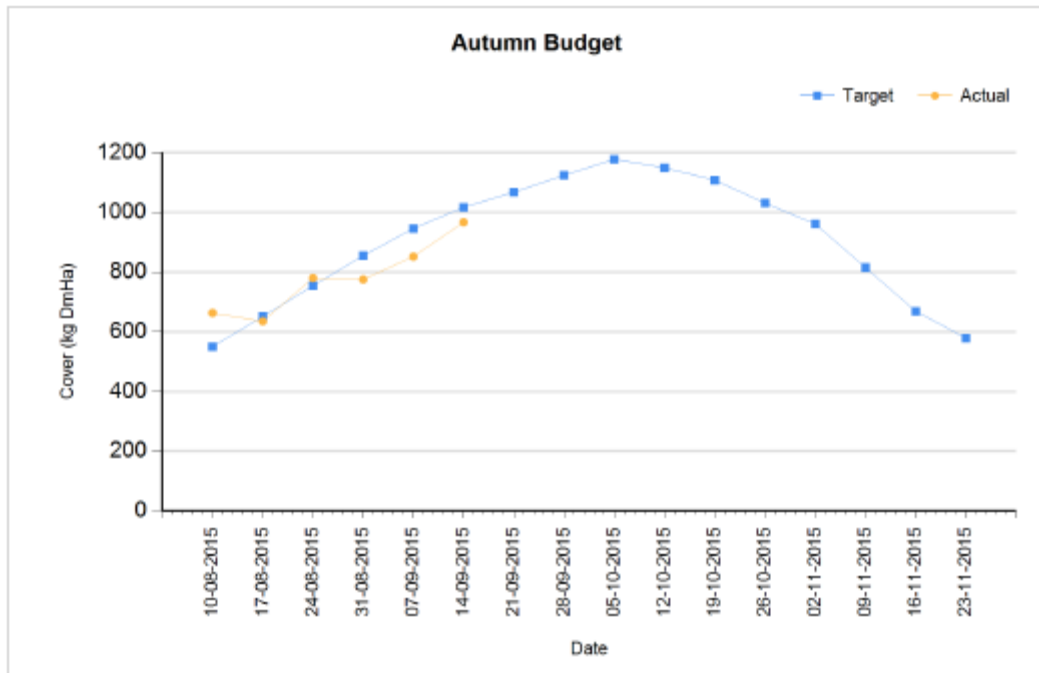
Management Decisions

Rotation Length (days):	30	Silage Fed (kg DM/cow):	
Grass Allocation/Cow (kg DM/cow):	13.0	Residual Height (cm):	4.0
No. of Cows:	47		
Concentrate Fed (kg/cow):	4.0		

Cover Parameters

Grass Allocation/LU (kg DM/LU):	13.0	Growth Rate:	63
Total Livestock (LU):	47.0	Farm Demand (kg DM/ha/day):	38
Farm Cover (kg DM/ha):	967	Target Pre-grazing yield (kg DM/ha):	1154
Farm Cover (kg DM/LU):	327	Days Ahead:	25
Stocking Rate (LU/ha):	2.96	LW/ha (Liveweight/ha):	0





- Grass growth is 63kg/dm/day on average this week, I am very happy with this level of growth as it is helping close the gap in our Autumn planner.
- Rotation length has been stretched out to 32 days from now on and we will add days every week from here on .
- Cows are hitting target residual cover of 4 cm to 4.5cm, this has become more difficult with the wet conditions earlier in the week and the higher grazing covers.
- The medium SR herd have a daily grass allocation of 13kg this week plus 4kg of a 14% dairy ration per day.
- Nitrogen spreading has ceased with 248kg of N spread to date.

Overall farm situation

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

Milk yield is on average 16 litres per day at 5.17% fat, 4.11% protein. SCC is at 87k. TBC 6K lactose 4.74%

Breeding season is now finished and early scanning results indicate an average breeding season with an empty rate of 12 to 14%. 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. The plan is to reduce meal feeding to 2kg per cow per day once our average farm cover has increased.

Cumulative Paddock Yield to 14/09/2015

