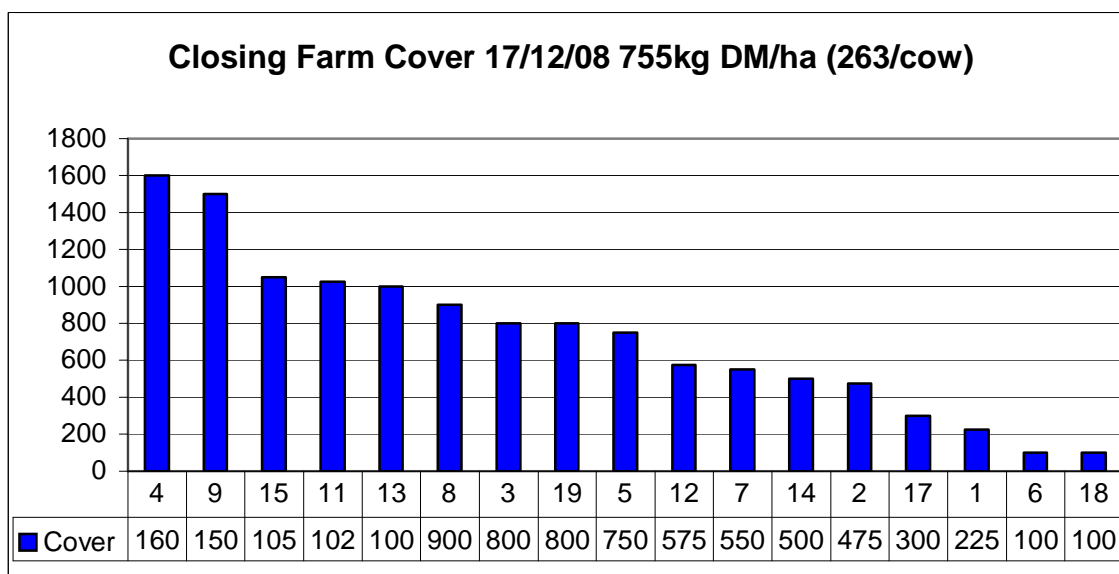


Curtins Farm Winter Update – January 2009

1. Farm Feed Wedge



2. Cows were housed on the 24th of November.
3. Total concentrate fed per cow in 2008 was 275kg,
4. Total nitrogen fertilizer applied in 2008 was 246kg N/ha
5. Total grass growth in 2008 was 16t DM/ha
6. Milk solids produced in 2008 was 1214kg/ha (420kg/cow)
7. All cows were dried off by the 22nd of December
8. Mean body condition score on the 7/1/09 was 3.25
9. First cow is due to calve on the 18/1/09, with 32% due in January, 40% due in February and the remainder due in March.

Grass 2009

The first farm walk of the New Year will take place on the 13/1/09, at this stage it is expected that Block 4 will have to be grazed first by dry cows as the cover on this paddock will be too high for milking cows. Our targets for the 1st round are to let cows out fulltime as they calve, graze all paddocks to 3.5cm, minimize damage/poaching, have 30% of the farm grazed by end of February and start the second round on the 1st April.

New Trial

A new trial is commencing in early '09 titled 'The Effect of Stocking Rate and Calving Date on Spring Milk Production Systems Post Milk Quota.' In this trial we will be comparing three different stocking rates (2.5cows/ha, 2.9cows/ha and 3.3cows/ha) under two different mean calving dates (10th February and 1st March).