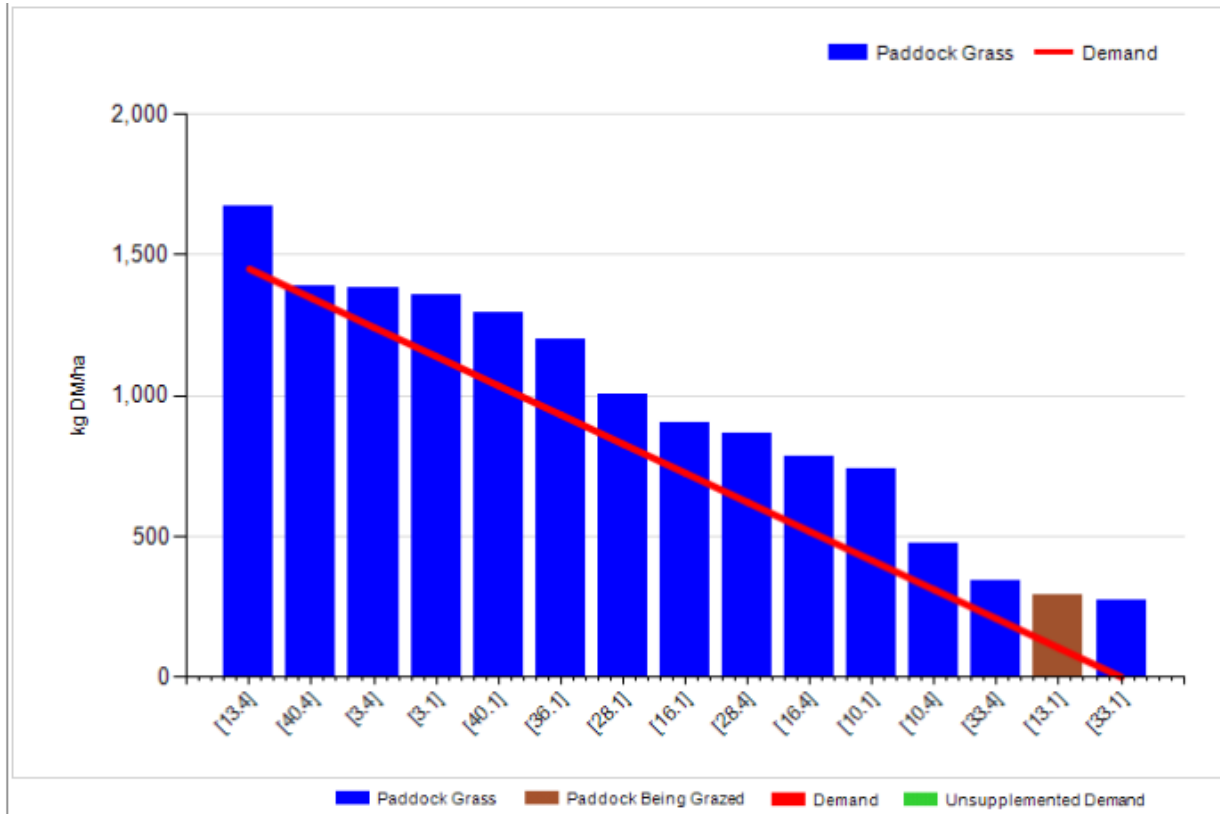


Johnstown Castle Winter Milk Herd- Weekly Management Notes

13/04/15



Management Comments

- Soil temp averaged 10.7°C for last week. Rainfall only 3.6mm. Excellent grazing conditions.
- Pre-grazing yield ~ 1500, back to feeding 1kg concentrate/cow, silage ground has been closed.
- Cover/LU ahead of target, will monitor closely, wedge isn't ideal due to burst of growth, but hesitant to take out any surplus at this early stage & with forecast of cool easterly breeze.
- All cows calved & getting ready to start all over again - Vet due this next to treat any problem cows pre-breeding.
- Sires for spring breeding have been selected & straws delivered for MSD 25/04/15, see table below.

Summary Average of 9 sires selected for Spring breeding

	EBI(E)	EBI Sub Index							PTA's							
		Milk (E)	Fert (E)	Calv (E)	Beef (E)	Maint (E)	Mmgt (E)	Hlth (E)	M Kg	F Kg	P Kg	F+P Kg	F %	P %	CI days	SU %
All Cows in Herd	173	54	93	27	-5	0	1	1	158	9.8	8.8	18.5	0.07	0.07	-5.3	2.3
Predicted 2016 Calves	254	80	134	36	-6	5	3	1	209	14.7	12.6	27.3	0.13	0.11	-7.4	3.6
Bulls Weighted Averages	334	106	176	45	-8	9	6	1	259	19.6	16.4	36.0	0.18	0.15	-9.5	4.8

Milk production and feed details

	Autumn Calving Section	Spring Calving Section
<i>This Week (13/04/15)</i>		
Milk Kg	26.7	30.6
Fat %	3.98	4.04
Protein %	3.63	3.45
Milk Solids kg	2.01	2.29
Parlour concentrate (kgs)	1.0	1.0
Silage kg dry matter per cow	0	0
Grazed grass kg cow	17	17
<i>Lactation to date</i>		
Milk kg	4774	1553
Milk Solids kg	360	119
Concentrate Fed	810 parlor & 356kg tmr	264 parlor & 116kg tmr