

Johnstown Castle Winter Milk Herd- Weekly Management Notes

08/06/15

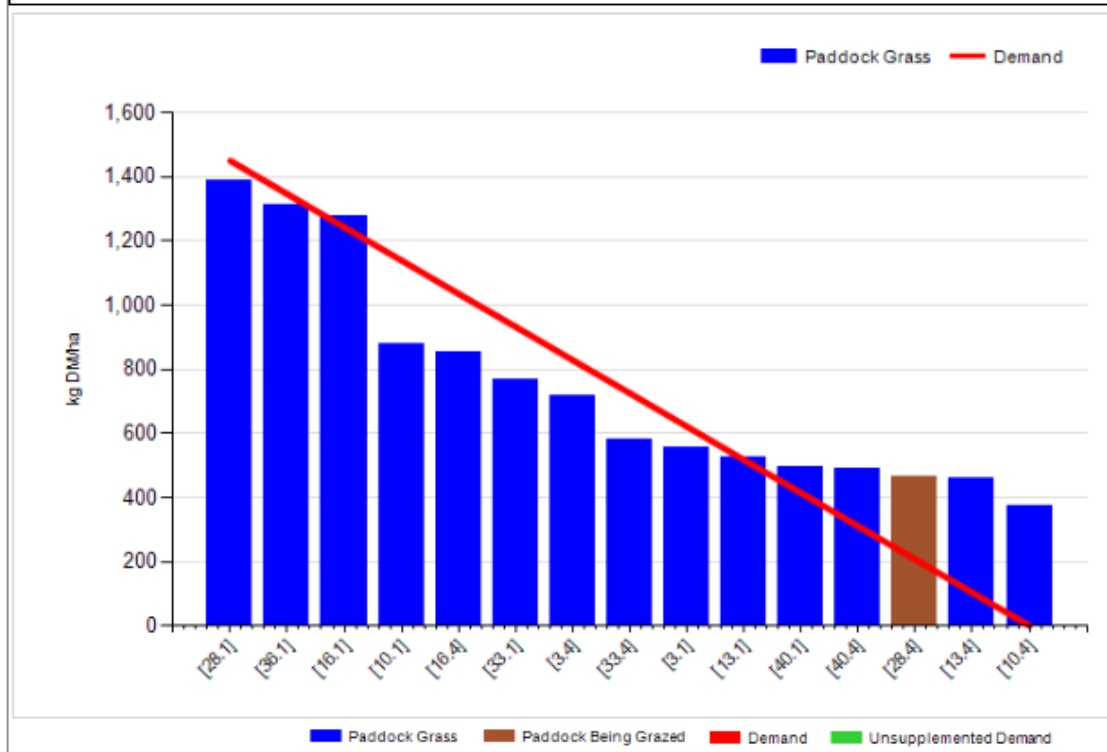
Group: Teagasc Dairy Research Farms	Cover Date: 08/06/2015
Farm: Johnstown Dairy	Treatment: 1

Management Decisions

Rotation Length (days):	21	Silage Fed (kg DM/cow):	0.0
Grass Allocation/Cow (kg DM/cow):	17.0	Residual Height (cm):	4.0
No. of Cows:	52		
Concentrate Fed (kg/cow):	1.0		

Cover Parameters

Grass Allocation/LU (kg DM/LU):	17.0	Growth Rate (kg/ha/day):	45
Total Livestock (LU):	52.0	Farm Demand (kg DM/ha/day):	72
Farm Cover (kg DM/ha):	766	Target Pre-grazing yield (kg DM/ha):	1450
Farm Cover (kg DM/LU):	181	Days Ahead:	11
Stocking Rate (LU/ha):	4.24	LW/ha (Liveweight/ha):	



Management Comments

- Rainfall of 22.1mm and soil temp of 13.0°C for last week. Excellent grazing conditions for the last few days & grass quality seems to have improved a bit.
- We took out approx. 5% of farmlet last Friday with a cover of approx. 3000kgs/dm/ha.
- Topped a couple of paddocks, where necessary last week. Growth rates were poor early last week due to cold breeze, but should have picked up a bit in the last few days, still have adequate grass & utilisation is good

Milk production and feed details

	Autumn Calving Section	Spring Calving Section
<i>This Week (08/06/15)</i>		
Milk Kg	22.2	26.8
Fat %	3.84	3.80
Protein %	3.68	3.41
Milk Solids kg	1.64	1.93
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>		
Days in Milk	236	98
Milk kg	6109	2845
Milk Solids kg	465	212
Concentrate Fed	871kg parlor & 356kg tmr	271kg parlor & 105kg tmr