

Ballyhaise Farm Walk Notes Monday 04-09-17

Farm Details:

Area available 40 ha

Farm Cover 1143kg/DM/Ha

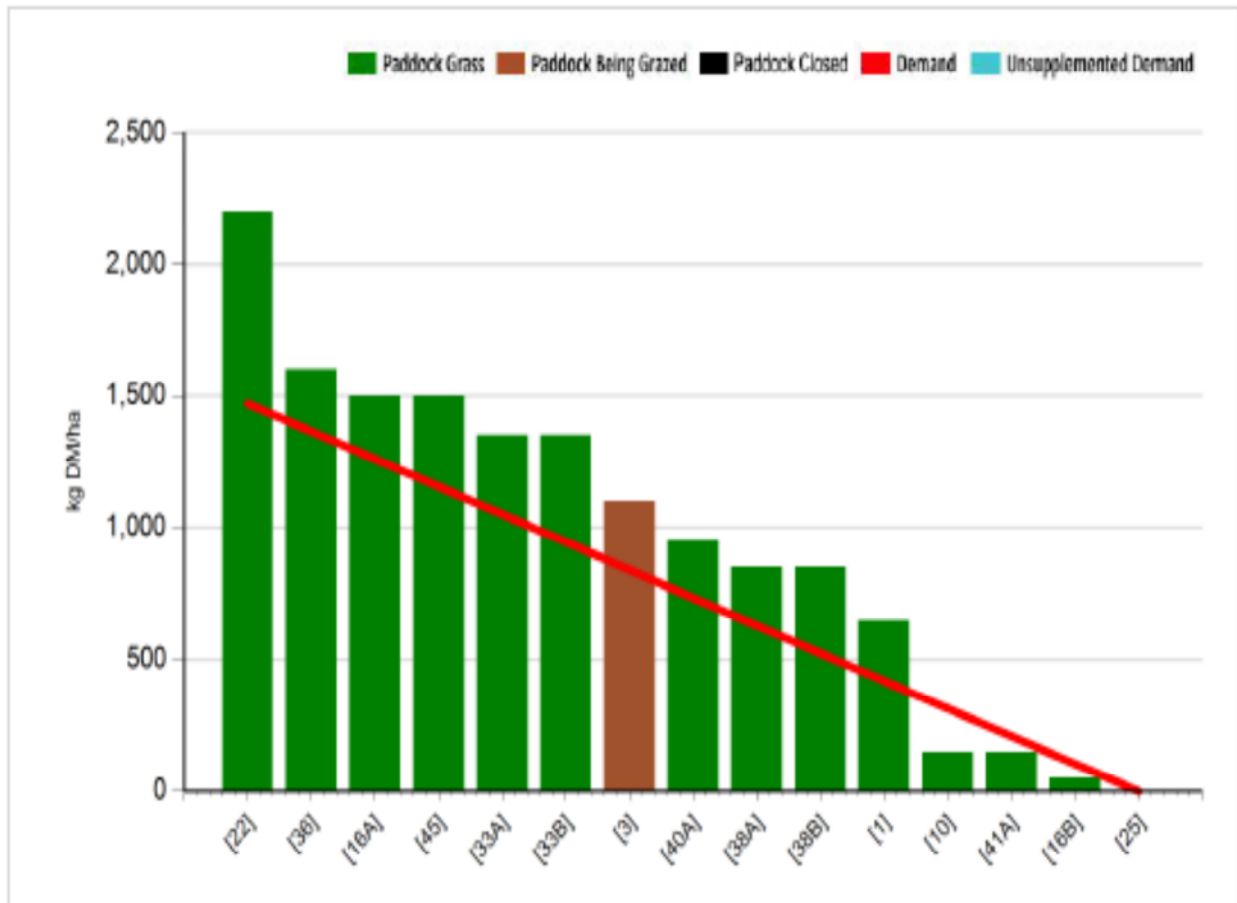
Growth for last 7 days has averaged 83 kg/DM/ha per day.

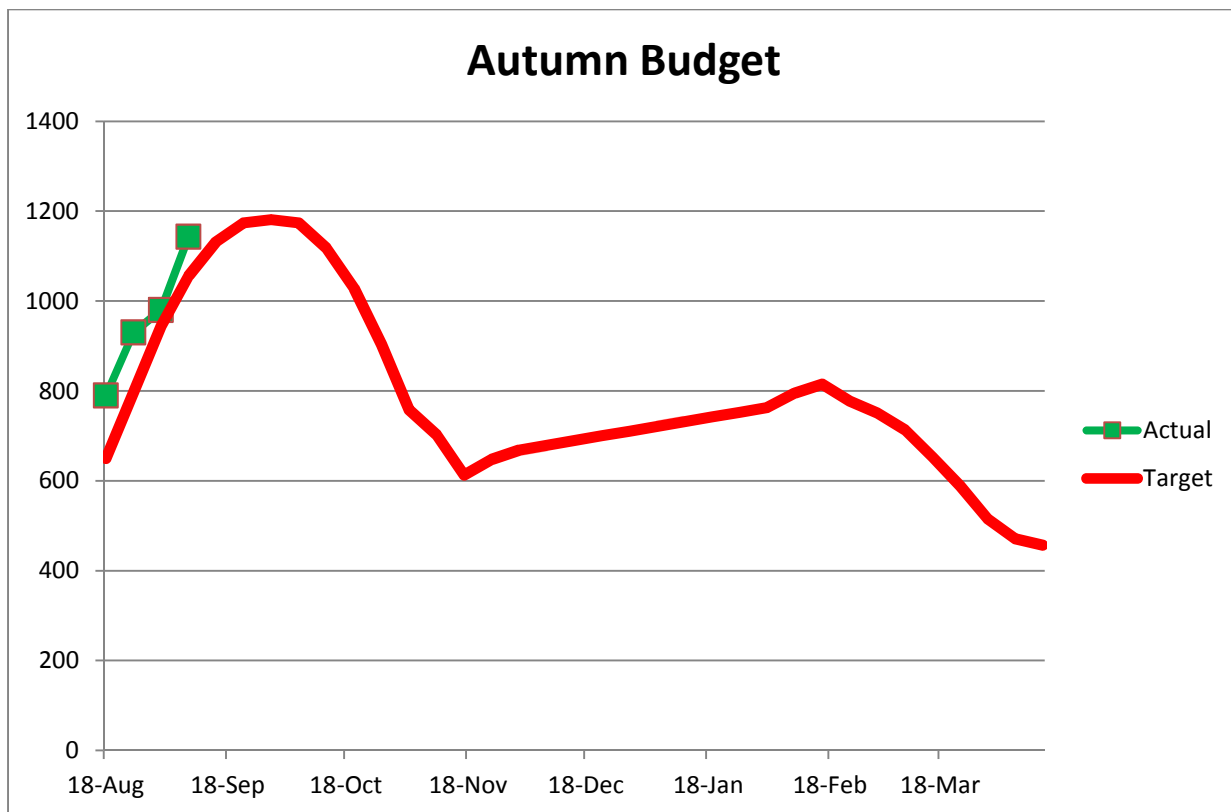
Demand is 46kg DM / ha

2kg of a 13% protein ration fed per day.

Grass Supply

Grass growth is 83kg DM / ha this week. We have increased rotation length to 32 days. Demand is 46kg DM / ha with no paddocks closed for silage. Average farm cover is 1143kg DM / ha. We cut two more paddocks for silage last Friday to make sure cover does not build too quickly. Growth rates are well ahead of what we budget for at this time of year. We are grazing covers of 2200kg DM / ha. We plan to reach a peak average farm cover of 1200kg DM / ha in the next two weeks.





Grazing conditions

Conditions have deteriorated with recent heavy rainfall. Heavy soils on the farm are saturated while more free draining soils are still ok for grazing. We are allocating grass in 12 hour blocks to minimise damage due to wet conditions and heavy pre grazing covers. Cows are grazing to residual of 4.5 to 5 cm.

Supplements

Cows are being fed 2kg of a high energy (0.95 UFL), low protein (13%) ration, 6% cal-mag. To date we have fed 270kg of meal and 55kg DM of silage per cow to milking cows.

Fertiliser

We are spreading 20 units of Urea after grazing. Spreading some 18-6-12 on low P and K paddocks also.

Milk Production

Average production 15.2 litres per cow, 4.89% fat, 3.94% protein, (1.38kg MS), SCC 104,000.

Total Grass Production

To date 12.8 tonne DM / ha of grass has been produced. 131 tonnes DM of silage has been conserved.