

# Ballyhaise Farm Walk Notes Monday 11-09-17

## Farm Details:

Area available 40 ha

Farm Cover 1200kg/DM/Ha

DM 14%

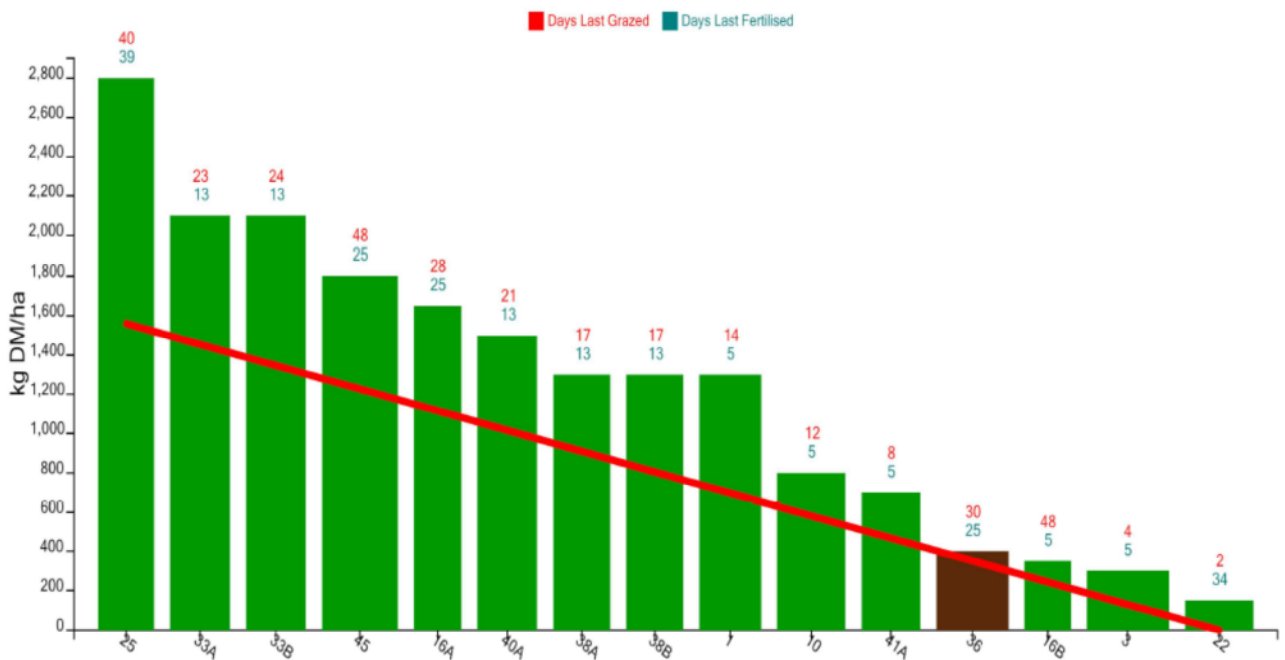
Growth for last 7 days has averaged 70 kg/DM/ha per day.

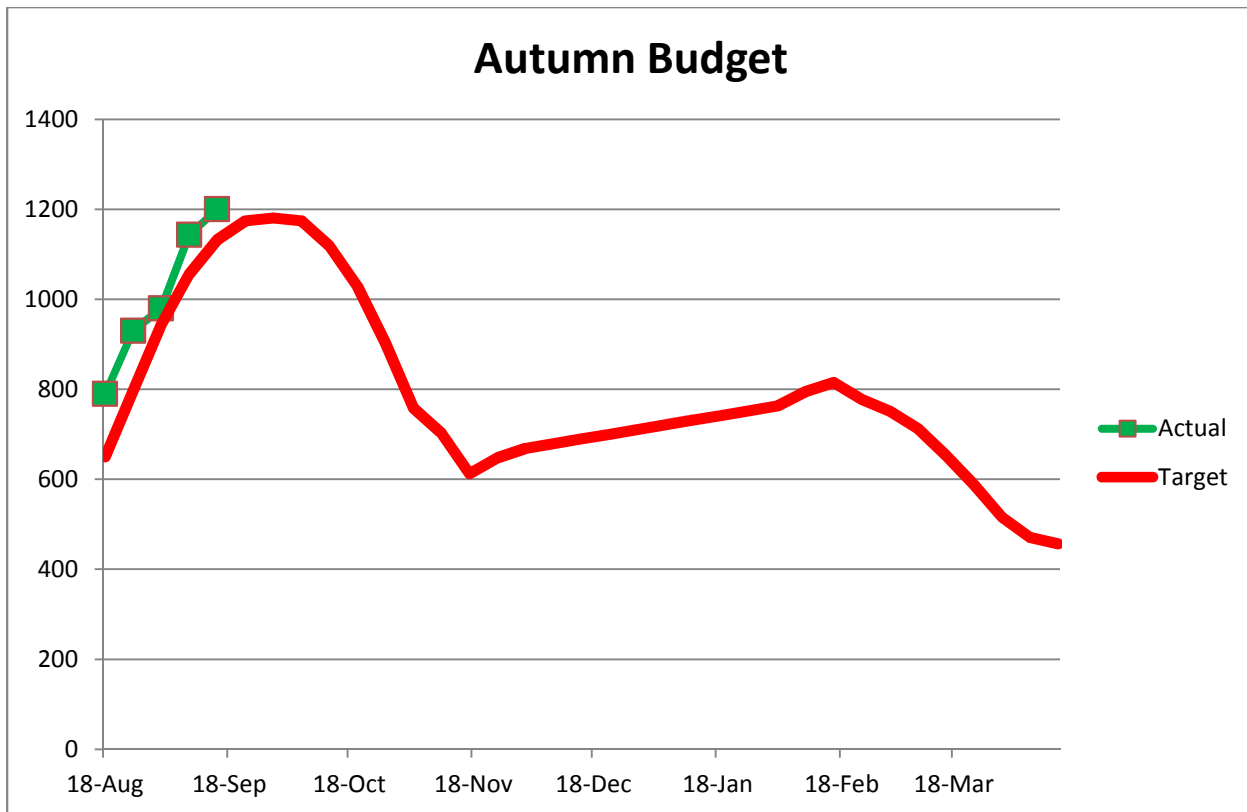
Demand is 46kg DM / ha

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

## Grass Supply

Grass growth is 70kg DM / ha this week. We have increased rotation length to 34 days. Demand is 46kg DM / ha with no paddocks closed for silage. Average farm cover is 1200kg DM / ha, this is slightly ahead of target.





#### Grazing conditions

Conditions have deteriorated with recent heavy rainfall. Grazing conditions are challenging and we are using 12hr allocations to minimise poaching as much as possible.

#### 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 284kg of meal and 55kg DM of silage per cow to milking cows.

#### Fertiliser

We are spreading 20 units of Urea on all paddocks that have not got any N over past 2 weeks.

#### Milk Production

Average production 14.85 litres per cow, 4.88% fat, 3.94% protein, (1.35kg MS), SCC 122,000.

#### Total Grass Production

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

#### Breeding

Cows were scanned this week – empty rate was 9% in 11 weeks of breeding, 75% in calf in 6 weeks. Maiden heifers were also scanned – 68% conception to first service, 4% empty in 7 weeks.

