

Curtins Farm Walk Notes 17-10-16

Farm Details:

Area available 48 ha

Farm Cover 1140 kg/DM/Ha (385kg DM /cow)

Growth for last 7 days has averaged 44 kg/DM/ha per day.

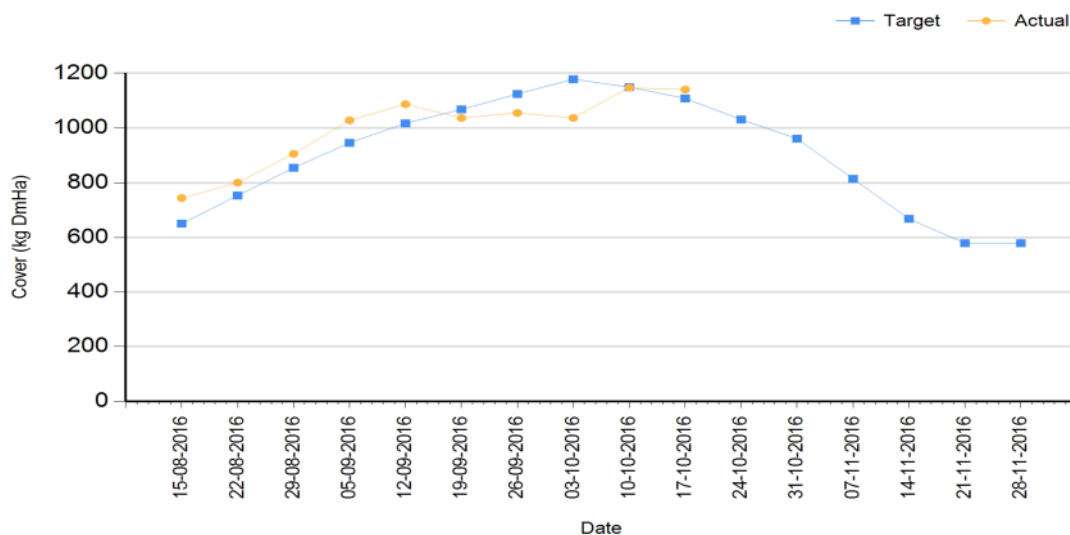
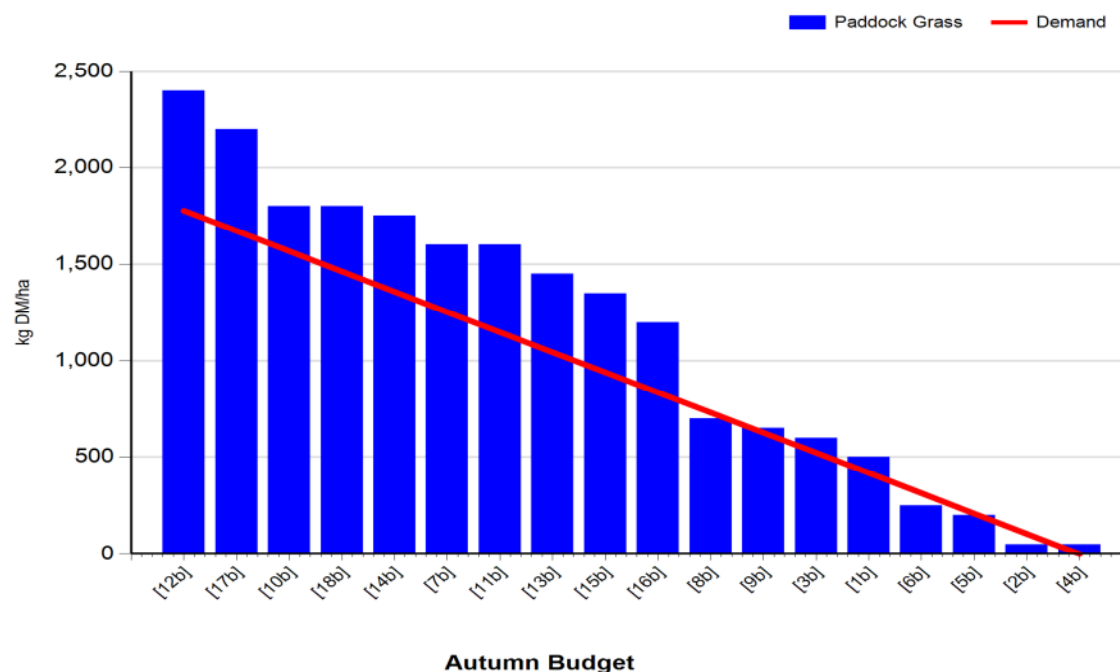
Demand is 44 kg DM / ha/day

Rotation 41 days

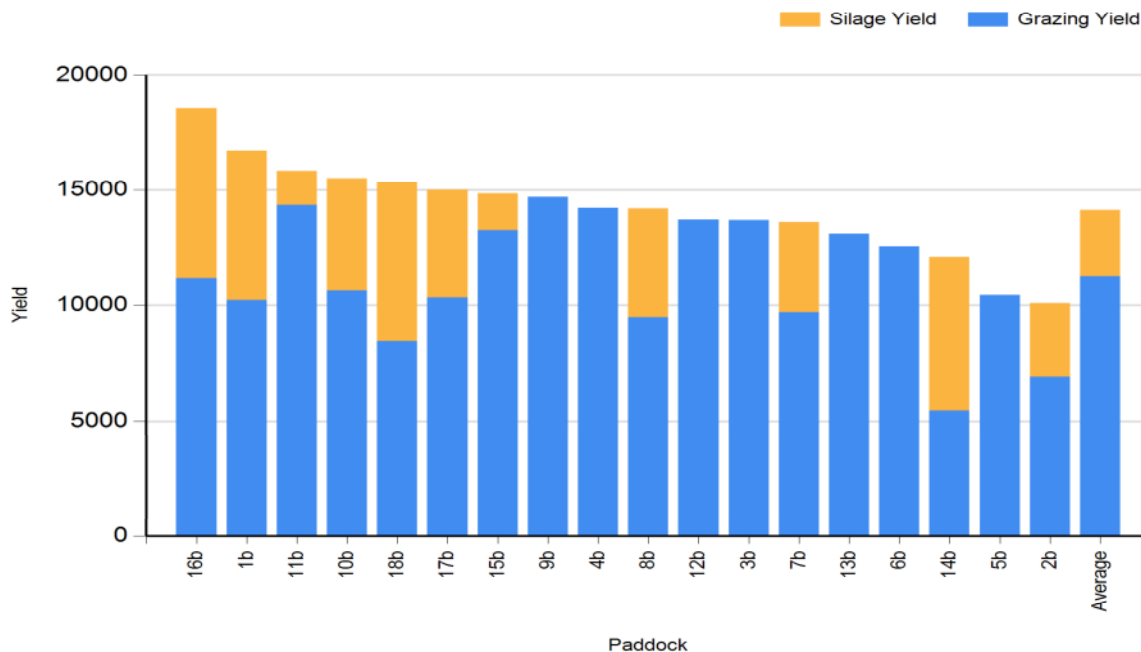
Supplement 2 kgs /cow/day.

Grass Supply

Growth rate was 44 kg DM/ha per day last week and demand was set at 44 kg DM/ha. Average farm cover (AFC) is on target for the Autumn budget. We have a number of heavy covers that we want to get through this coming week while conditions are good. After this we will be grazing lighter covers (1700kg DM/ha). This will increase the area being grazed and help achieve our target of 60% grazed by the 1st of November. Pre-grazing yield is 2400 kg DM/ha and we are allocating 15 kg DM of grass and 2 kg of concentrate and no silage is being fed.



Cumulative Paddock Yield to 10/17/2016



Grazing conditions

Ground conditions became difficult over the weekend and because of this utilisation wasn't as good. Weather conditions look good for the coming week and this should allow good utilisation of heavy covers. We are still using a 36 hr strip wire to achieve our target residuals. There is 31% of the farm closed to date.

Supplements

Cows are being fed 2kg of a high energy (0.94 UFL), low protein (14%) concentrate.

Fertiliser

The last of slurry was spread last week (14th of October).

Milk Production

Average production 13 litres per cow, 5.35% fat, 4.24% protein, (1.28kg MS), SCC 110,000.

Priorities

- Grazing management to achieve target post height residuals.
- Closing paddocks for next spring.
- Identify low BCS cows for earlier dry off.