

Curtins Farm Walk Notes 24-10-16

Farm Details:

Area available 48 ha

Farm Cover 989 kg/DM/Ha (334kg DM /cow)

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

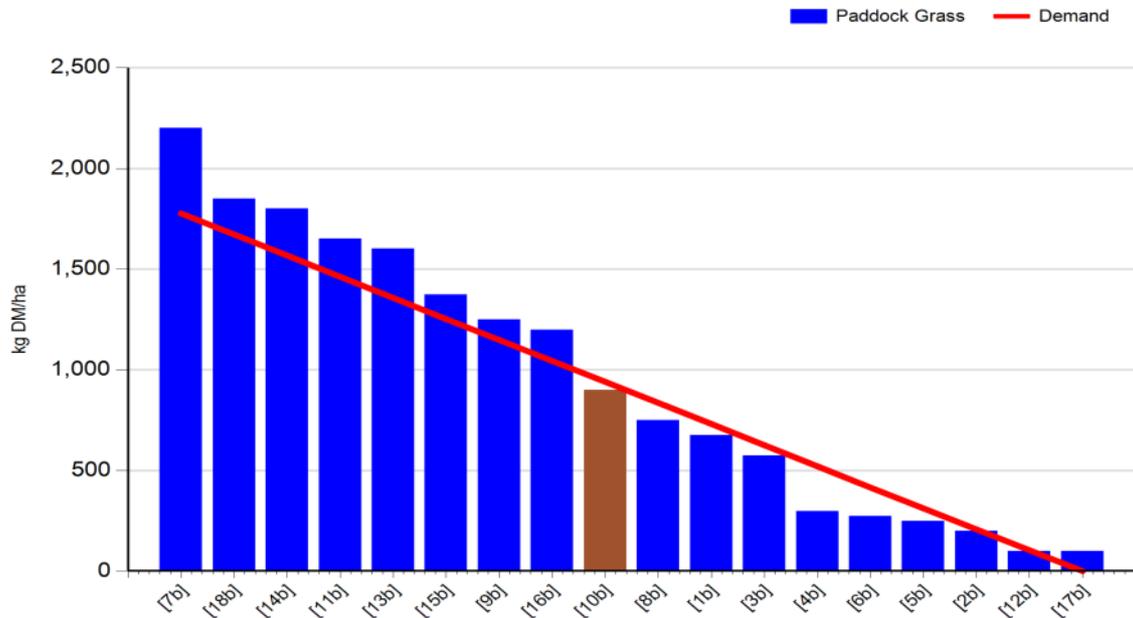
Demand is 44 kg DM / ha/day

Rotation 41 days

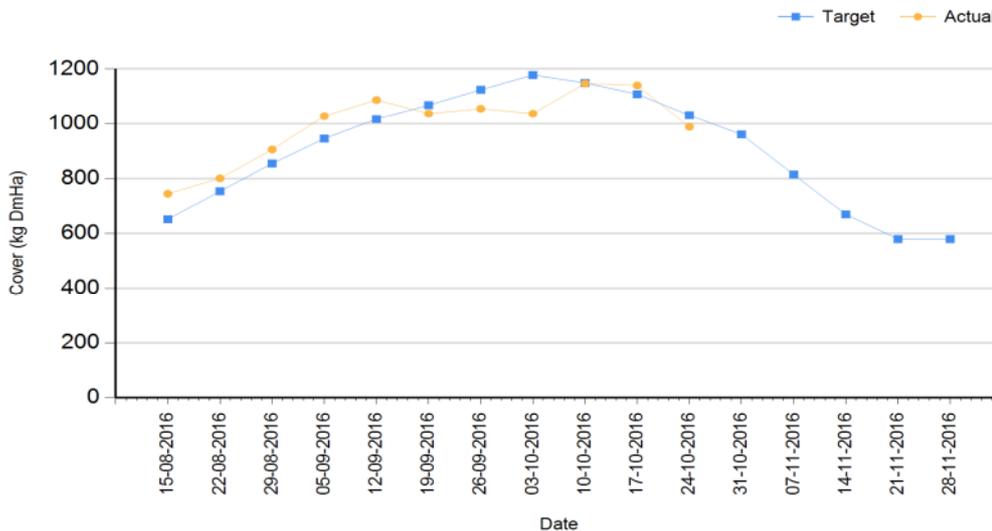
Supplement 2 kgs /cow/day.

Grass Supply

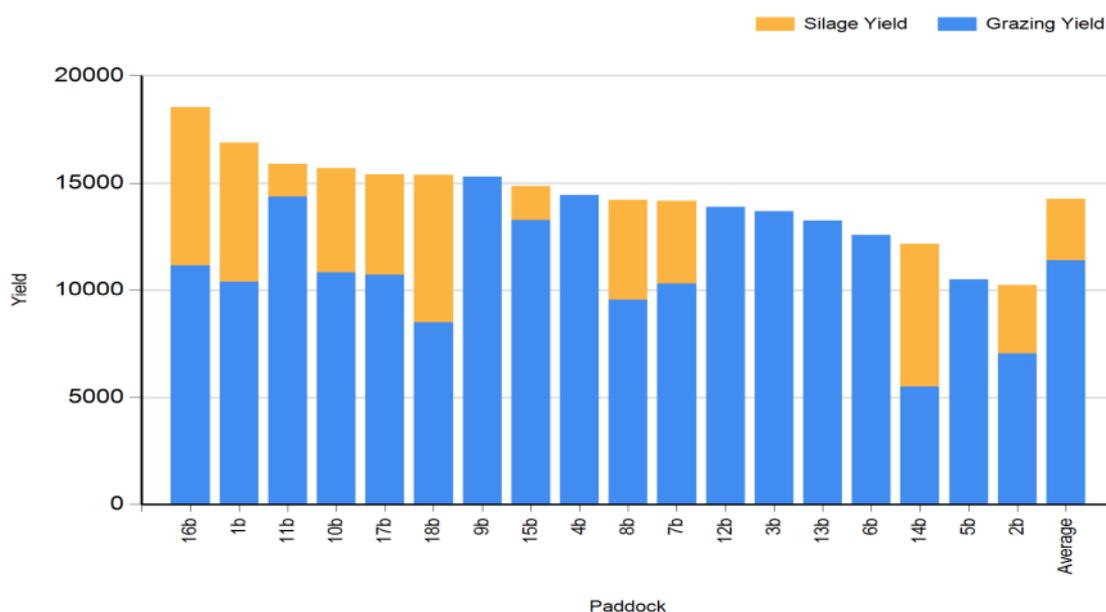
Growth rate was 24 kg DM/ha per day last week and demand was set at 44 kg DM/ha. Growth is well back compared to the previous week. Average farm cover (AFC) has dropped slightly below target, but is still on track. We are currently finishing off our last heavy cover this week (2250 kg DM/ha). After this we will be grazing lighter covers (1700kg DM/ha). Pre-grazing yield is 2250 kg DM/ha and we are allocating 15 kg DM of grass and 2 kg of concentrate and no silage is being fed. Options to reduce demand in the coming weeks will be to introduce silage in the diet and sell empty cows.



Autumn Budget



Cumulative Paddock Yield to 10/24/2016



Grazing conditions

Ground conditions are excellent and post grazing residuals are on target (< 4.0 cm). Weather conditions are good for the coming week and this will allow good utilisation. We are still using a 36 hr strip wire to achieve our target residuals. There is 42% 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 14 litres per cow, 5.22% fat, 4.50% protein, (1.40kg MS), SCC 128,000.

Breeding

Breeding started on the 27th of April and lasted for a total of 11 weeks. 21 day submission rate was 96%. We did 6 weeks AI and five weeks with stock bulls. Scanning results were good with – 10.7% empty and 74% 6 week in-calf rate.

Priorities

- Grass utilisation.
- Closing paddocks for next spring.
- Final preparations for winter housing