

## Curtins Farm Walk Notes 28-02-17

### Farm Details:

Area available 48 ha

Farm Cover 978 kg/DM/Ha (330kg DM /cow)

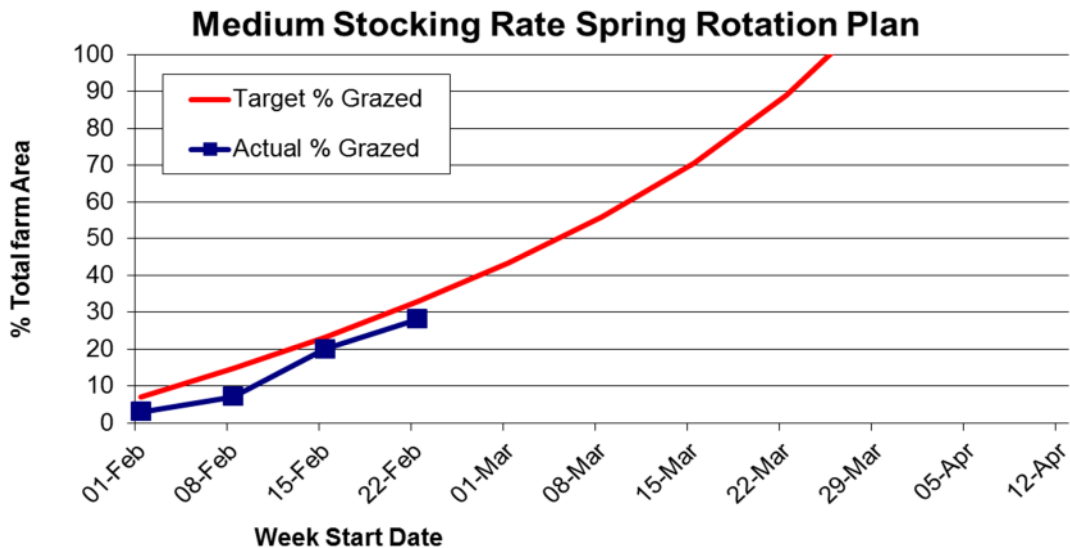
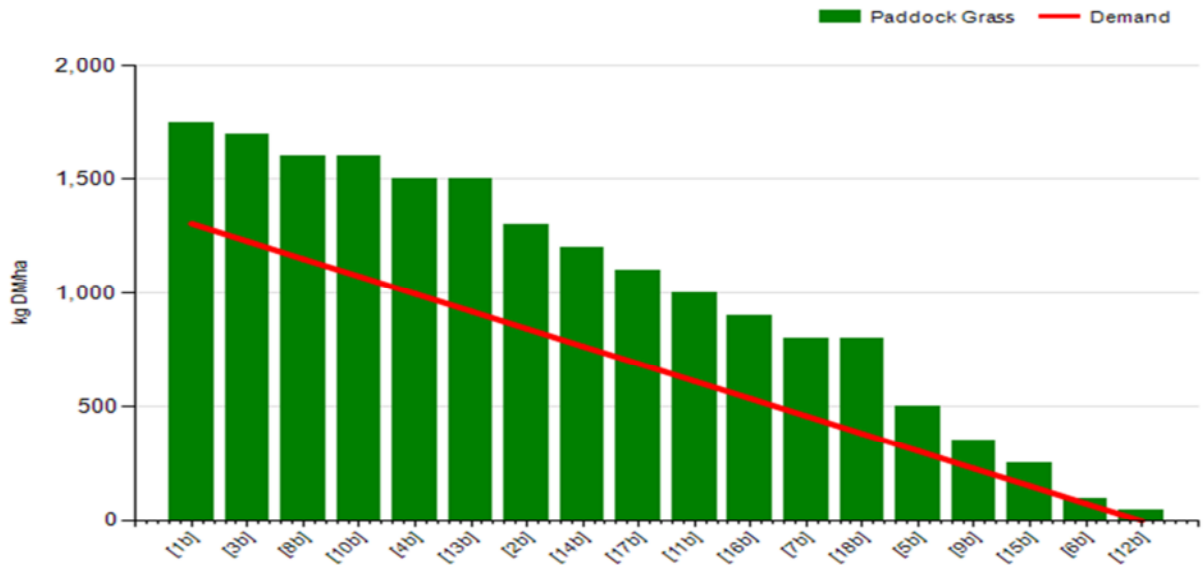
Growth rate has averaged 22 kg/DM/ha per day.

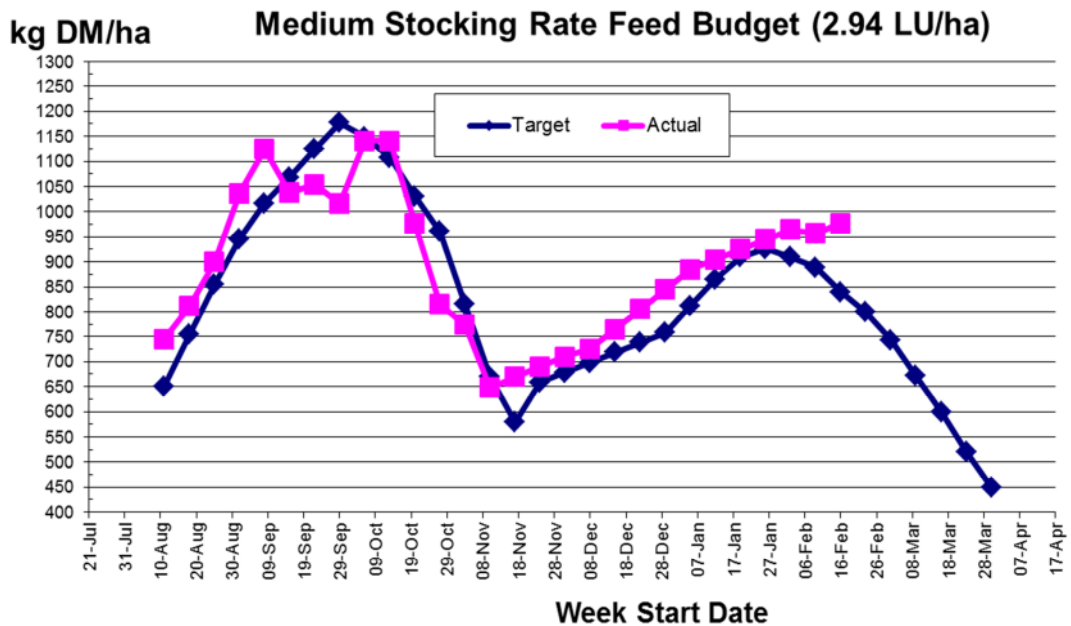
Demand is 33 kg DM / ha/day

Supplement: Concentrate 3 kgs /cow/day.

### Grass Supply

Growth rate was 22 kg DM/ha per day and demand was set at 33 kg DM/ha. Growth is good. Average farm cover (AFC) is 978 kg DM/ha and is ahead of target. We are currently grazing covers of 1700kg DM/ha. To date there is 28% of the farm grazed. Target Pre-grazing yield is 1302 kg DM/ha and we are allocating 11 kg DM of grass, and 3 kg of concentrate.





### Grazing conditions

Ground conditions are reasonably good considering mixed weather conditions. Post grazing residuals are on target (3.5 cm). We are using 12hr strip wires and allocating 11kgs of grass / day (6 kgs at night and 5 kgs during the day). Cows are out full time since 6<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### Supplements

Cows are being fed 3kg of a high energy (0.94 UFL), low protein (14%) concentrate.

### Fertiliser

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of Jan 65% of the farm got 23 units of Urea / acre. The remaining 35% got 2500 gallons of slurry / acre. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 20% of the area grazed got 2000 gallons of slurry / acre. In the next week we will blanket spread the farm with 40 units of urea / acre.

### Milk Production

Average production 21.2 litres per cow, 5.17% fat, 3.58% protein, (1.91kg MS), SCC 219,000.

### Calving

Calving started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, to date we have 76% of the herd calved. Heifer calves are reared on farm until weaned then sent off to be contract reared. Bull calves are sold at 10 days of age.

### Priorities

- Spring rotation planner
- Good Utilisation.
- Minimise damage to paddocks

