

Curtins Farm Walk Notes 08-05-17

Farm Details:

Area available 48 ha

Farm Cover 648 kg/DM/Ha (141kg DM /cow)

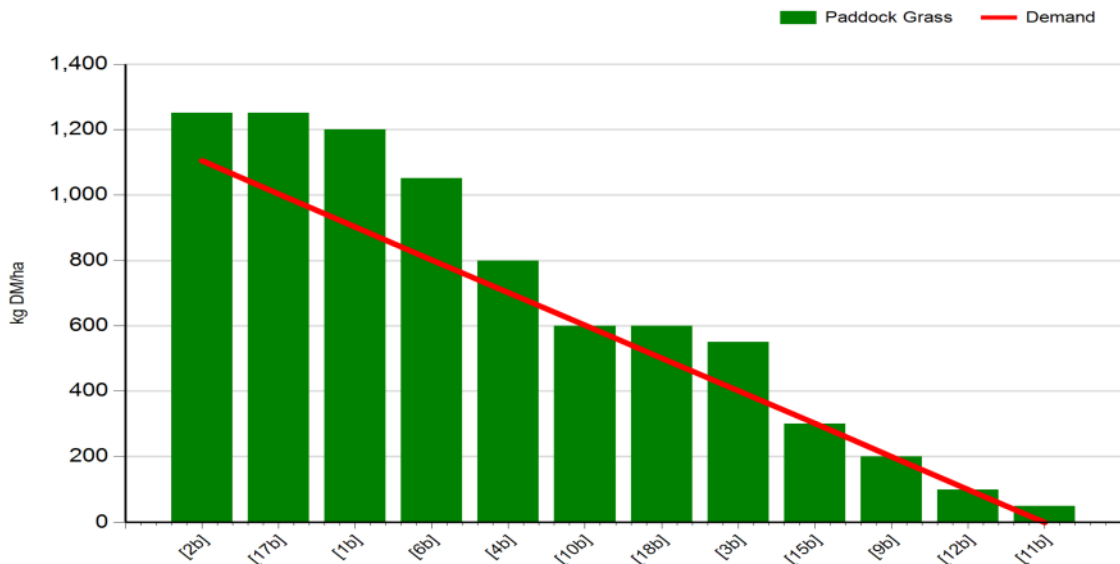
Growth rate has averaged 57 kg/DM/ha per day.

Demand is 55kg DM / ha/day

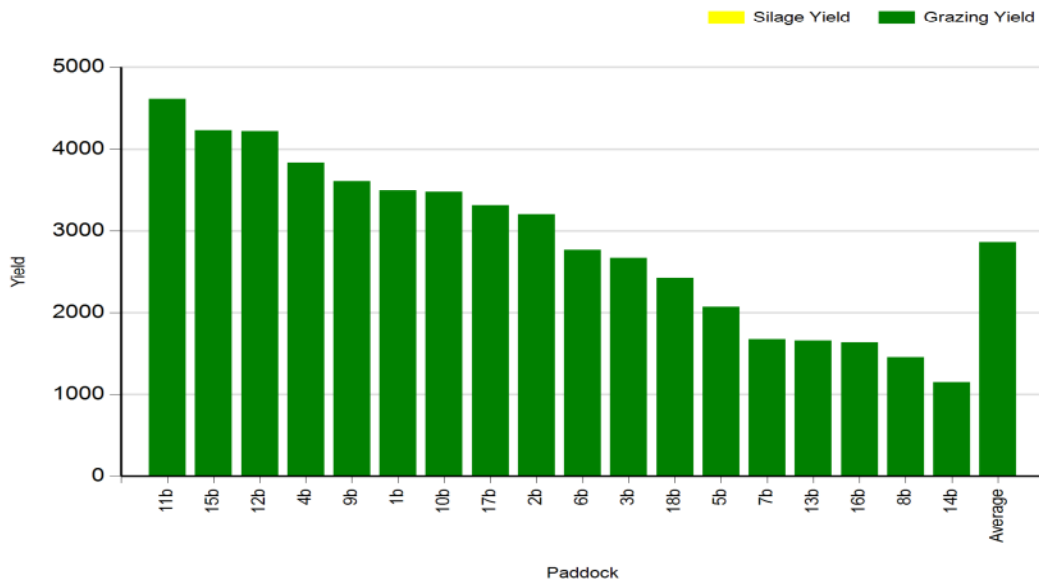
Supplement: Concentrate 4 kgs /cow/day.

Grass Supply

Growth rate was 57 kg DM/ha per day and demand was set at 55 kg DM/ha. Average farm cover (AFC) is 648 kg DM/ha and cover / cow is 141 kg DM/ Ha, which is on target. We are currently grazing covers of 1200-1300kg DM/ha. We cut 10 % of our silage area. This was area that wasn't grazed in the first rotation. Target Pre-grazing yield is 1104 kg DM/ha and we are allocating 13 kg DM of grass, and 4 kg of concentrate.



Annual Tonnage 08/05/2017



Grazing conditions

Ground conditions are excellent with the current dry weather. Post grazing residuals are on target (<3.5 cm). We stopped using strip wires after the first rotation. The dry weather has slowed growth in the last few weeks but rain is forecast for the weekend and this should increase growth.

Supplements

Cows are being fed 4 kg of a high energy (0.94 UFL), low protein (14%) concentrate.

Fertiliser

We are currently following the cows with 20 units Sulpha CAN.

Milk Production

- 24.0 litres / cow/ day
- 4.39% Fat
- 3.52 Protein
- 1.96 kg MS
- SCC 85,000

Calving

Calving finished on the 12th of April. Heifer calves are currently being weaned and sent off to be contract reared.

Vaccinations

All cows were vaccinated for BVD and Leptospirosis one month prior to breeding.

Breeding

Breeding began on the 25th of April. To date we have 80% of the herd artificially inseminated. We are targeting a submission rate of >90% in 3 weeks.

Bulls Selection for 2017

- FR2385 Nextgen Candy
- FR2007 Nextgen Brigade
- FR2053 Ballybride Cardiff
- FR2053 Kildarra Maestro
- FR2005 Kealfincheon Norman
- FR4103 Rosbare Leo
- JE2438 Conrad
- JHC Hijinx

Priorities

- Monitor grass wedge and cover / cow
- Good Utilisation.
- Breeding – Heat detection