

Curtins Farm Walk Notes 06-06-17

Farm Details:

Area available 48 ha

Farm Cover 659 kg/DM/Ha (167kg DM /cow)

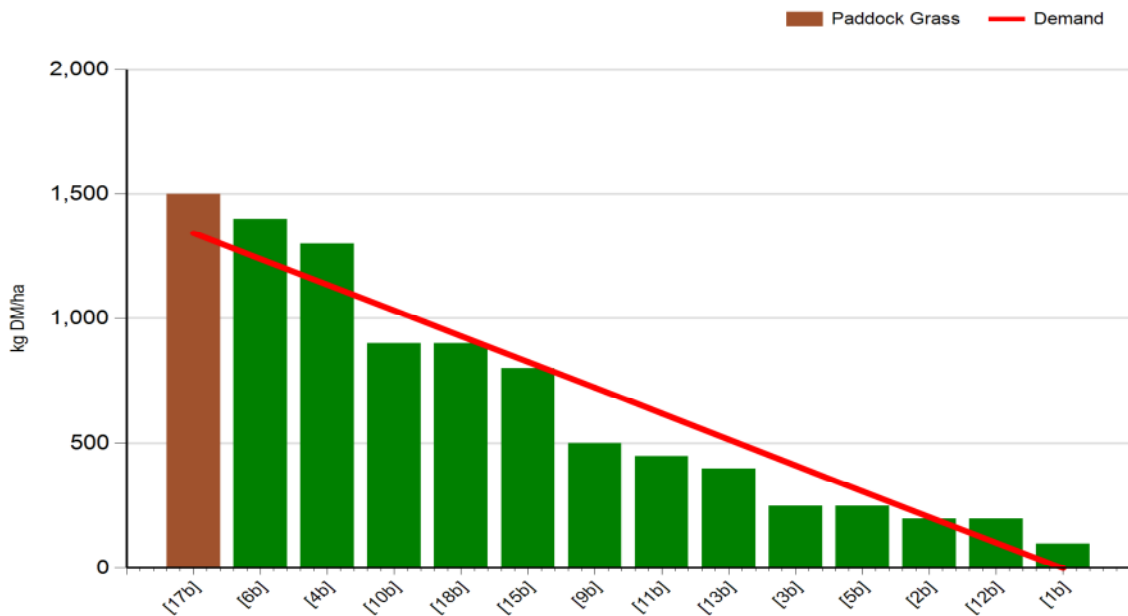
Growth rate has averaged 74 kg/DM/ha per day.

Demand is 67kg DM / ha/day

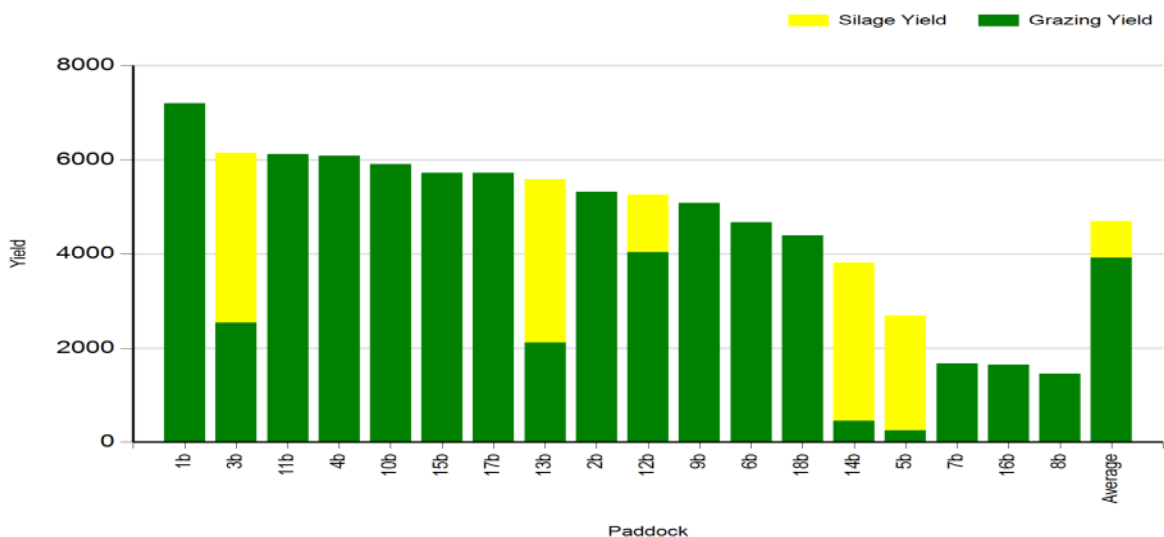
Supplement: Concentrate 0.2 kgs /cow/day.

Grass Supply

Growth rate was 74 kg DM/ha per day and demand was set at 67 kg DM/ha. Average farm cover (AFC) is 659 kg DM/ha and cover / cow is 167 kg DM/ Ha, which is on target. We are currently grazing covers of 1200-1500kg DM/ha. We recently cut 24 % of the total area for 1st cut silage. Target Pre-grazing yield is 1343 kg DM/ha and we are allocating 17 kg DM of grass, and 0.2 kg of concentrate.



Annual Tonnage 06/06/2017



Grazing conditions

Ground conditions are good, considering the heavy rainfall over the weekend. Post grazing residuals are on target (4.0 cm). We are allocating 24-36 hr grazing.

Supplements

Cows are being fed 0.2 kg of a high energy (0.94 UFL), low protein (14%) concentrate. This is to help cow flow at milking time. Minerals (Mg, I, Se, Zn, Cu and Co) are being administered through the water.

Silage

We cut 10% of the area on the 11th of May. This area was skipped in the first rotation. It yielded 6 bales to the acre. First cut silage was cut on the 30th of May; this yielded 13 bales to the acre. We now have 60% of our winter forage conserved. We skipped one paddock as surplus (>1800kgs DM/ Ha) last week which we hope to cut this weekend.

Fertiliser

We are currently following the cows with 27 units Sulpha CAN.

Milk Production

- 20.9 litres / cow/ day
- 4.70% Fat
- 3.59 Protein
- 1.78 kg MS
- SCC 74,000

Vaccinations

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

Breeding

Breeding began on the 25th of April. We achieved a 94% submission rate in 21 days. We used artificial insemination for 6 weeks and are now using AA stock bulls.

Bulls Selection for 2017

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

Priorities

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