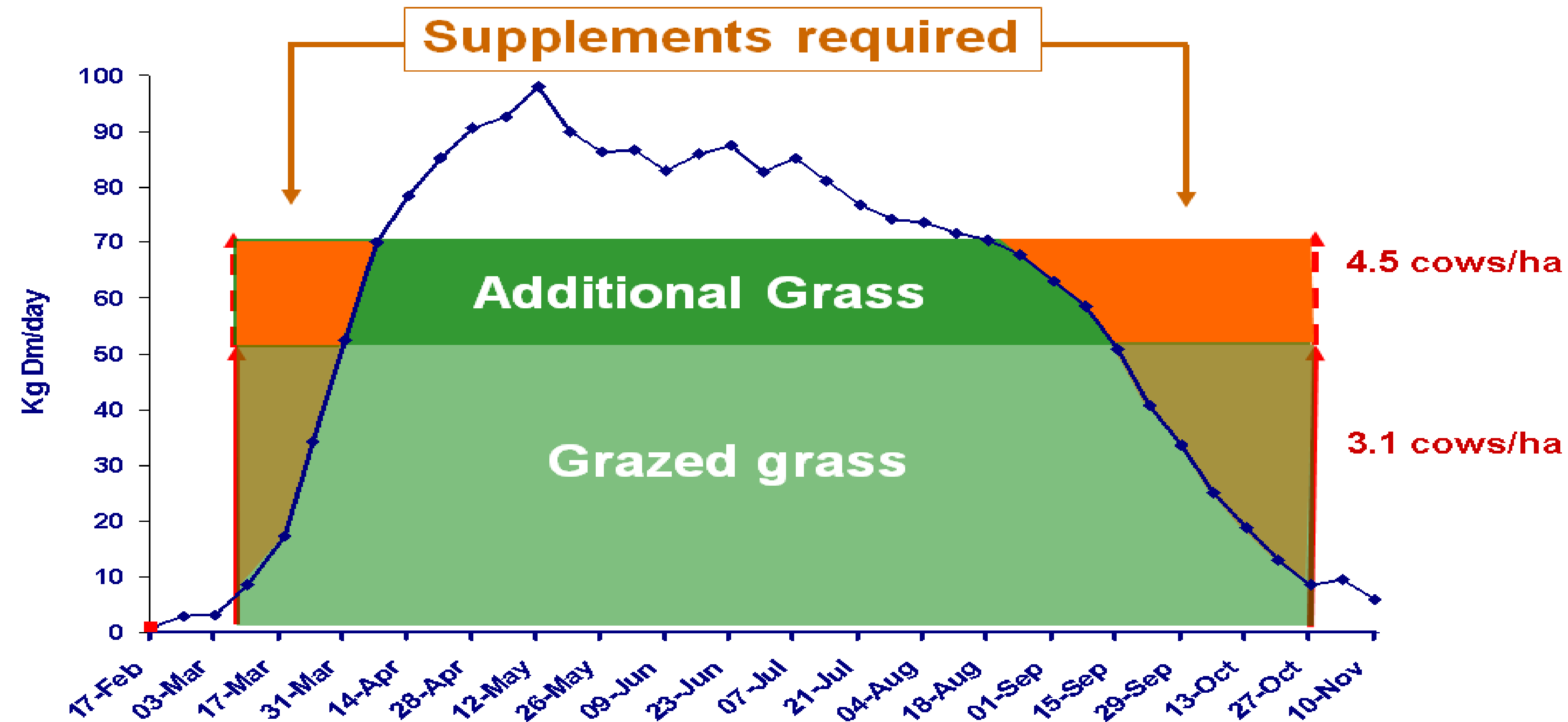


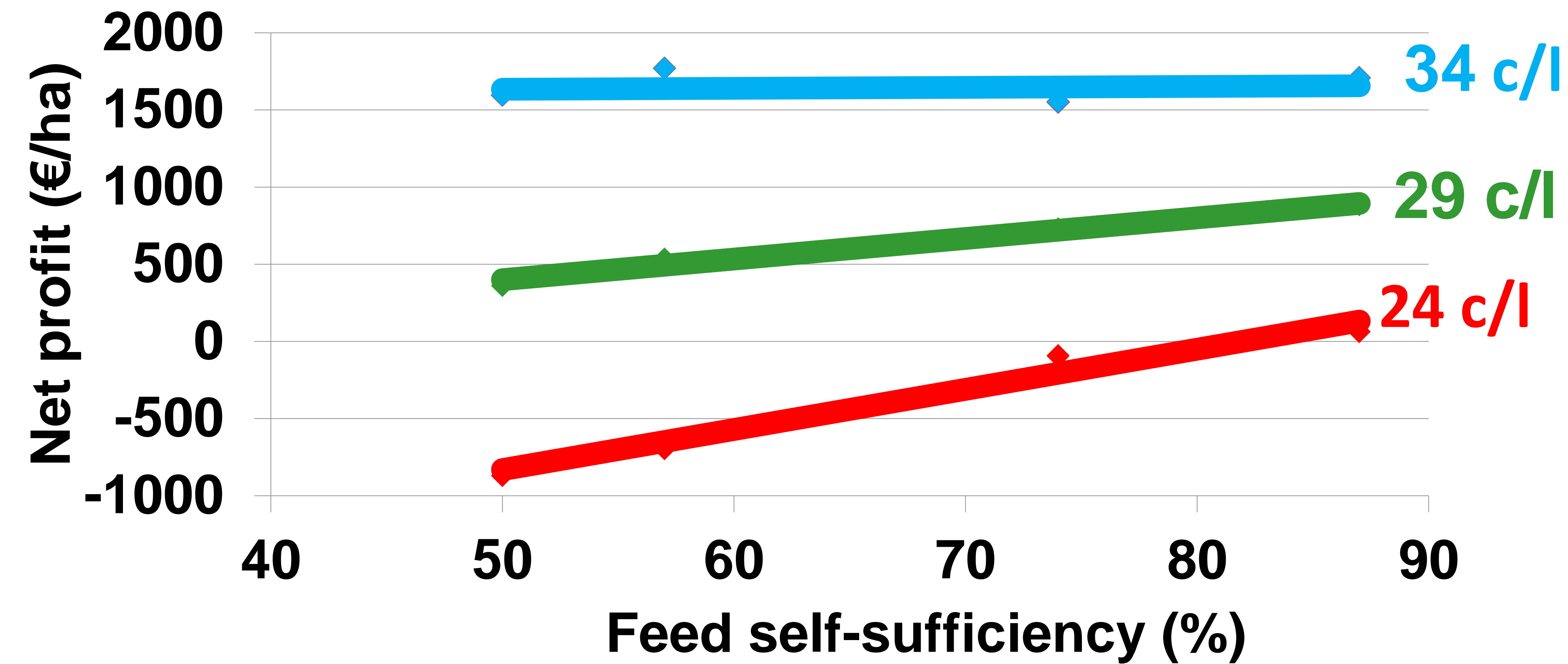
# Grazing Platform Stocking Rate

## Introduction

- 4 year farm systems study
- Investigate potential of open feed systems
- Importing winter feed from outside blocks



Feed system	3.1 cows/ha	4.5 cows/ha
Silage fed (kg DM/ha)	1,917	5,796
Concentrate fed (kg DM/ha)	1,708	3,924
Milk solids/cow (kg)	377	390
Milk solids/ha (kg)	1,153	1,786



## Take home messages

- Increasing stocking rate led to increased feed imports/ha
- Increased feed imports results in increased risk for no reward
- Systems with low levels of imported feed are more resilient