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Update: 06-07-2017

- Grass growth has picked up with the increased rainfall. The 'spare' paddocks (ground assigned to commercial grazing and maternal herd) are tight for grass.
- First group of calves (175 animals) for 2017 trial programme arrived on the 20th June, the rest of the calves (75) to arrive 7th July.
- TB testing carried out last week, with the results clear.

Animal performance

- Trial calves arrived from ABP rearer farms averaging 120kg liveweight.
- Calves are being fed 1.5 kg concentrate/head at grass.
- A number of calves were noticed coughing a few days after arrival. Viral pneumonia was found to have infected the group, resulting in one calf loss. All calves will be given a second pneumonia vaccine.
- Calves to be dosed for worms next week. Faecal sampling for parasitology trial to begin four weeks post dosing.

Grassland Management

- Rotation length: 21 days
- Livestock: 72 1-2 year old (410kg), 60 0-6 months (110kg).

Date of cover: 31-05-2017	High	Medium	Low
Farm Cover (kg DM/ha)	1003	876	1100
Growth/ha (kg DM/ha/day)	55	56	63
Demand/ha (kg DM/ha/day)	34	31	30
Days ahead	30	28	37
Silage	-	-	-

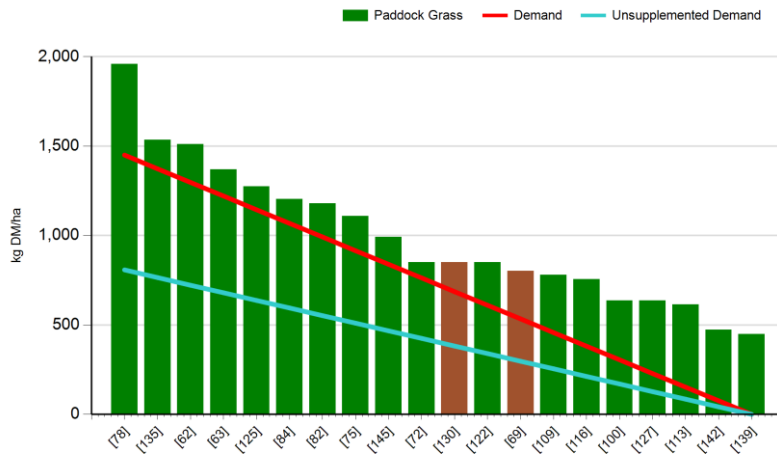
- Three strong paddocks taken out for silage on the 22nd June.



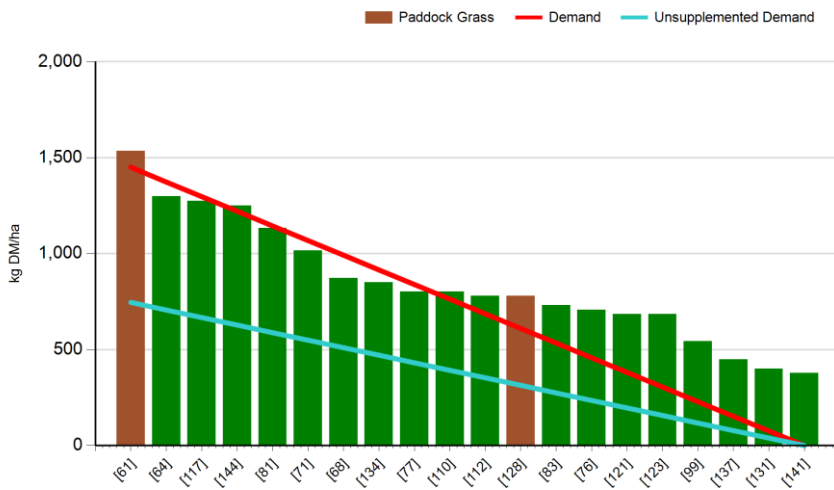
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High SD Farmlet



Medium SD Farmlet



Low SD Farmlet

