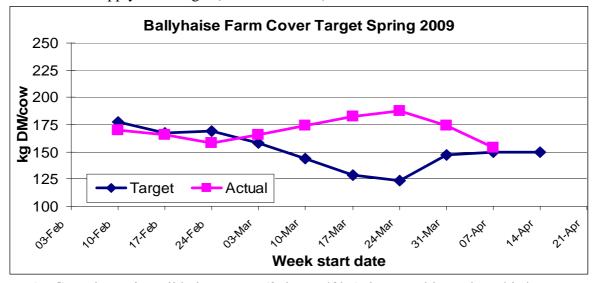
Ballyhaise Weekly Farm Notes - Monday 30/03/2009

A. Critical Issues

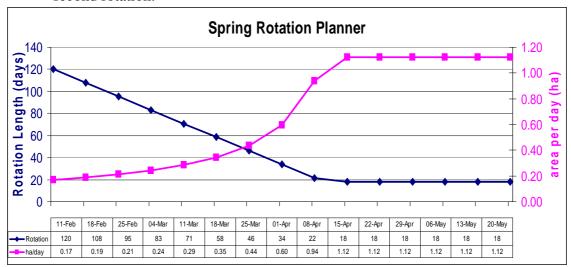
- 1. Don't poach
- 2. Maximise cow intakes of pasture and maintain residual at 3.5cm
- 3. Ensure cows are getting better fed each week

B. On farm situation

- 1. Soil temperature today is 8.5°C, similar to last week
- 2. Total weekly rainfall is 10.1mm
- 3. Average growth was 26kgDM/ha, (20% DM)
- 4. Grass supply is on target (154 vs 150/cow)

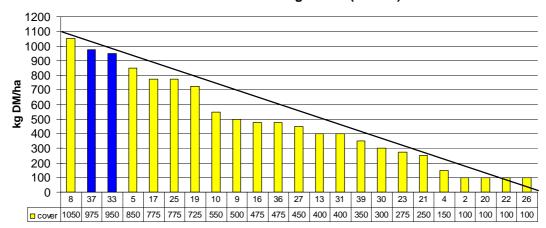


- 5. Growth rate is well below target (26kg vs 40kg) due to cold weather, this has brought cover back in line with budget.
- 6. We currently have 90% of farm grazed, which is ahead of our rotation plan target (75%).
- 7. This leaves 10% which will bring us to April 3rd before we commence the second rotation.



8. Farm feed wedge (30/03/09)

Farm cover 479kg DM/ha (154/LU)



Yellow paddocks have been grazed this spring, paddock 2 is partly grazed.

- 9. The wedge is now showing an excellent 2nd rotation wedge emerging. Based on the wedge, we must commence the 2nd rotation on April 3rd to avoid excessive pre-grazing yields (>1,400 kg DM/ha).
- 10. Post grazing height on the last paddock grazed was 3.2cm.
- 11. Total N application to date is 28kg N/ha. Slurry from the out wintering pad has been applied to 37% of the entire grazing area post grazing to date. Paddocks not receiving slurry will get 23 units of urea this week.
- 12. 86% of the herd calved to date (expected mean calving date is 4th March).
- 13. Average milk yield is 20.11kg at 4.43% fat and 3.31% protein (1.55kg MS/cow), lactose 4.81%, SCC 253k, TBC 32k.

C. Critical short term actions:

- Grass allocated on a whole paddock basis.
- Cows straight to grass as they calve.
- Calmag dusting of paddocks (1 strip per paddock).
- Concentrate removed.

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