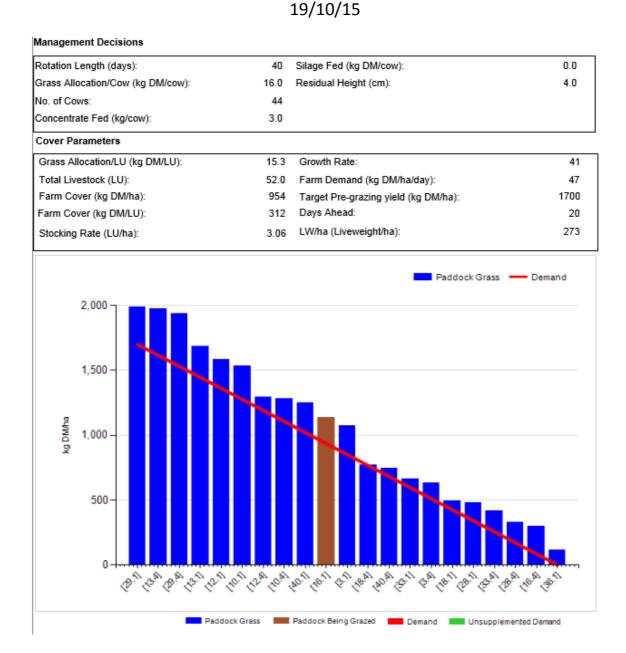
Johnstown Castle Winter Milk Herd- Weekly Management Notes



Management Comments

- Rainfall of just 0.2mm (effectively none) and soil temp of 10.5°C for last week, significant drop in soil temp since last week, but growth remained relatively high.
- Although a couple of paddocks are above target pre-grazing, we have them under control most of remaining high covers are paddocks where surplus silage was cut in the last round so cleanout should still be good. Demand is increasing as autumn cows settle in.
- Yet another excellent week in terms of grazing conditions, 54% of last round now complete, target of 75-80% by month end. Excellent re- growths on grazed paddocks, but these were well grazed out for final grazing, so we expect to stick with closing plan & stay away from these paddocks, a high demand in the spring will take down any high covers quickly at that stage.
- Calving tipping along, great conditions for outdoor calving– 68% of autumn herd now calved.
- Maize silage, grown on contract, getting close to harvest, possibly later this week.

• Autumn calvers going onto 4Kgs conc/cow this week, no other buffer feeding until we have at least 80% of area closed & pre-grazing covers are back to 1200-1400.

Milk production and feed details

	Autumn Calving Section	Spring Calving Section
This Week (19/10/15) – cows in milk	high % of freshly calved cows so figures may be inconsistent	
Milk Kg	25.7	18
Fat %	5.27	4.60
Protein %	3.70	4.18
Milk Solids kg	2.29	1.57
Parlour concentrate (kgs)	3.0	2.0
Silage kg dry matter per cow	0	0
Grazed grass kg cow	15	16
% of Herd Milking	68%	100%
Lactation to date		
Days in Milk		231
Milk kg		5814
Milk Solids kg		444
Concentrate Fed		424kg parlor & 105kg tmr