

Ballyhaise Farm Walk Notes Monday 11-09-17

Farm Details:

Area available 40 ha

Farm Cover 1200kg/DM/Ha

DM 14%

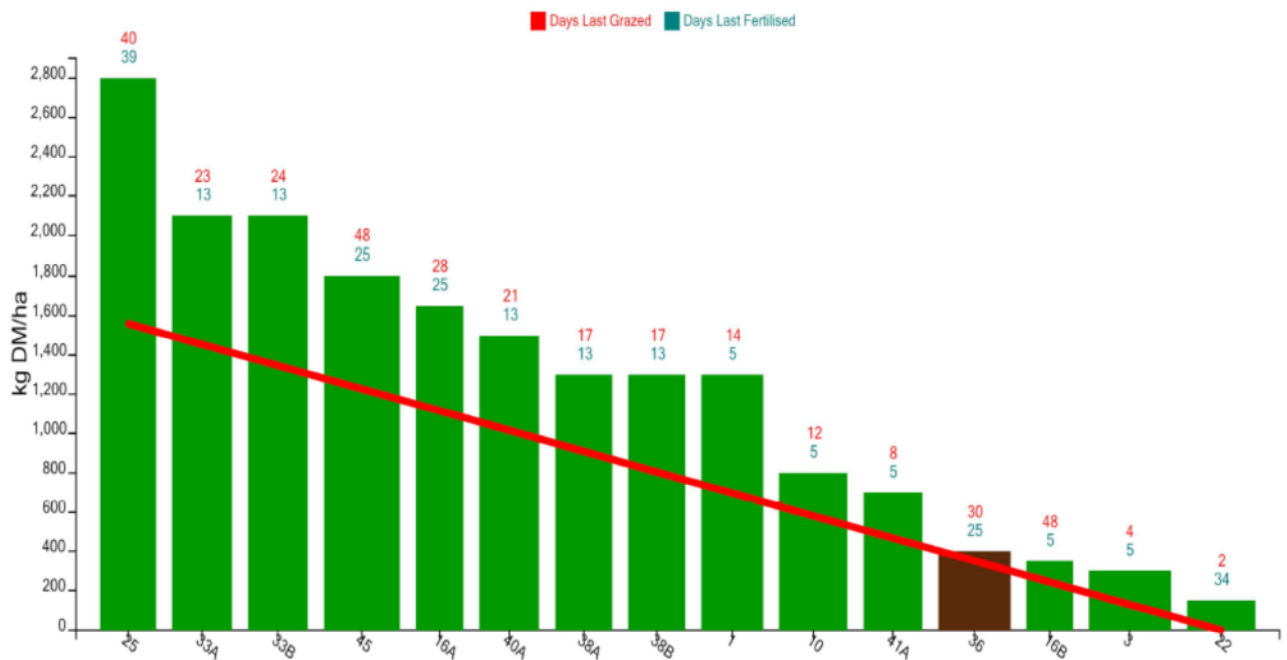
Growth for last 7 days has averaged 70 kg/DM/ha per day.

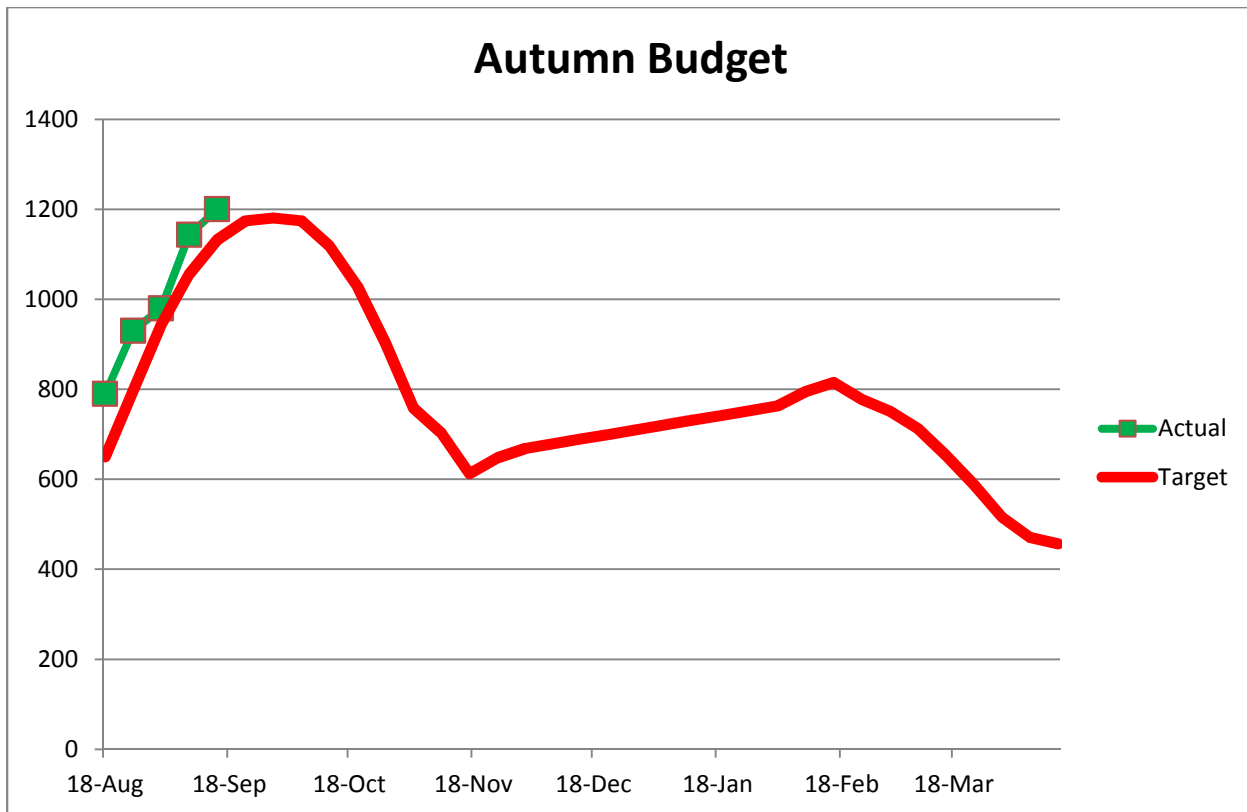
Demand is 46kg DM / ha

2kg of a 13% protein ration fed per day.

Grass Supply

Grass growth is 70kg DM / ha this week. We have increased rotation length to 34 days. Demand is 46kg DM / ha with no paddocks closed for silage. Average farm cover is 1200kg DM / ha, this is slightly ahead of target.





Grazing conditions

Conditions have deteriorated with recent heavy rainfall. Grazing conditions are challenging and we are using 12hr allocations to minimise poaching as much as possible.

Supplements

Cows are being fed 2kg of a high energy (0.95 UFL), low protein (13%) ration, 6% cal-mag. To date we have fed 284kg of meal and 55kg DM of silage per cow to milking cows.

Fertiliser

We are spreading 20 units of Urea on all paddocks that have not got any N over past 2 weeks.

Milk Production

Average production 14.85 litres per cow, 4.88% fat, 3.94% protein, (1.35kg MS), SCC 122,000.

Total Grass Production

To date 12.8 tonne DM / ha of grass has been produced. 131 tonnes DM of silage has been conserved.

Breeding

Cows were scanned this week – empty rate was 9% in 11 weeks of breeding, 75% in calf in 6 weeks. Maiden heifers were also scanned – 68% conception to first service, 4% empty in 7 weeks.

