

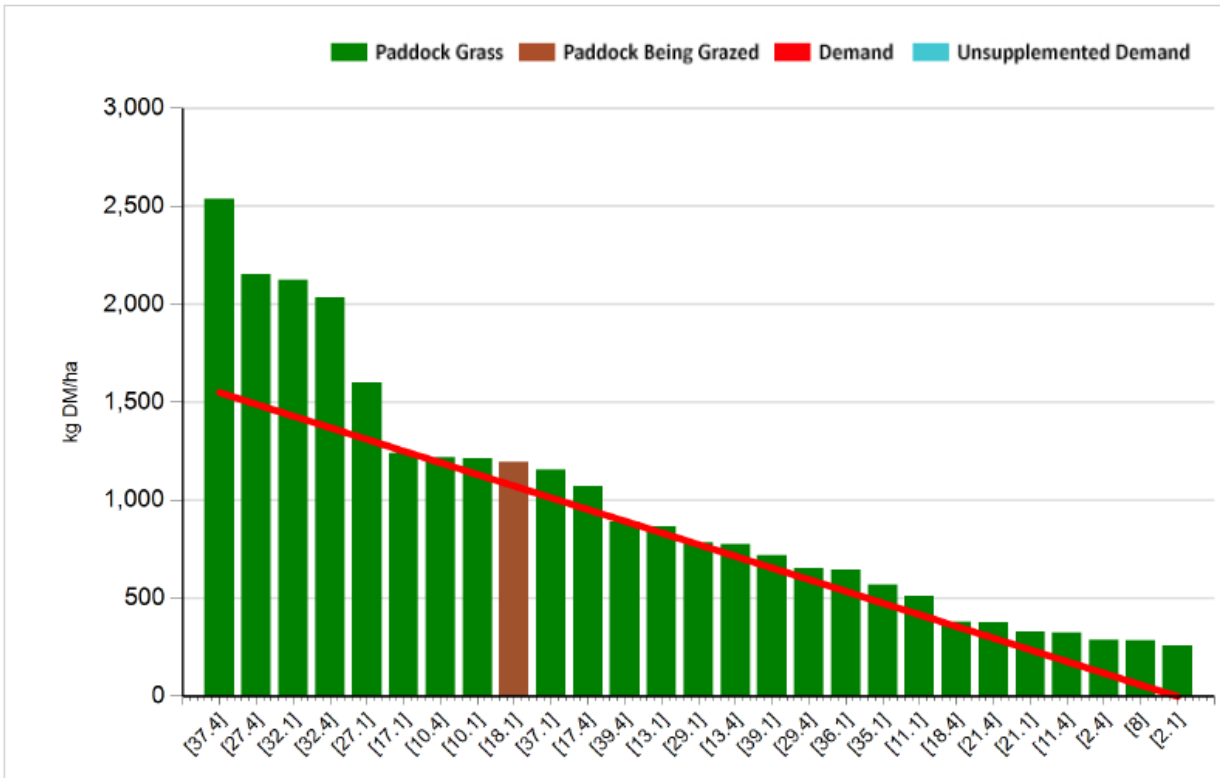
Johnstown Castle Winter Milk Herd- Weekly Management Notes - 27/03/17

- Very good grazing conditions for the past week, rainfall of 12.7mm which came during the cold spell last Tuesday/Wednesday whilst soil temperatures are averaging 8.2°C. It's disappointing to see significant rainfall forecast for the coming week, as conditions had settled down & we would have been able to graze a couple of our softer paddocks this week, had weather held up.
- We have 77% of ground grazed on the autumn herd – all remaining paddocks need to be grazed asap - covers are heavier than target (near 2000kgs for some). The paddocks grazed in the past week will be a bit slower to come back as there's a bit of a "white butt" due to the higher than target pre-grazing. We will deal with any potential deficits in the second round from the slower recovery, as they arise – our priority is to get the first round finished as soon as possible.
- Some paddocks are showing a purple colour on tips of grass, typical in Johnstown at this time of year after a few cold nights with an easterly breeze, might slow re-growths, but forecast is for milder weather this week
- Slurry going out on a few paddocks after grazing @ 1500 gal/ac.

	<i>This week (27/03/17)</i>	Autumn Calving Herd	Spring Calving Herd
Production	% of Herd Milking	100%	63%
	Milk Kg	26.6	30
	Fat %	3.74	3.71
	Protein %	3.72	3.28
	Milk Solids kg	1.96	2.10
Intake	Grazed Grass kgs/dm/cow (estimate)	16	14
	Silage kgs/dm/cow	0	0
	Maize silage kgs/dm/cow	0	0
	Concentrate in TMR – kgs/dm/cow	0	0
	Parlour concentrate kgs/dm/cow	4	3
Totals	<i>Lactation to date per cow</i>	Mean calving date 10 th Oct	Expected mean calving date 27 th February
	Days in Milk	168	47
	Milk kg	4530	1108
	Milk Solids kg	343	88
	Concentrate Fed	898kg in parlour (1080kg total)	167

Cover Parameters

Farm Cover (kg DM/ha):	939.00	Total LU:	60.00
Cover / LU (kg DM/LU):	323.00	LU / ha:	2.91
Growth / Ha (kg DM/ha/day):	36.00	Measured:	27 (20.61 Ha)
Demand / ha (kg DM/ha/day):	47.00	Reseeded:	0 (0.00 Ha)
Demand / day (kg DM/day):	960.00	Silage:	0 (0.00 Ha)
Days ahead:	20.00		
Kg LWT / Ha:	0.00		





**Plot 27 - Autumn herd
PGY 2,000
Cleaning out well in good weather**



**Plot 38, Spring herd
closed for silage
3100kgs,**