

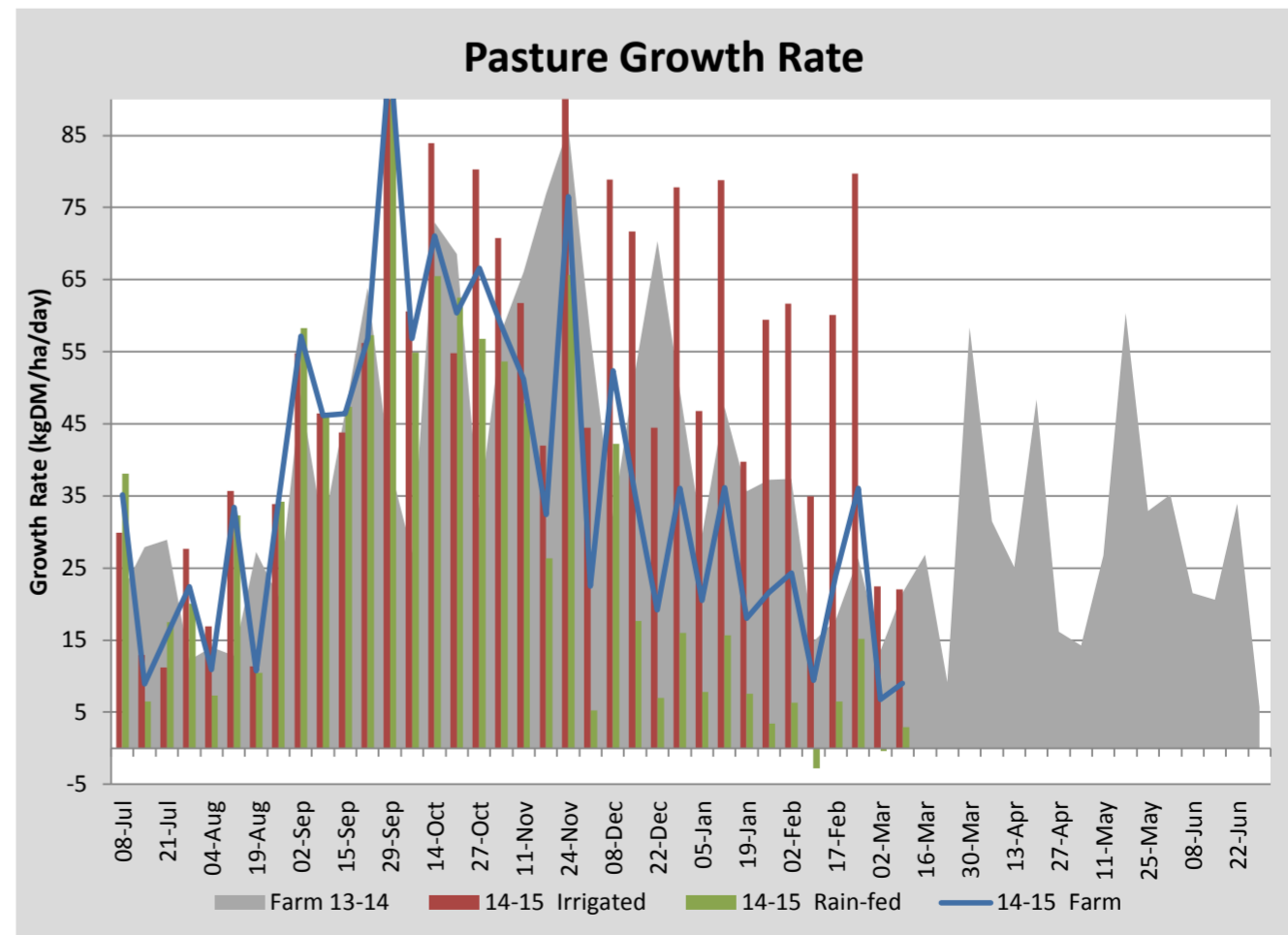
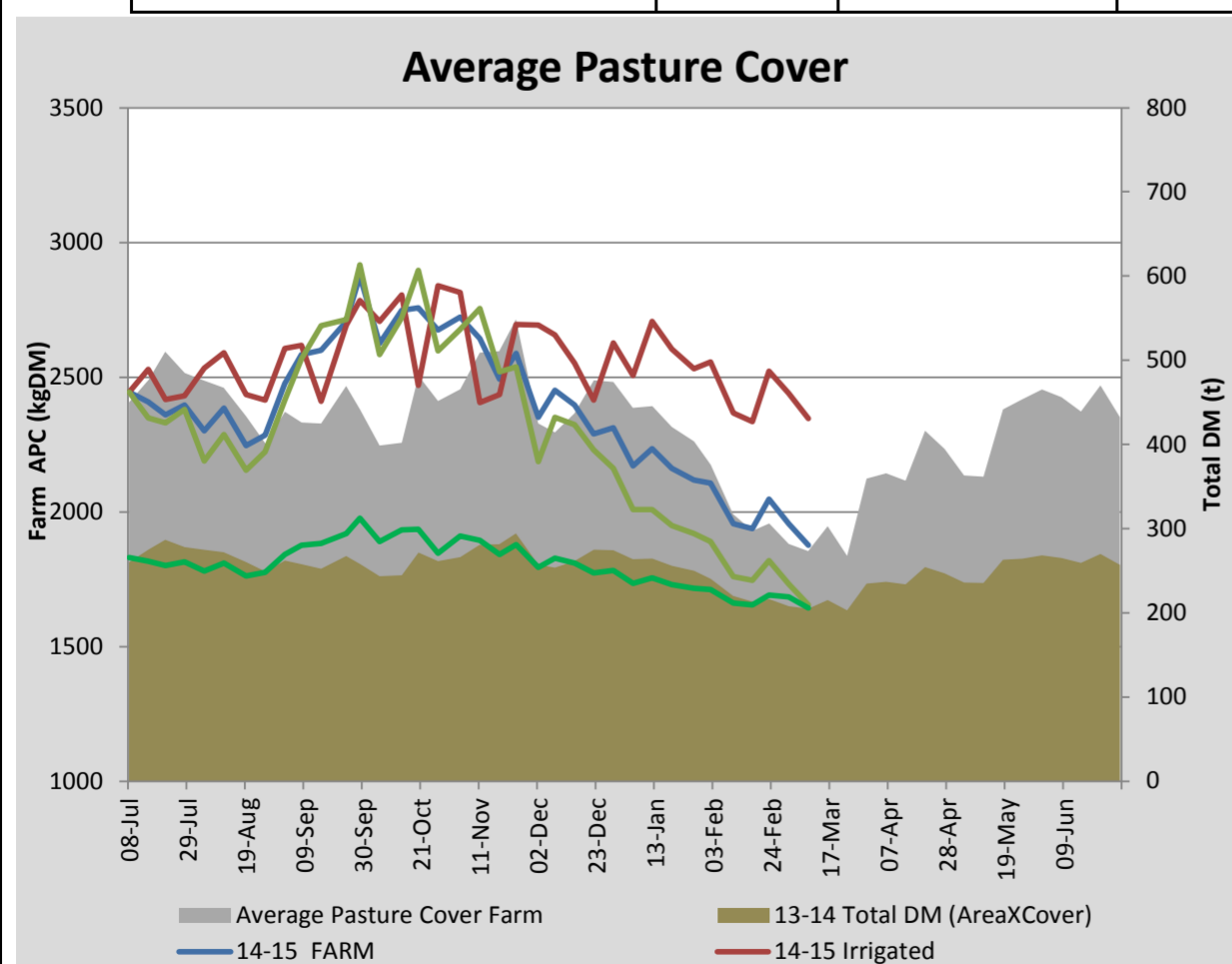
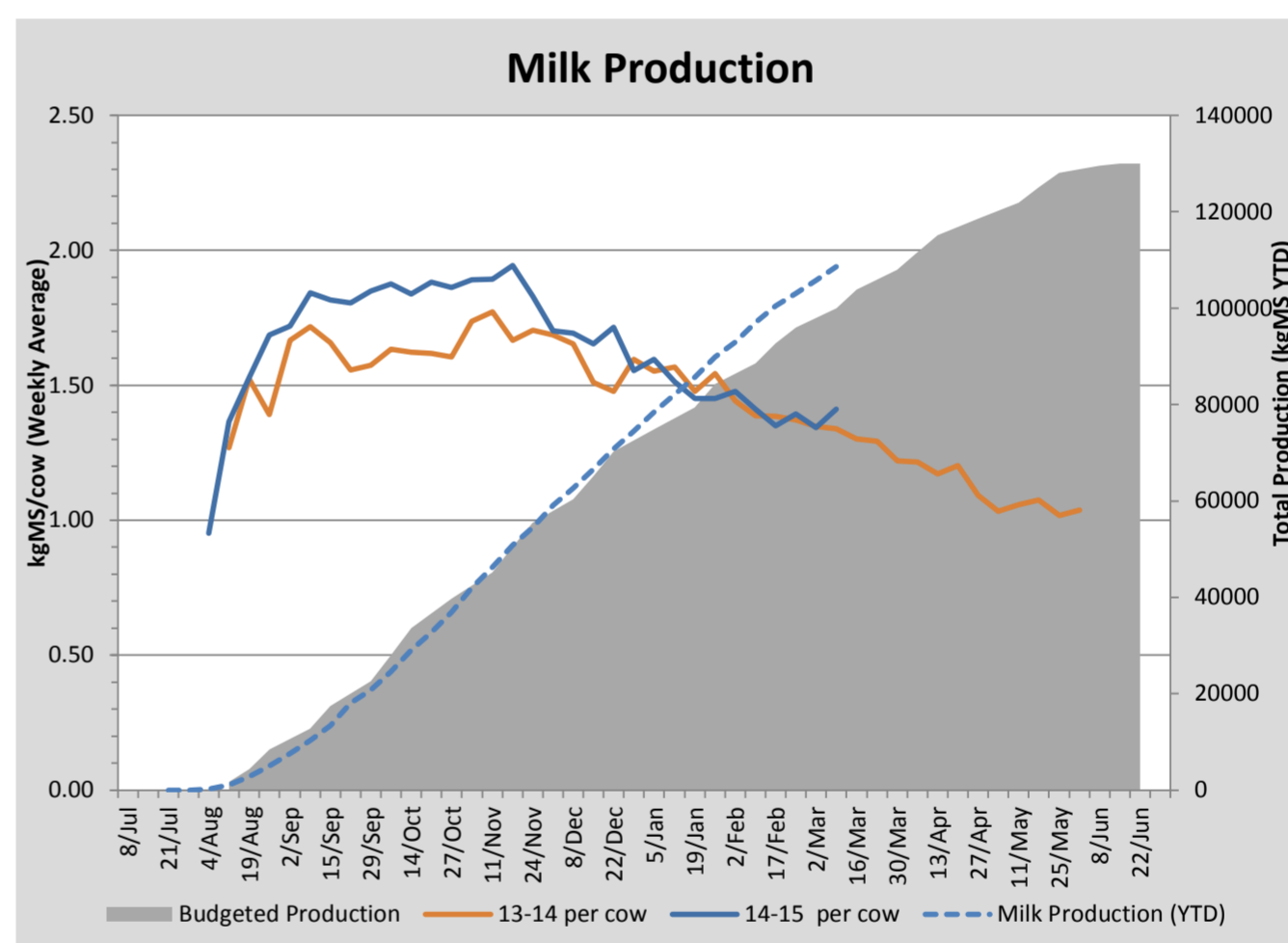
Key Summary Points

- 1 Average pasture cover declined slightly again this week as dry conditions have completely slowed growth on the dryland areas of the milking platform.
- 2 Final pregnancy check resulted in a total of 18 empty cows, from a total of 359.
- 3 The More Milk From Forage areas have been prepared to be sown down with Base ryegrass.

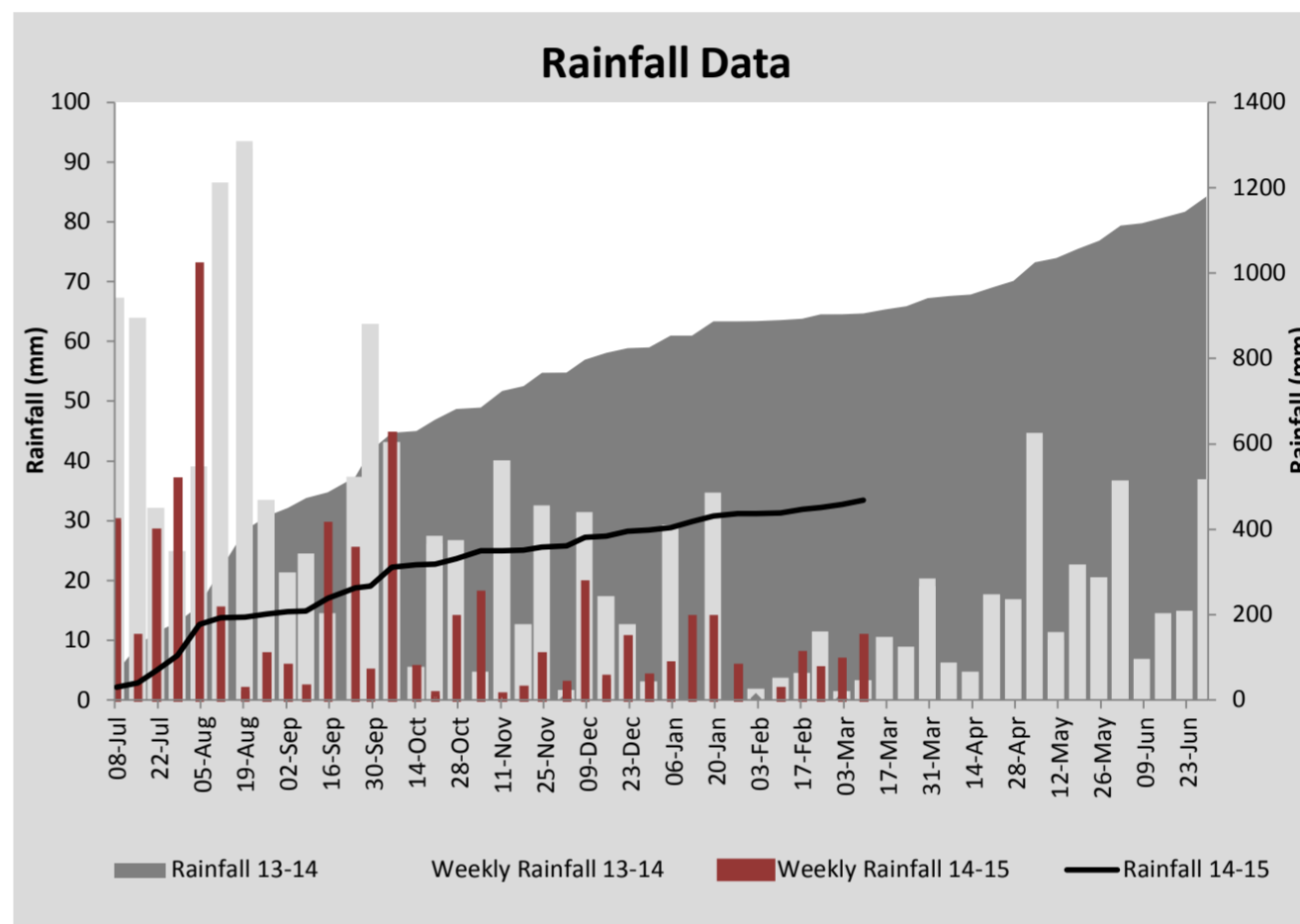
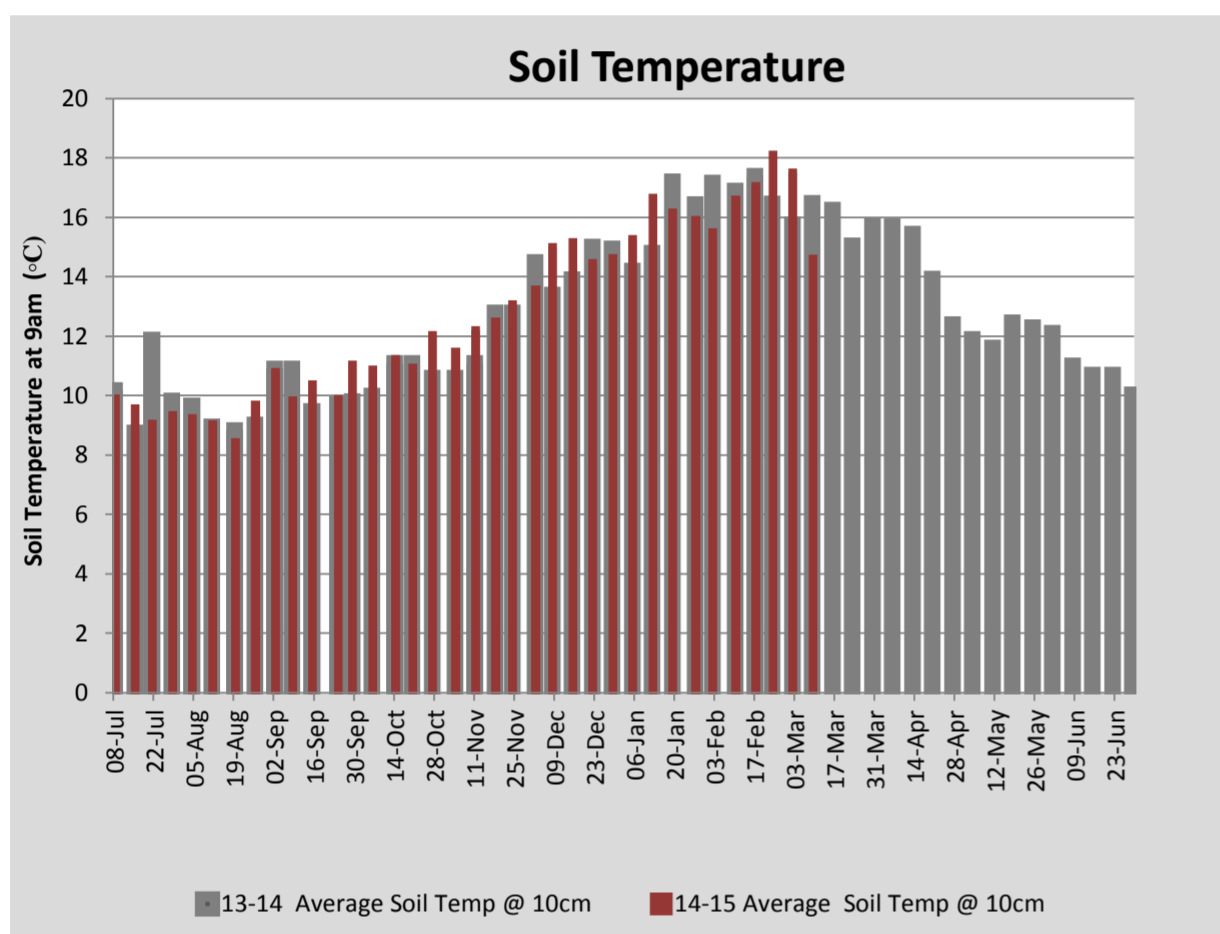
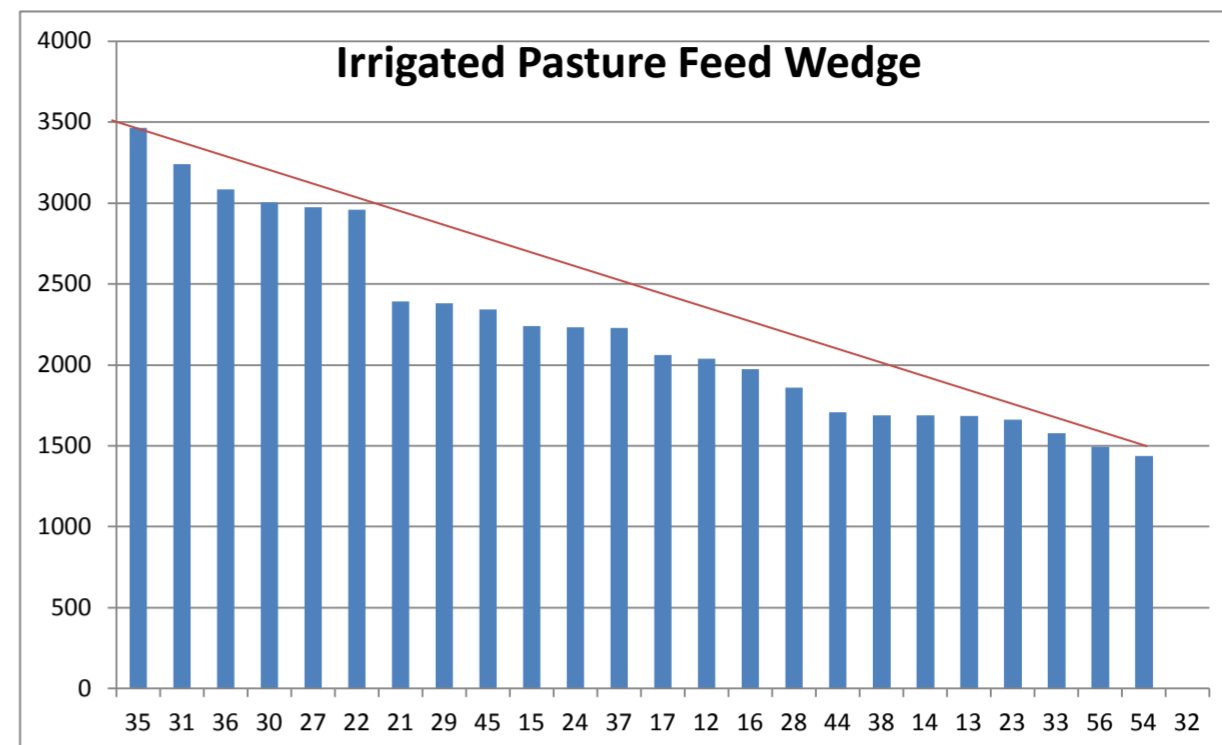
PASTURE INFORMATION	Farm			Irrigated			Rain-fed		
	Last Week	This Week	Variation	Last Week	This Week	Variation	Last Week	This Week	Variation
Grazed milking area (ha)	111.9	109.7	-2.2	40.5	35.1	-5.4	69.2	74.6	5
Rotation Length (days)	59	58	-1	32	32	0	96	93	-3
Grazing allocation per day (ha)	1.9	1.9	0.0	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.0
Average time since last grazed (days)	62	62	-1	35	35	0	75	74	-1
Leaf appearance rate (days per leaf)	19	19	0	11	12	1	23	23	0
Average Pasture Cover (kgDM/ha)	1955	1876	-79	2440	2346	-94	1733	1655	-78
Pasture Growth Rate (kgDM/ha/day)	7	9	2	22	22	-0	0	3	3
Post Grazing Biomass (kgDM/ha)	1490	1490	0						
Nitrogen applied YTD (kgN/ha)	129	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Please note all pasture calculations detailed above are based on the current Grazed Milking Area

MILK PRODUCTION	Last Week	This Week	Variation
Average No. cows in milk (vat)	282	282	0
Litres per cow	16.6	17.1	0.5
% Fat	4.75	4.75	0.00
% Protein	3.19	3.41	0.22
MS/cow/day	1.34	1.41	0.07
MS/ha/day	3.35	3.52	0.17
BMCC	146	181	34
Average Liveweight (kg)	530	536	6
	Budget	To Date	Variation
Total Milk Production (kgMS)	99,970	108,540	109%
MS/ha YTD	893	1009	117



Last 7 days					
Milkers Diet	kg DM	MJ ME	CP (%)	NDF (%)	\$/cow
Pasture Intake	5.8	11.5	16.4	45.0	0.0
Concentrates	5.5	12.0	16.0	16.5	0.0
Silage	5.7	11.0	15.0	49.0	0.0
Grazed forage	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other feeds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	17	195.4	15.8	37.1	0
Target		191	16-18	>33	0



Analysis			
Expected growth rate next 7 days (kgDM/ha/day)	20	Target Leaf Grazing Stage	2.5-3.0
Total Demand from Pasture (kgDM/ha/day)	14	Predicted APC 7 days time	1916
APC balance (kgDM/ha/day)	6	Predicted APC Change	40.3

Discussion

Dry conditions are continuing and have prevented any growth on the rain fed areas of the farm. In effect once grazed these paddocks are not growing and therefore average covers are continuing to fall. All the paddocks utilised in the More Milk For Forage trial have been prepared ready for sowing in the next week with ryegrass, variety Base. The final pregnancy check has confirmed 18 cows as empty (5% of the herd) and these will be soon be sold as culls.

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