

Westland Monitor Farm Project

Weekly Update as at week ending Wednesday 10th April 2019

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Have you heard about Farmers' Forum 2019? It is being held in Westport on Tuesday, 7 May 2019. Guest speakers will include...

Minister Damien O'Connor, Minister of Agriculture, Biosecurity and Food Safety, Minister for Rural Communities.

Guy Ryan, entrepreneur, chief executive and founder of Inspiring Stories, and former Young New Zealander of the year. Be inspired by Guy to focus on what you can control in the dairy sector and the power of young people.

Julia Jones, Head of Analytics, NZX Limited - Factors affecting the future of dairying globally and locally.

There will be workshops on milking efficiency; building knowledge for improving reproductive performance and the latest news on fertility research.

We will investigate 5 science snapshots of current research, participants will get to vote on which ones they want to hear about.

Most importantly, you will get to have a beer and a yarn afterwards!

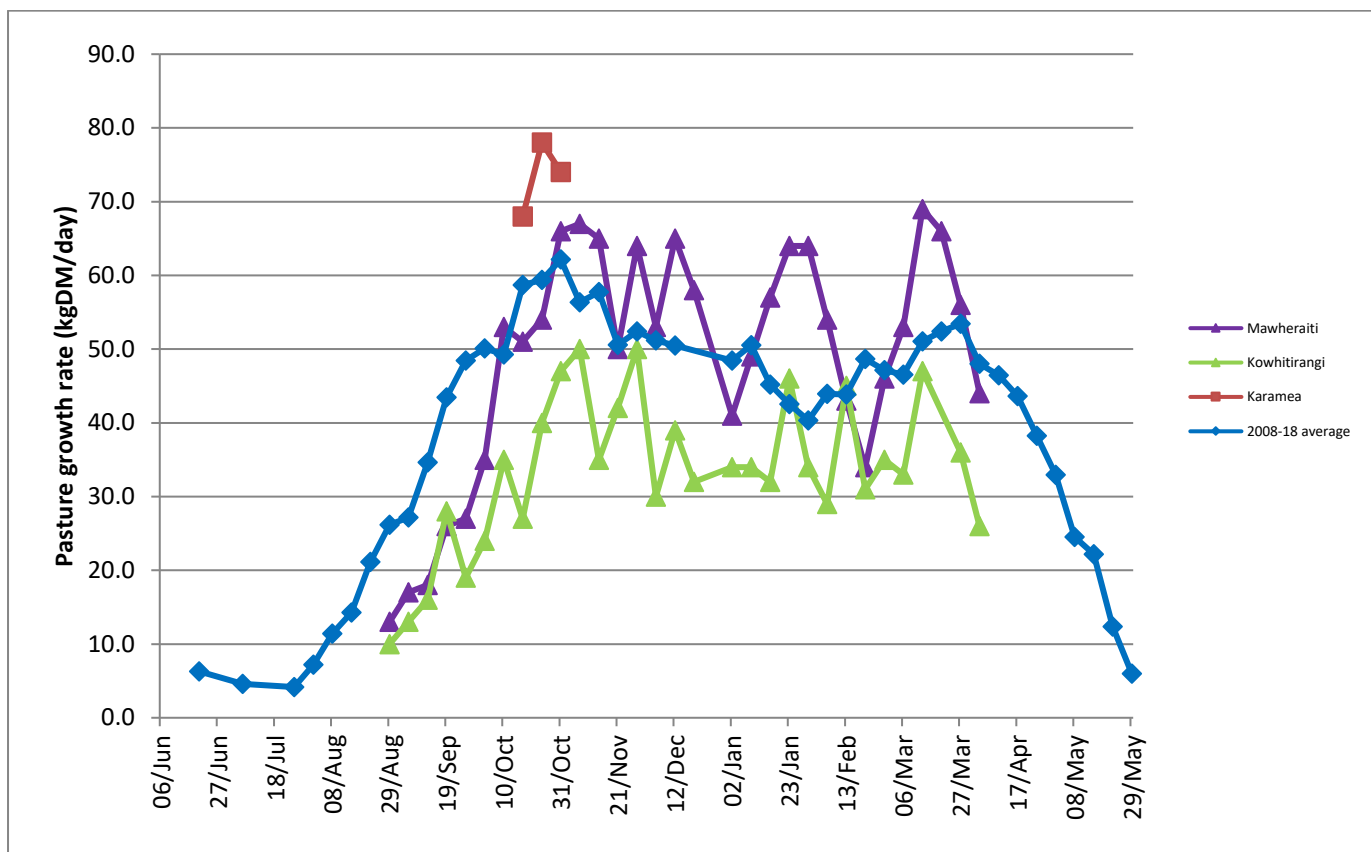
This is FREE for levy-paying farmers and their staff. Be sure to register at <https://www.dairynz.co.nz/events/top-of-si-west-coast/dairynz-farmers-forum-2019-westport>

Farm Summary

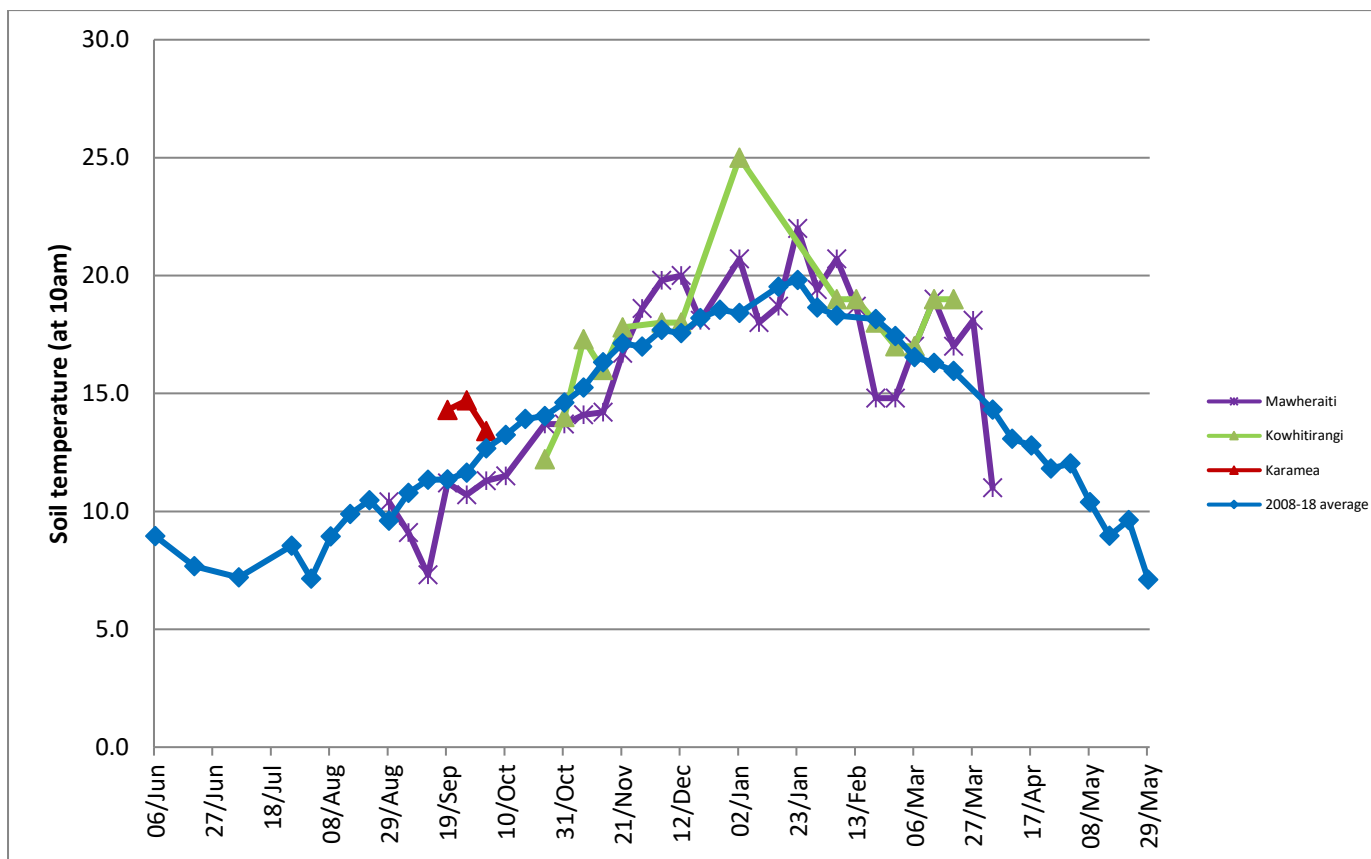
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Average cover (kg DM/ha)	2410	2068
APC (13 February)	2444	2175
Rotation length (days)	25	30
Stocking rate	2.4	2.2
Percentage in milk	100	100
Milksolids kg/cow	1.44	1.53
Milksolids kg/ha	3.2	3.1
MS/cow (season to date)	375	368
MS/ha (season to date)	942	749
N (kg/ha) year to date	121	178
Current N application rate kg N/ha	-	-
DM%	12.1	12.9
Pasture ME	12.3	12.4
Pasture NDF	50.5	52.6
Pasture CP	31.6	28.0
Target Intake (kg DM/cow/d)	20	18
Supplement (kg/cow/day)	0.4	1.5

Soil temperature (°C)	11	-
Growth Rate (kg DM/day)	44	26
Rainfall	45	40
Conditions for farmwalk	Fine	Heavy rain, fine and warm
Comments		

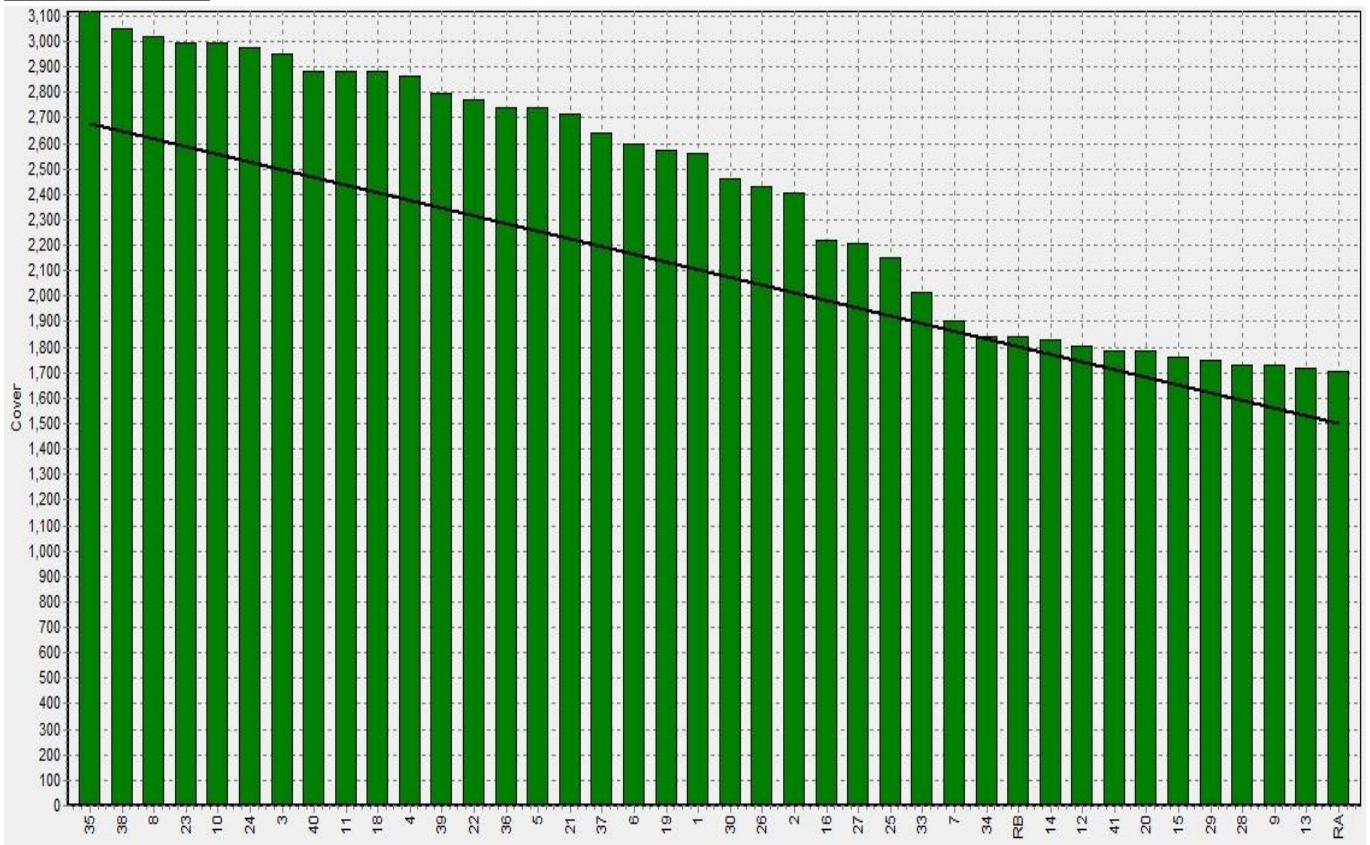
Weekly Pasture Growth Rates



Weekly Soil Temperature



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