

Westland Monitor Farm Project

Weekly Update as at week ending Wednesday 27th February 2019

CO Comment

Last week we had two very eventful discussion groups.

Tuesday saw 57 people turn out to the group about transitioning to an OAD farm system. We discussed challenges and opportunities around adoption of this as a strategy. We also heard from a few farmers who have been through the changeover and the overwhelming message that they would never go back to TAD.

If you are interested in adopting this system it might be worthwhile completing the decision matrix at the below website to see if it could benefit you and your business.

For more info on OAD farm systems visit <https://www.dairynz.co.nz/milking/once-a-day-milking/full-season-once-a-day-oad-milking/>

Thursday saw a smaller group come together to have a look around a farm that is undergoing development and growth.

We also discussed break even milk price and how knowing this KPI gives knowledge to make decisions about your business and comparisons with others.

Do you know yours?

To work it out to start reviewing your business visit <https://www.dairynz.co.nz/business/business-analysis/analysis-tools/review-your-business/>

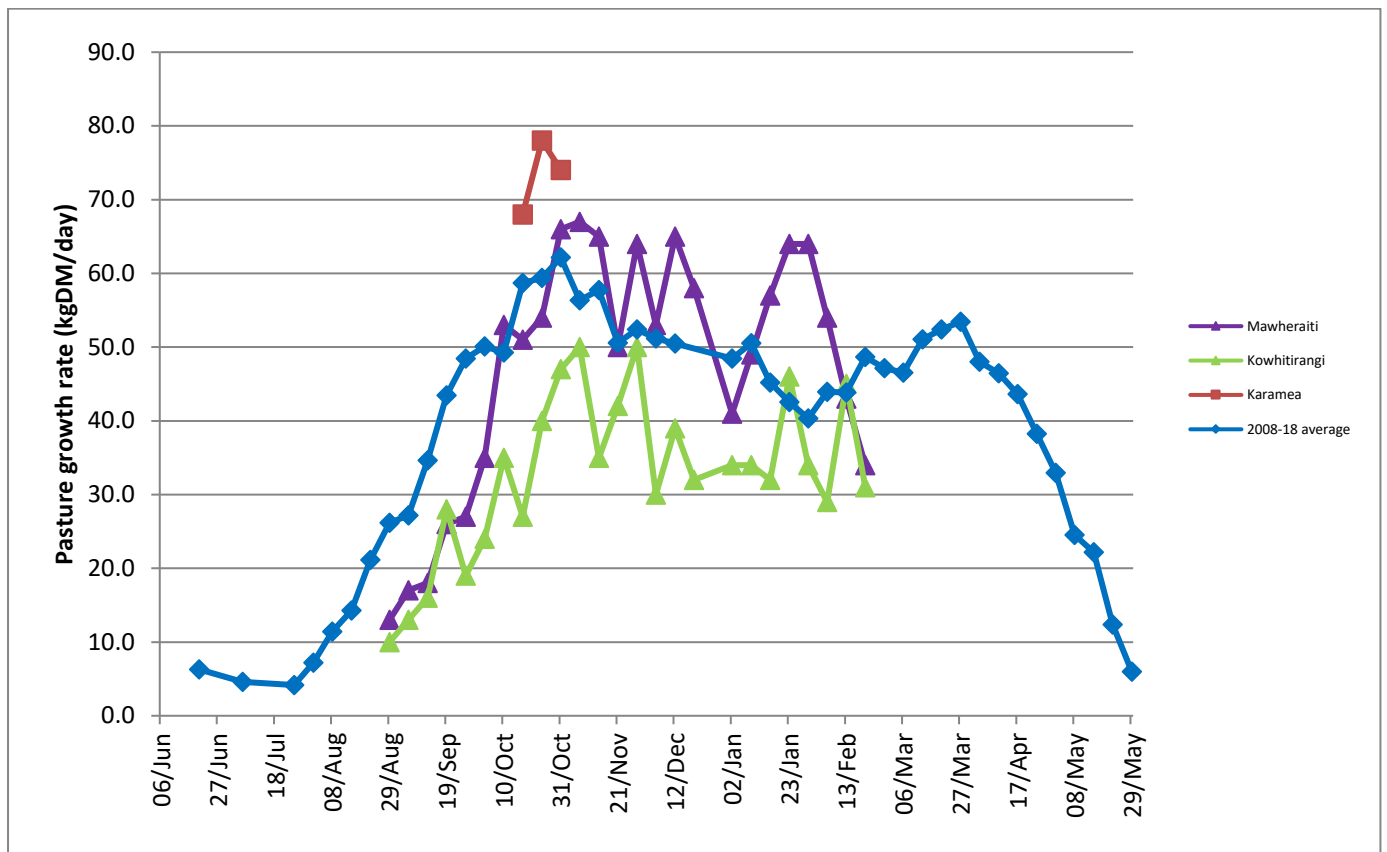
As always if you would like some individualised help with either of these things, or anything else, feel free to contact me at angela.leslie@dairynz.co.nz or on 021 277 2894.

Farm Summary

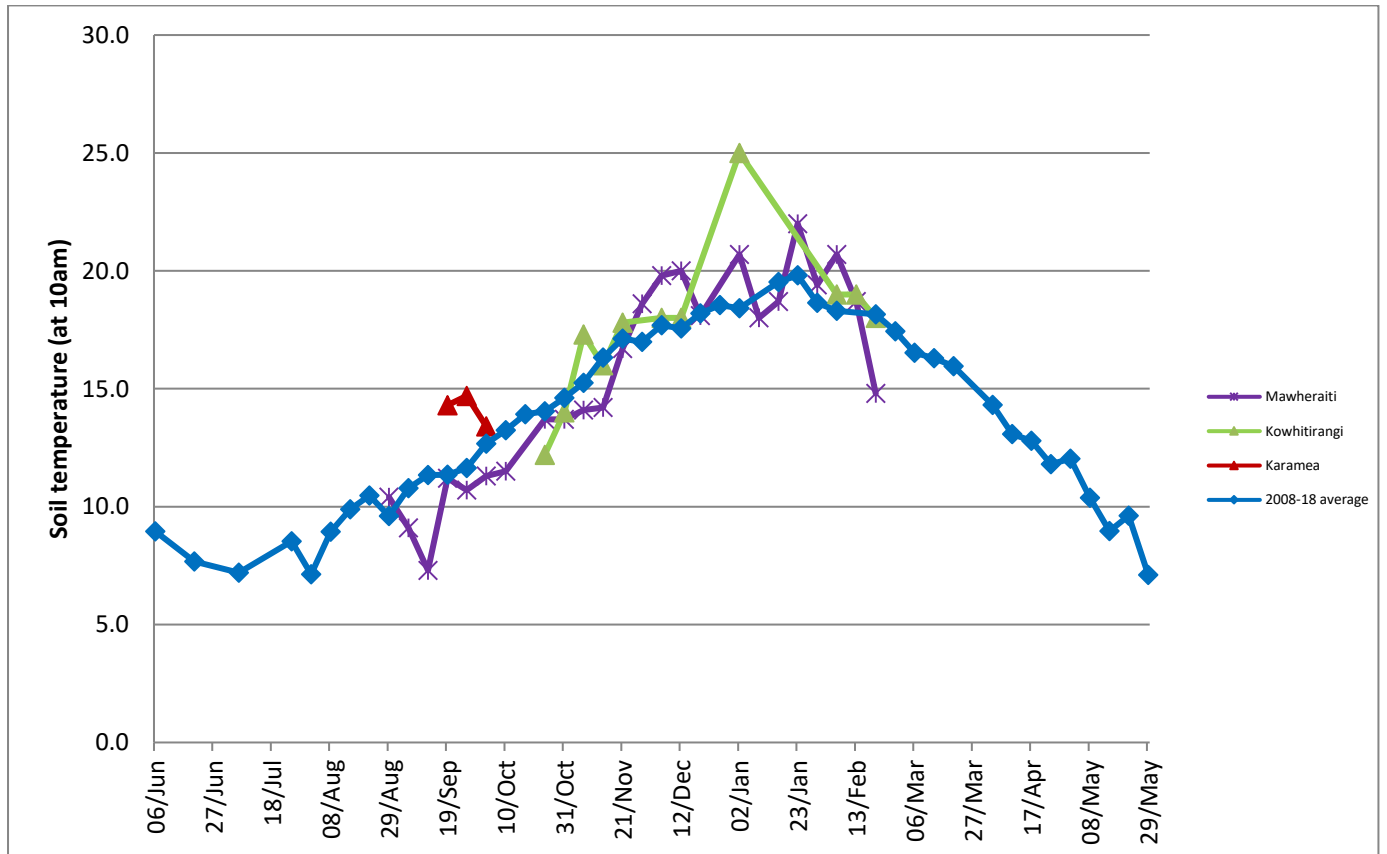
	Mawheraiti	Kowhitirangi
Average cover (kg DM/ha)	2189	2156
APC (13 February)	2319	2158
Rotation length (days)	25	29
Stocking rate	2.7	2.2
Percentage in milk	100	100
Milksolids kg/cow	1.63	1.67
Milksolids kg/ha	4.1	3.4
MS/cow (season to date)	315	307
MS/ha (season to date)	790	624
N (kg/ha) year to date	108	178
Current N application rate kg N/ha	28	
DM%	11.8	13.1
Pasture ME	>12.7	11.8
Pasture NDF	53.5	50.9
Pasture CP	29.2	26.1
Target Intake (kg DM/cow/d)	20	18

Supplement (kg/cow/day)	-	1.5
Soil temperature (°C)	14.8	18.0
Growth Rate (kg DM/day)	34	31
Rainfall	11	60
Conditions for farmwalk	Cold morning, almost frost, beautiful day	Fine just, overcast, cooler
Comments		

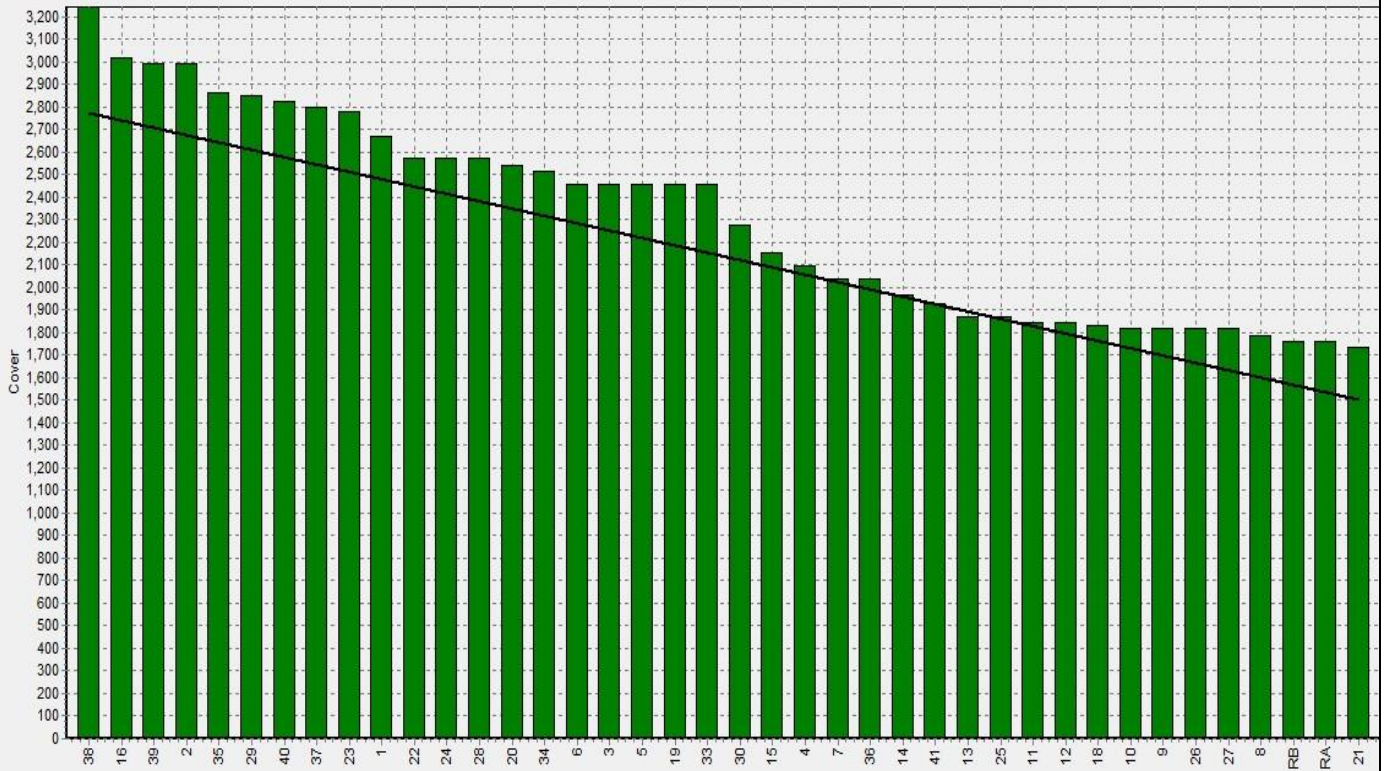
Weekly Pasture Growth Rates



Weekly Soil Temperature



Mawheraiti



Kowhitirangi

