

Westland Monitor Farm Project

Weekly Update as at week ending Wednesday 3rd July 2019

CO Comment

The success of spring on your farm will largely be determined in the lead up to spring. Time you put into planning now will pay rewards when the first calf hits the ground.

Get your team involved. Sit down with your team and discuss what you want to achieve in spring and create a list of actions that will need to happen to achieve these targets. Discuss why these actions are important and decide who is responsible for the different tasks / responsibilities.

Capture this information on a white board and put it where everyone can see and reference it.

Set a realistic roster for the spring period that will enable your team to perform at their best.

You have a huge amount of knowledge in your head about what needs to be done but not everyone in your team has this same knowledge.

Create a checklist and get others to help you complete the tasks.

Remember to order everyday supplies for spring such as causmag, milk fever treatments and mastitis treatments.

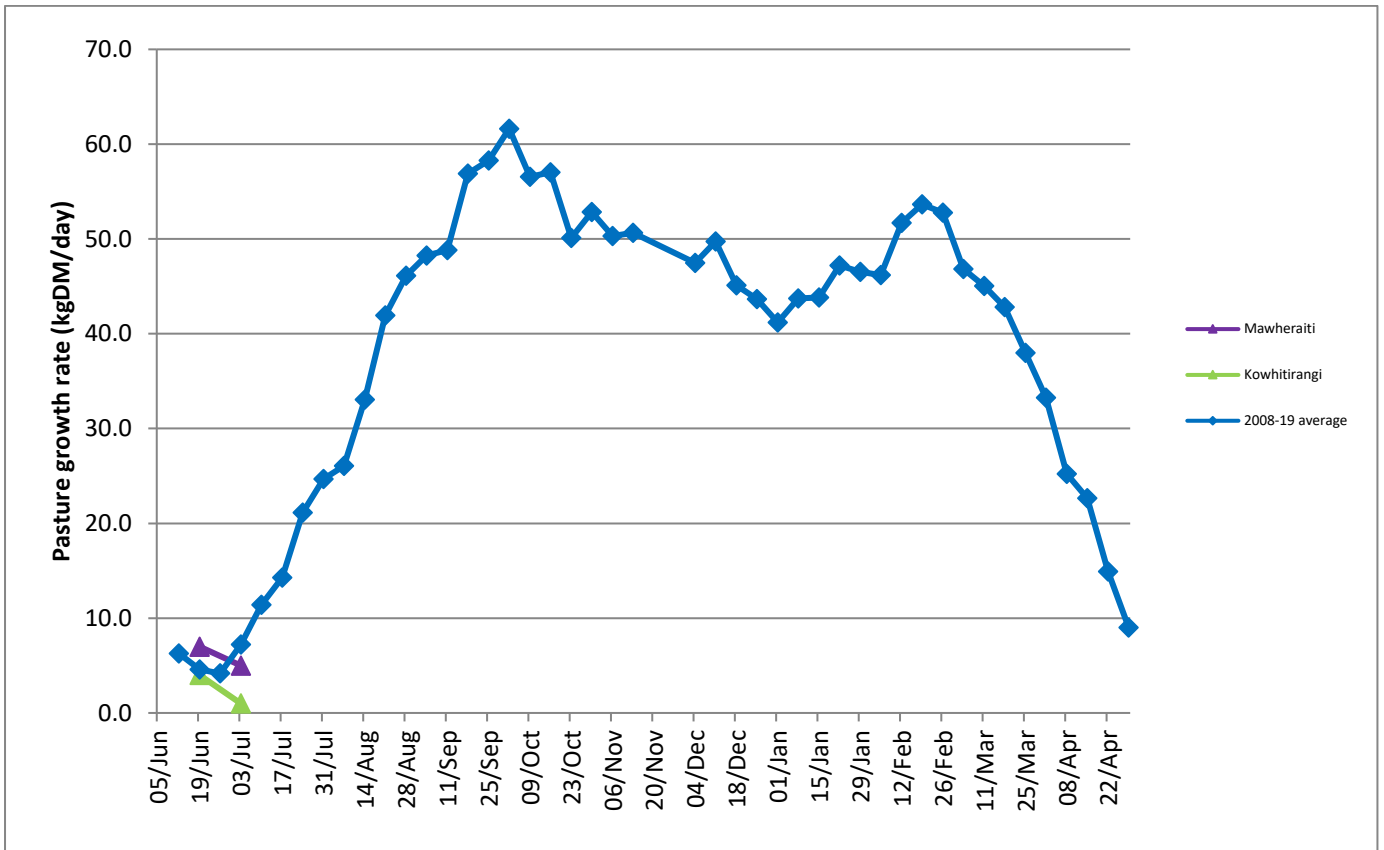
Make sure your calving kit is organised so that it can go to the paddock with you or stays at the gate of the calving paddock.

Good preparation prepares everyone for the best outcomes. Take some time to prepare over winter for a successful spring and calving this season.

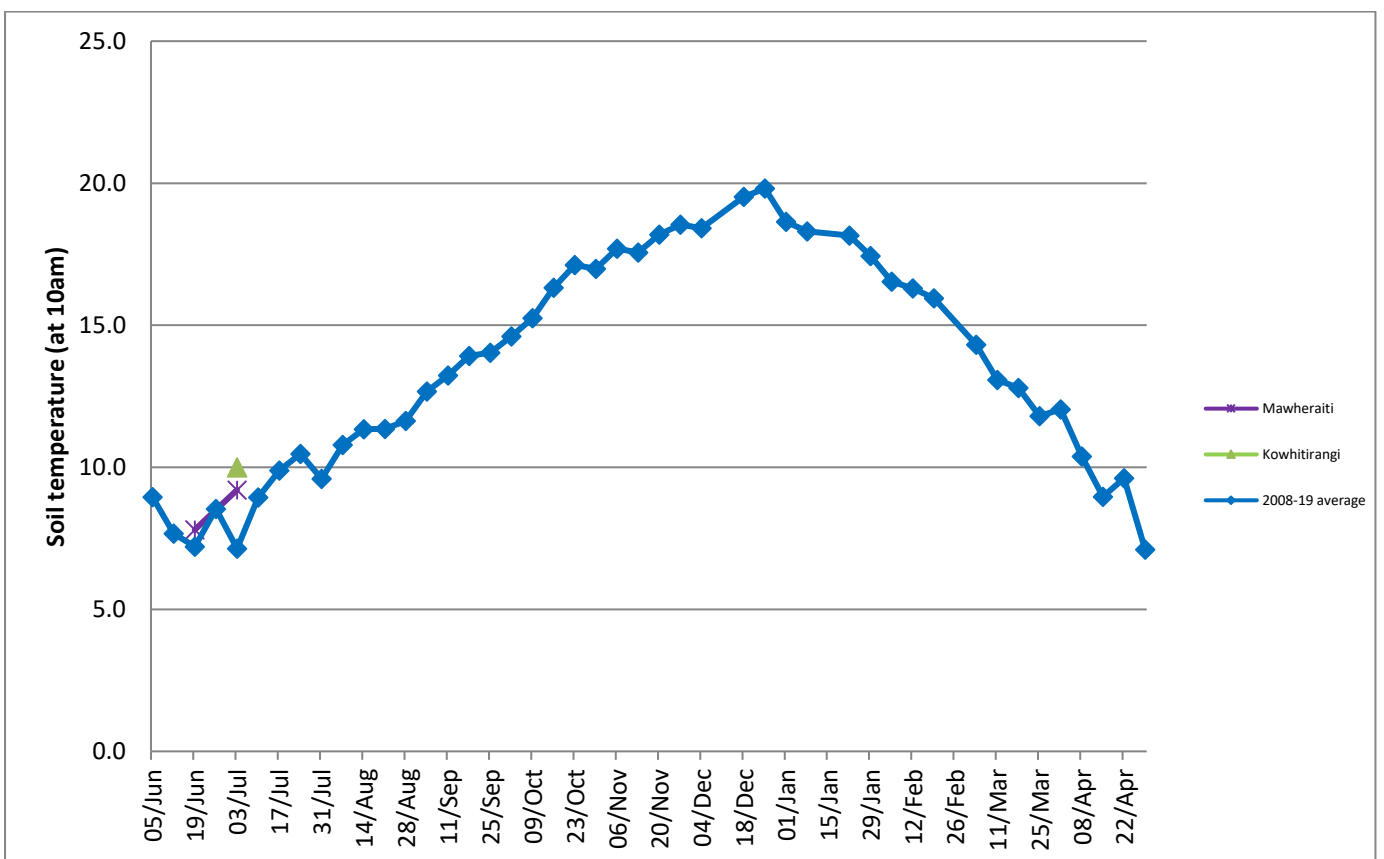
Farm Summary

	Mawheraiti	Kowhitirangi
Average cover (kg DM/ha)	2329	1986
APC (13 February)	2299	2033
Rotation length (days)		
Stocking rate		
Percentage in milk		
Milksolids kg/cow		
Milksolids kg/ha		
MS/cow (season to date)	444	425
MS/ha (season to date)	1123	865
N (kg/ha) year to date	121	178
Current N application rate kg N/ha	-	-
DM%	12.4	9.5
Pasture ME	>12.7	>12.7
Pasture NDF	43.8	41.6
Pasture CP	36.0	36.0
Target Intake (kg DM/cow/d)	13.6	13
Supplement (kg/cow/day)	13.6	
Soil temperature (°C)	9.2	10
Growth Rate (kg DM/day)	5	1
Rainfall	0	100
Conditions for farmwalk	Bitterly cold, but fine	Heavy rain, flooding, strong winds
Comments		

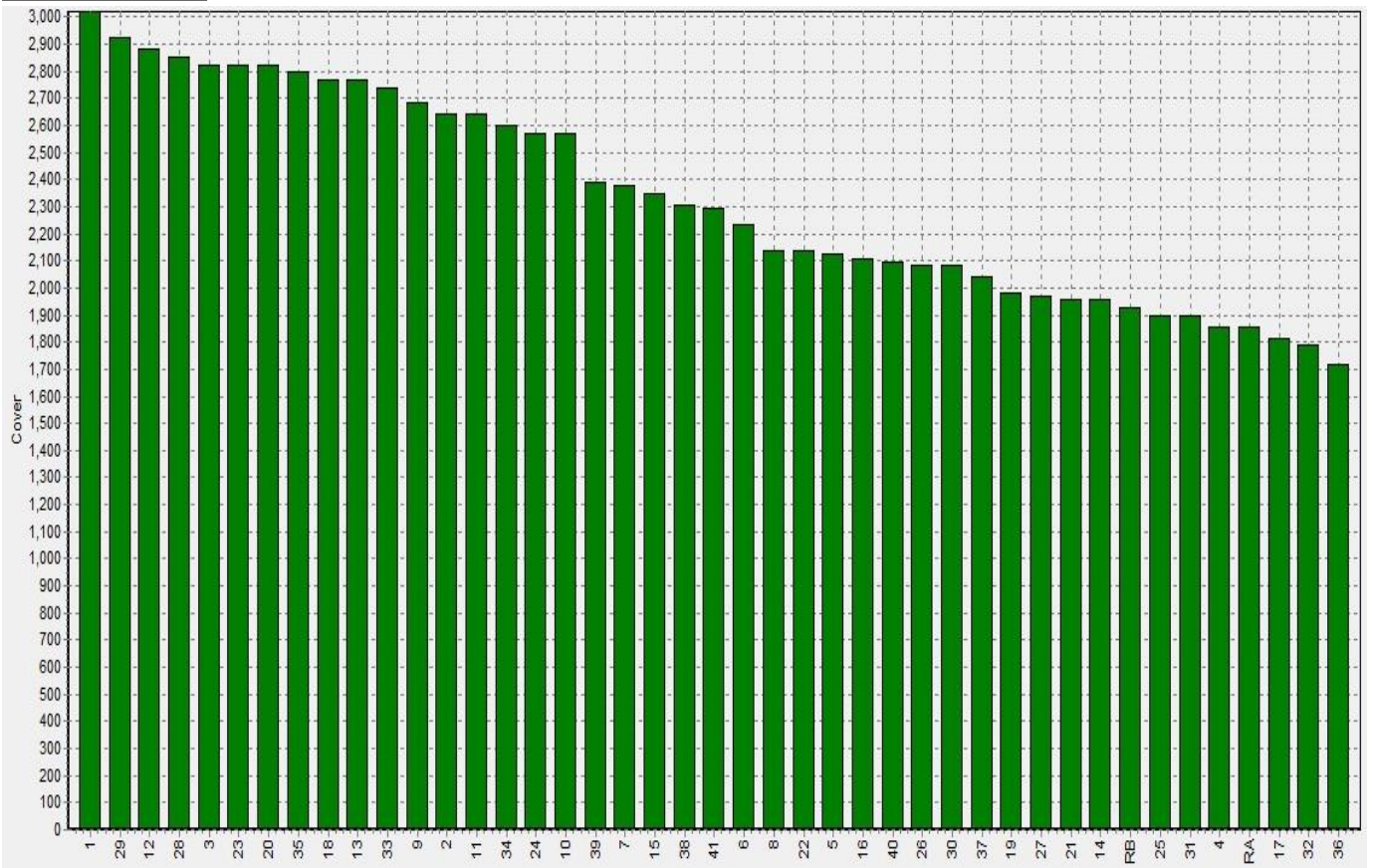
Weekly Pasture Growth Rates



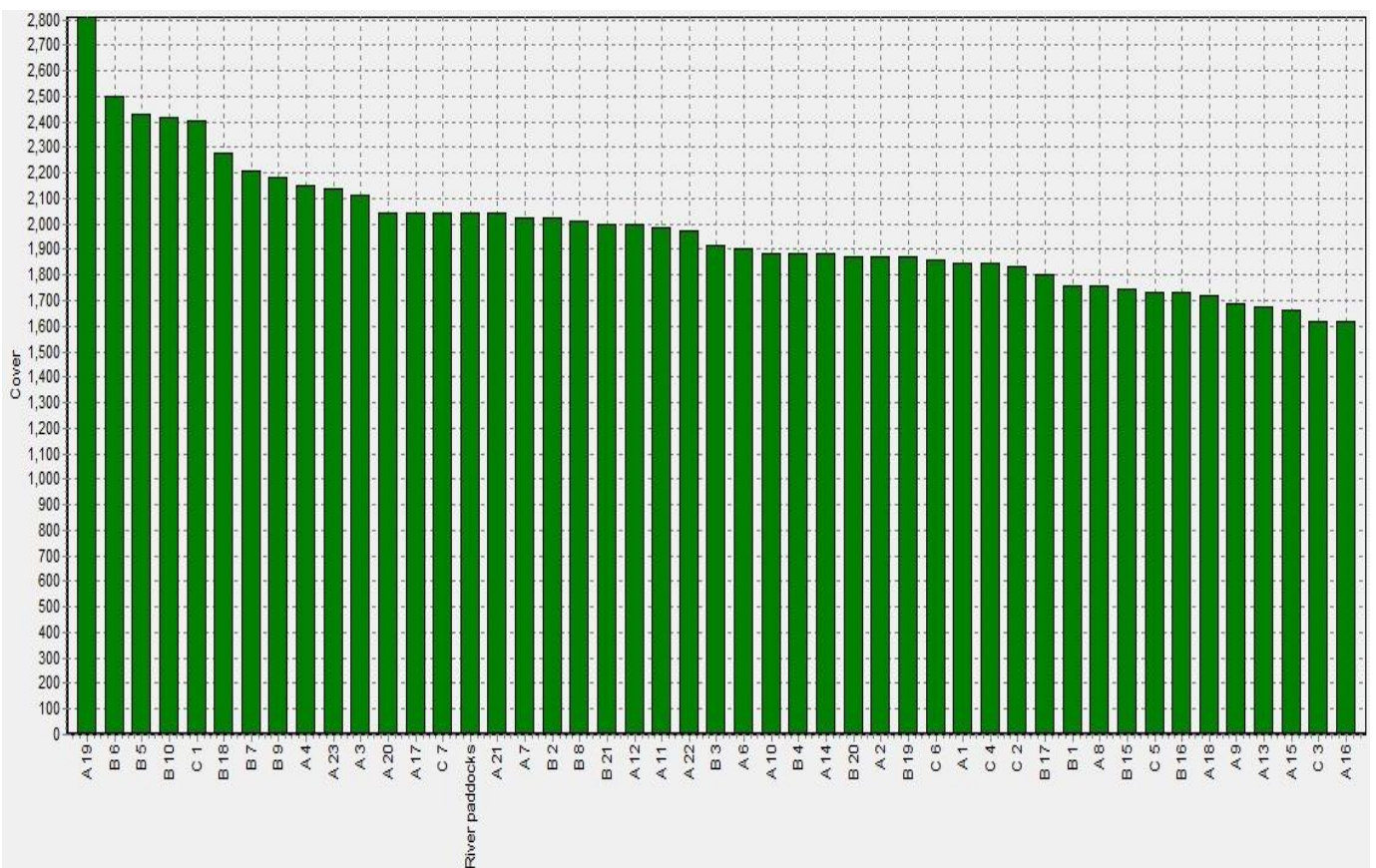
Weekly Soil Temperature



Mawheraiti



Kowhitirangi



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Description	Date	RPM	% DM	% Prot	% Lipid	% ADF	% NDF	Sol Sugar	OMD %	MJME /kg
Paddock 5	7/9/2018		17.4	26.8	4.9	18.9	39.3	18.2	91.6	13.4
Paddock 14	2/10/2018	12.0	15.1	22.4	4.4	20.7	43.2	18	>85	>12.7
Paddock 10	7/11/2018	11.8	15.8	27.3	4.0	21.2	47.6	9.2	90.4	13.2
Paddock 3	5/12/2018	8.9	16.7	20.8	4.2	22.8	47.9	13	>85	12.7
Paddock 15	30/1/2019	10.4	12.3	28.3	4.1	22.8	51.2	2.0	84.0	12.3
Paddock 17	13/2/2019	16.6	13.1	26.1	3.9	25.2	50.9	6.6	80.7	11.8
Paddock B2	13/03/2019	12.6	12.3	29.1	4.7	21.9	47.6	5.4	84.0	12.3
Paddock 6B	3/4/2019	17.6	12.9	28.0	4.0	24.3	52.6	5.1	84.7	12.4
Paddock 4A	8/5/2019	13.6	11.3	32.1	5.0	22.0	44.1	5.5	90.5	13.2
Paddock 13A	29/5/2019	15.4	9.5	36.0	5.0	21.9	41.6	4.6	>85	>12.7