

Westland Monitor Farm Project

Weekly Update as at week ending Wednesday 10th June 2020

CO Comment

Cows (and people) should be settling into the winter routine by now.

All cows should be checked regularly especially if they are still transitioning onto crop. Monitor cow condition regularly and double check feeding allowances and intakes to ensure there are no animal health surprises. If wintering on grass on the milking platform, implement strategies to minimise pasture and soil damage.

Keep checking the dry mobs for any signs of mastitis and keep an eye on any lighter conditioned cows. If necessary, pull these cows out of the herd and preferentially feed them, especially if they are early calvers.

Now is the time to plan your spring pasture management. Pasture management in the first 2 months after calving has a large impact on production through to December. Use the Spring Rotation Planner (SRP) to assist with allocation of your grazing area from calving until balance date. Details on the Spring Rotation Planner can be found

at <https://www.dairynz.co.nz/feed/pasture-management/feed-wedges-and-rotation-planners/spring-rotation-planner/>

Remember to plan staff holidays to ensure everyone is fresh for calving and if new staff have arrived make sure they have been effectively inducted into the farm policies and procedures.

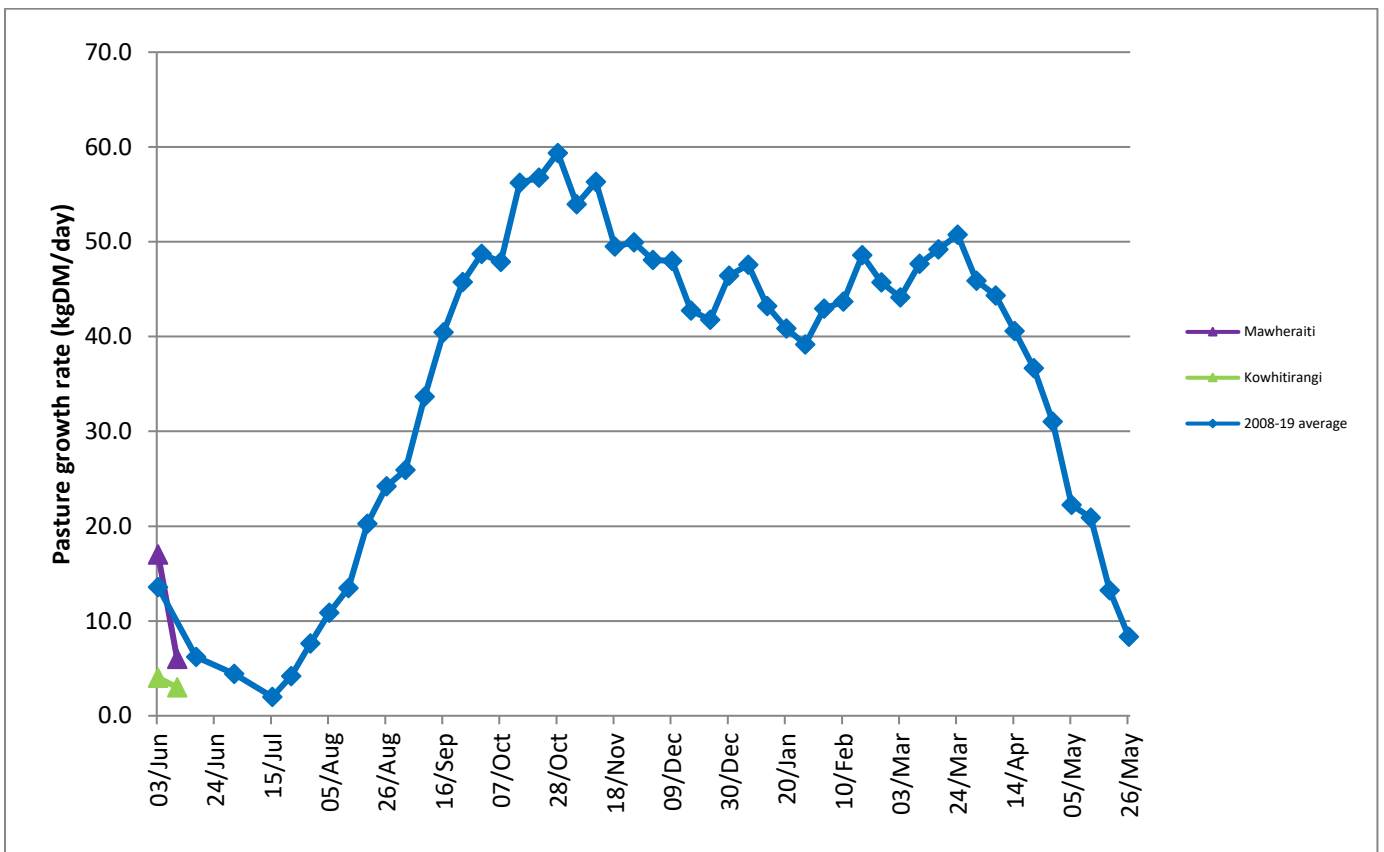
Please note that the weekly farm walks and Farmwatch will be slowing down over the winter period and will alternate weeks for publication during this time.

Farm Summary

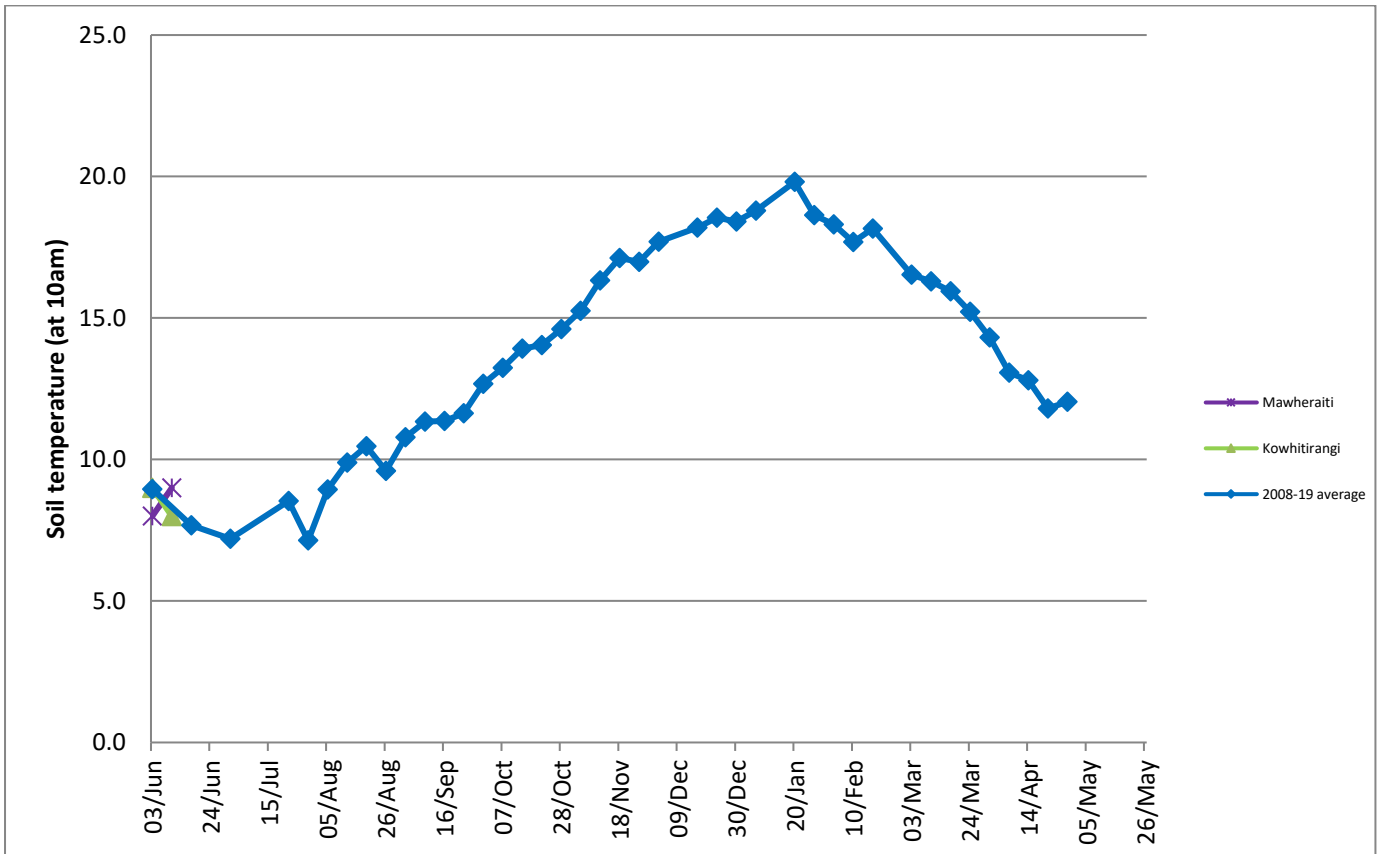
	Mawheraiti	Kowhitirangi
Average cover (kg DM/ha)	1983	1865
APC (3 June)	1952	1867
Rotation length (days)		272
Stocking rate		
Percentage in milk	0	0
Milksolids kg/cow	-	-
Milksolids kg/ha	-	-
MS/cow (season to date)	6	-
MS/ha (season to date)	16	-
N (kg/ha) year to date	25	0
Current N application rate kg N/ha	-	-
	2 Mar	4 Mar
DM%	11.4	11.6
Pasture ME	11.5	11.9
Pasture NDF	48.4	45.0
Pasture CP	28.5	29.5
Target Intake (kg DM/cow/d)	17	
Supplement (kg/cow/day)	1	13
Soil temperature (°C)	9	8
Growth Rate (kg DM/day)	6	3
Rainfall	35	37
Conditions for farmwalk		

NB: pasture quality data are for 1 sample collected from each farm

Weekly Pasture Growth Rates



Weekly Soil Temperature



Mawheraiti

