

DairyNZ WTARS Research farm Hawera Taranaki – Farm Walk Notes

29 June 2009

Growth Rate:	21 kgDM/ha/day (last 2 weeks)
Average Pasture Cover:	2410 kg DM/ha
Rainfall:	35 mls in the past 14 days. 61 mls for June
10 cm Soil temperature:	7 degrees C average past 14 days 7.7 degrees C average for June

Current Situation

- Good pasture growth rates were recorded in the past 2 weeks, especially the new grass and the higher herbage mass paddocks.
- Demand from pasture = 13 kg DM/ha/day, therefore pasture cover has increased, and is now at a more acceptable level.
- Soil temperatures have ranged from 5 degrees C on the 19th June with a frost to 8.6 deg on Saturday 27th.
- Estimated pasture allowance of 5.5 kg DM/cow/day (30 sqm/cow/day)
- Supplement as silage = 3.5 kg DM/cow/day.
- Total allowance of 9 kg DM/cow/day.
- 100 cows out grazing return late this week
- Stocking rate with all cows on farm will be 3.4 cows/ha.