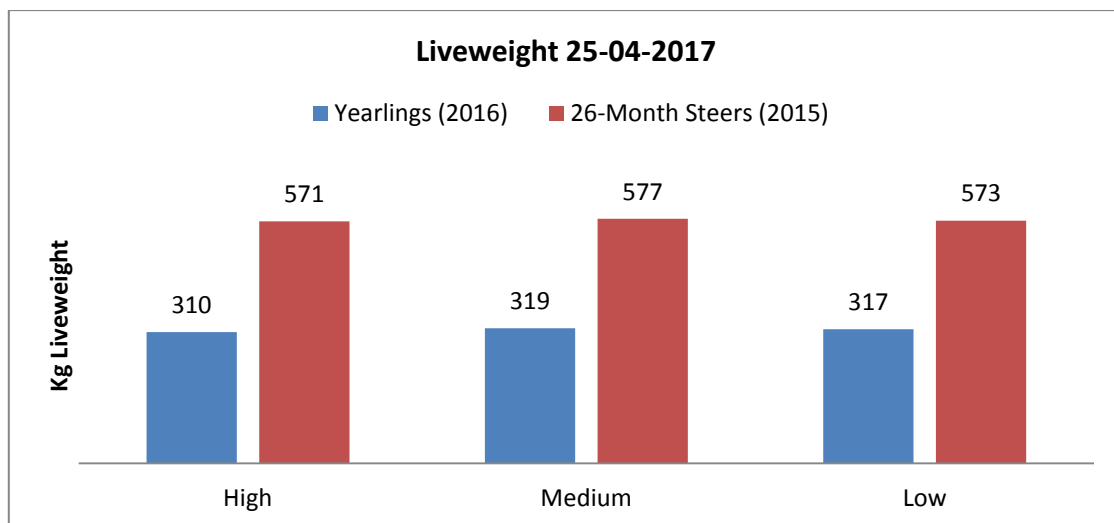


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**Update: 02-05-2017**

- Conditions for all of April were very good, with minimal rain.
- The poached paddocks from the middle of March have recovered well over the past month.
- All animals are out at grass, with no concentrate supplementation.
- There is an oversupply of grass on the farm. This has led to paddocks being assigned for early first cut silage. This will be cut the end of May/first week of June.
- No health issues of animals at grass.

### **Animal Performance**



	High	Medium	Low
Yearling ADG, Second Season at Pasture	0.81	0.79	0.89

### **Grassland Management**

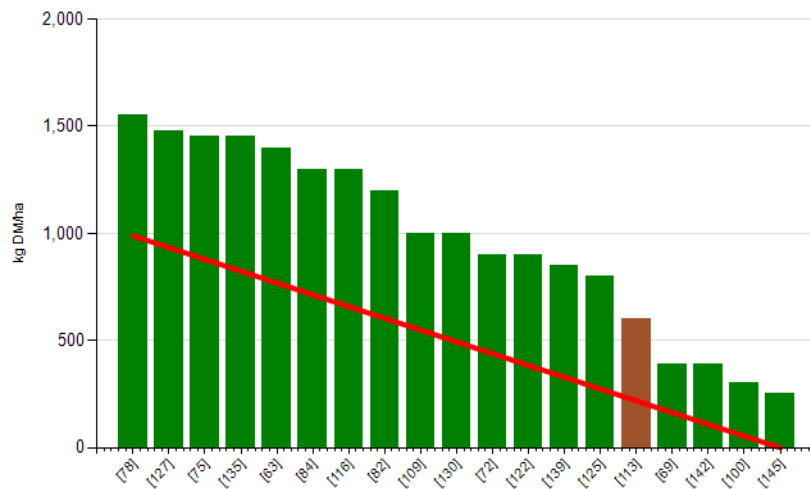
- Rotation length: 25 days
- Livestock: 72 1-2 year old (310kg), 18 >2 year old (590kg) animals per farmlet.

	High	Medium	Low
Farm Cover (kg DM/ha)	959	864	945
Growth/ha (kg DM/ha/day)	50	35	61
Demand/ha (kg DM/ha/day)	40	43	42
Days ahead	24	20	23
Silage	1 (1.37 ha)	5 (4.23 ha)	5 (5.82 ha)

- More paddocks to be put aside for silage.
- Rotation length to reduce to 21 days.

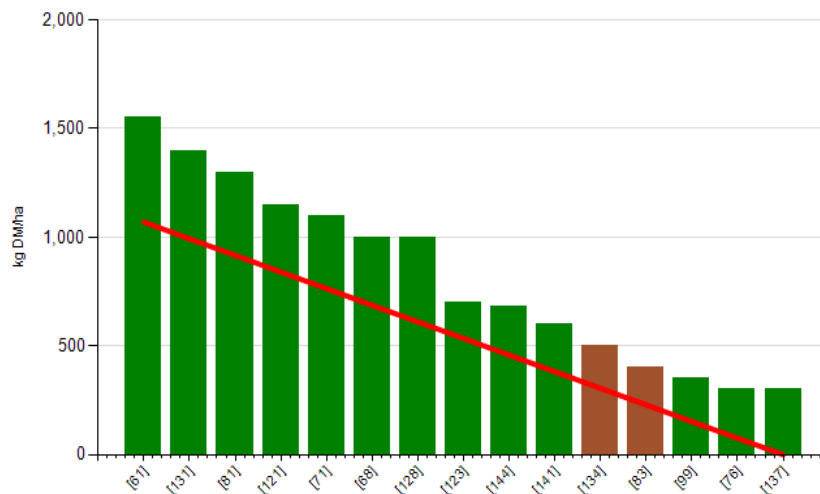
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## **'High SD' Farmlet**



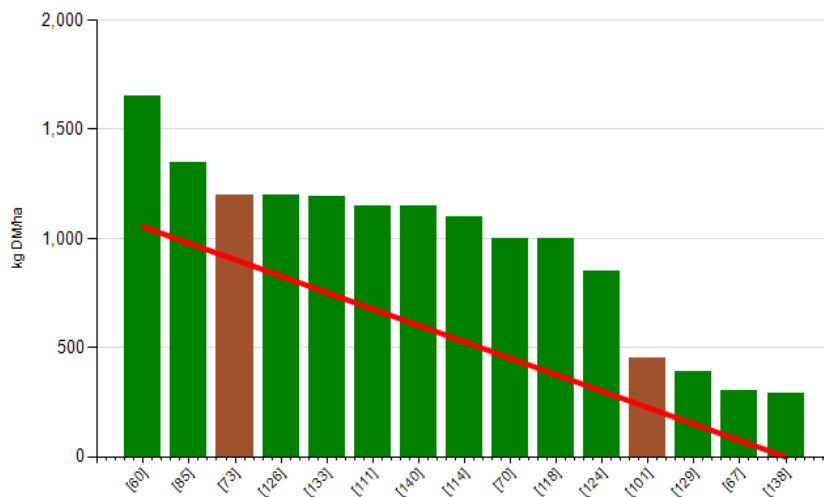
Paddock 62 put aside for silage later.

## **'Medium SD' Farmlet**



Paddocks 77, 64, 110, 112 and 117 put aside for silage later.

## **'Low SD' Farmlet**



Paddocks 80, 65, 132, 79 and 138 put aside for silage later.