

# Seasonal Outlook Options

Bungarby and Bukalong

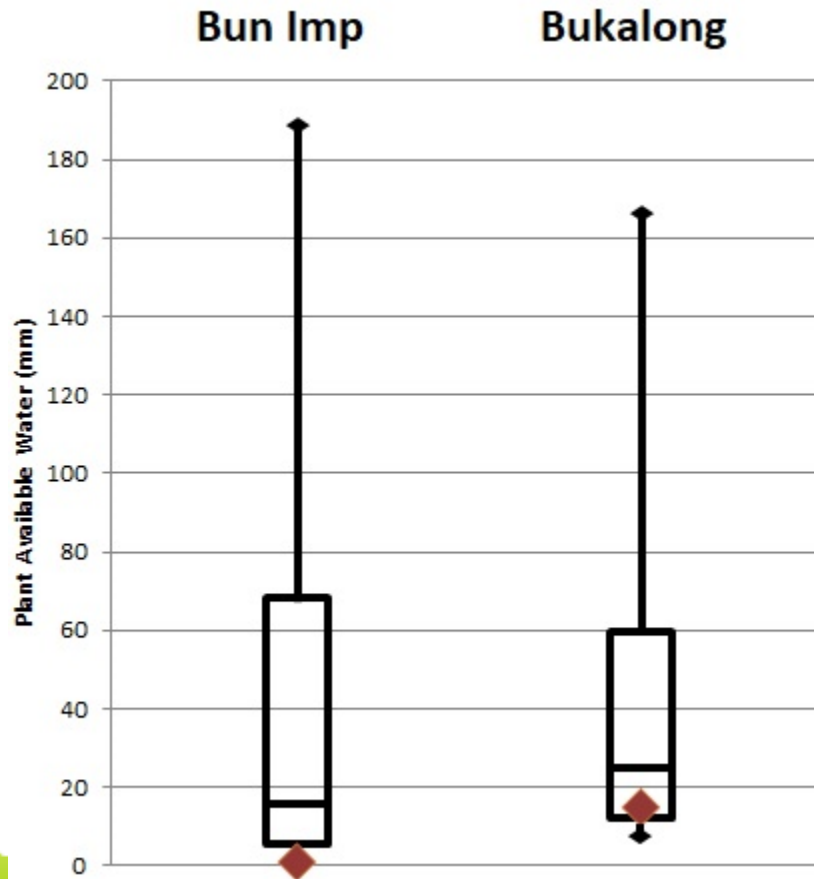


# Soils are dry

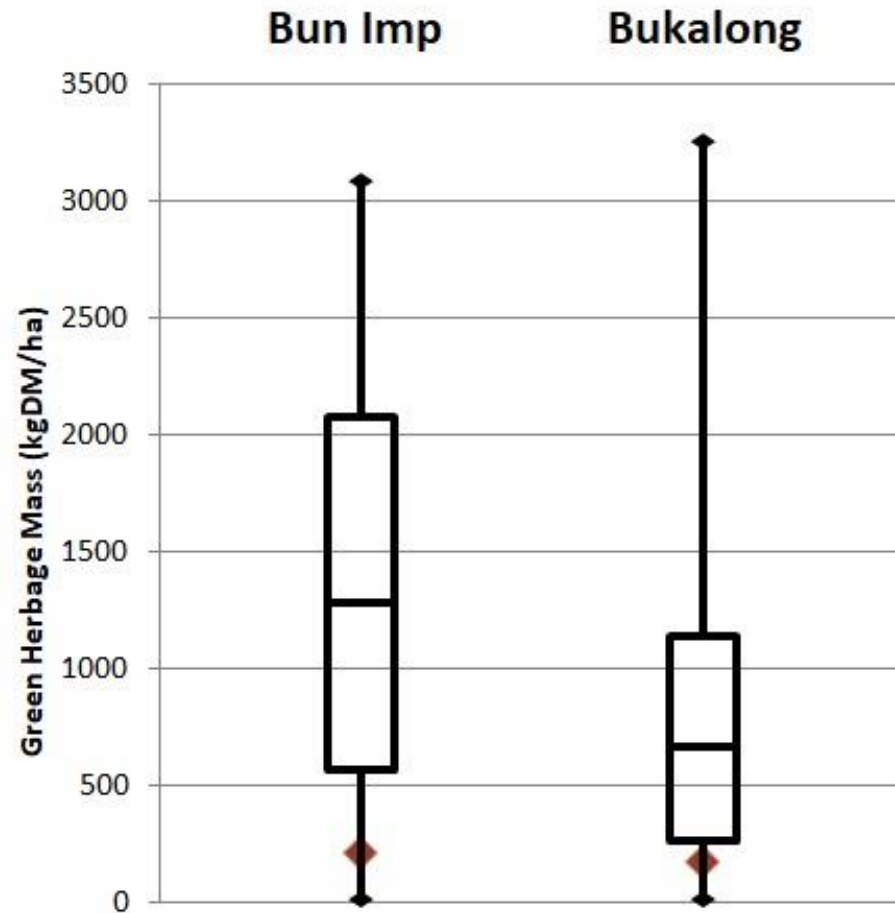
## Probe Data

Soil Moisture	Bungarby Improved	Bukalong
10cm	1%	25%
20cm	27%	30%
40cm	57%	26%
60cm	0%	11%

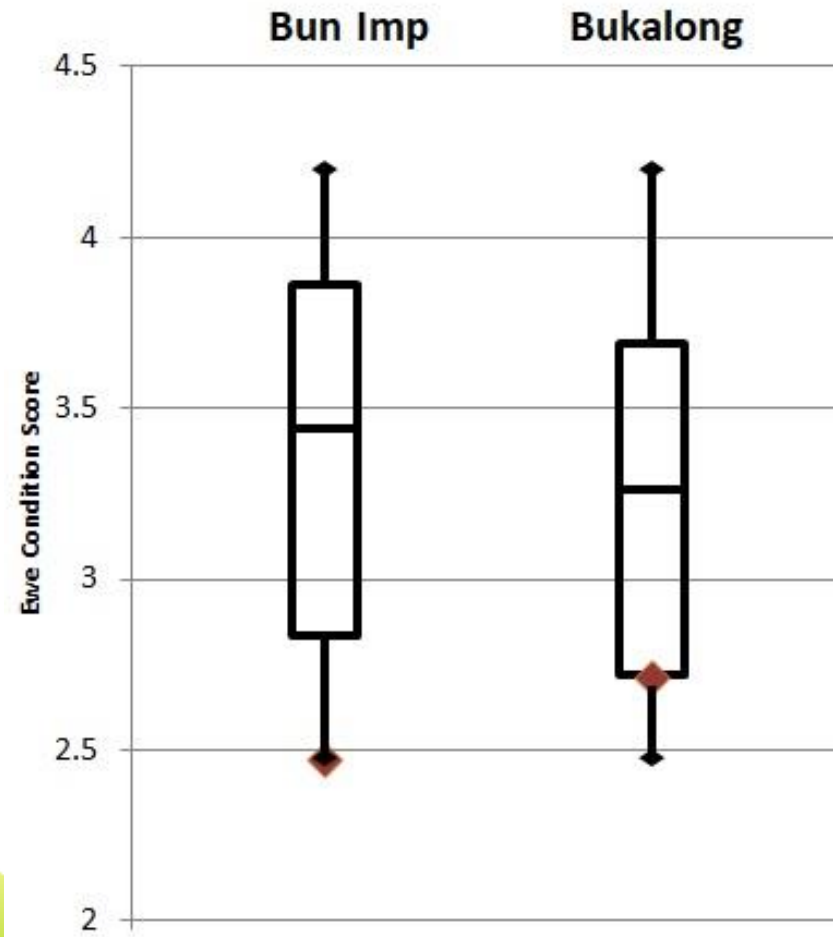
## Modelled Data



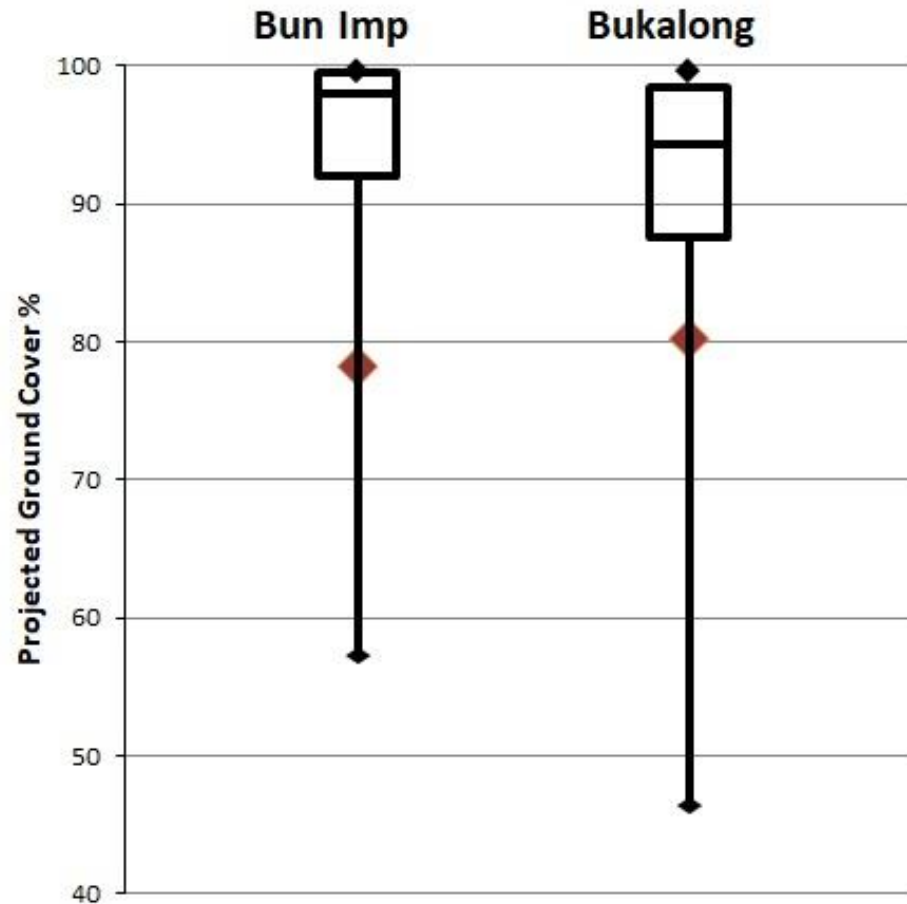
# Pasture is sparse



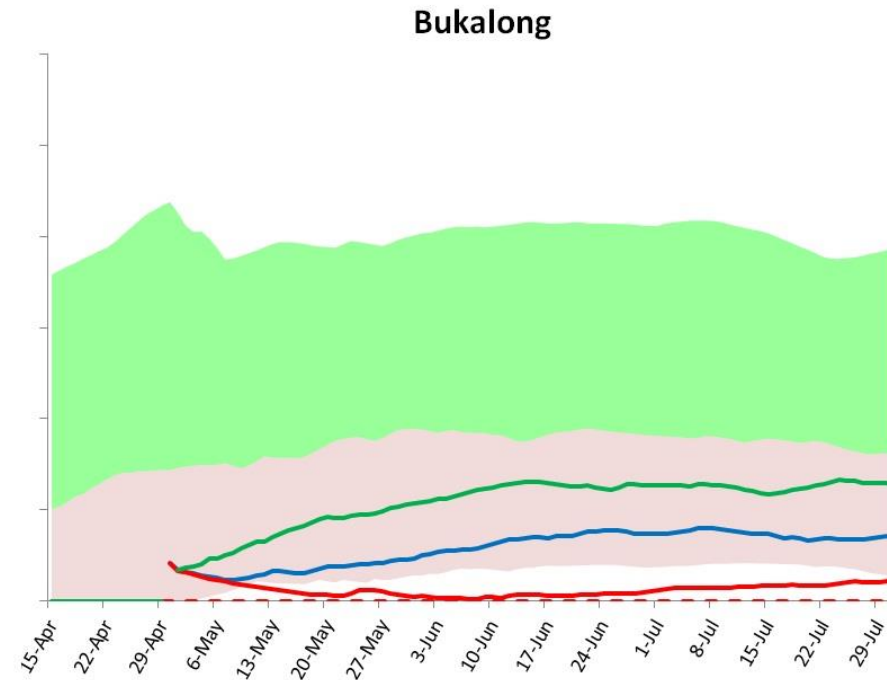
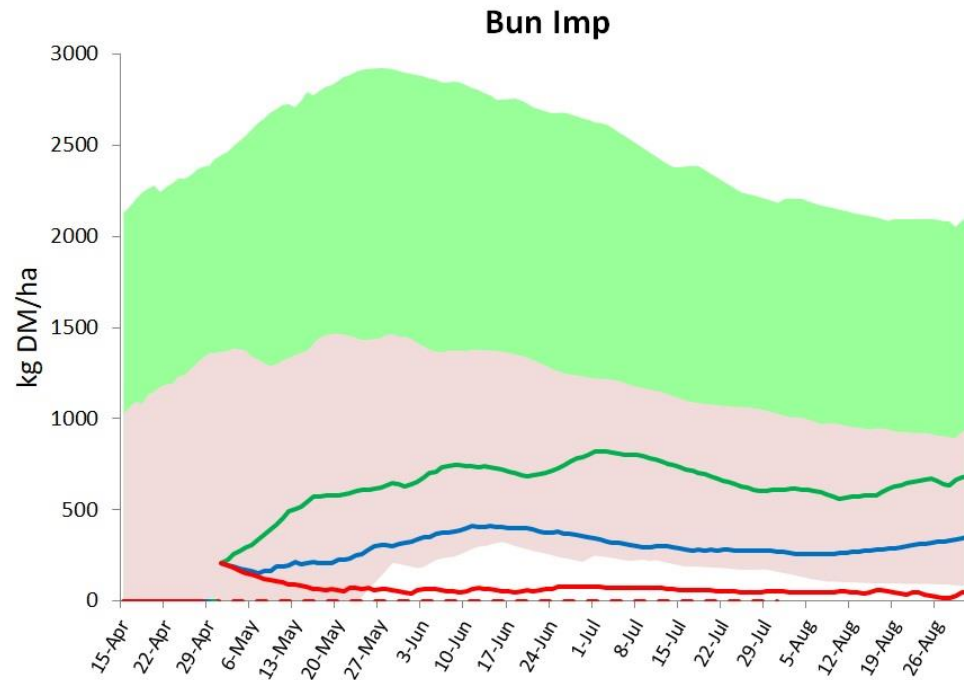
# Stock are low in condition



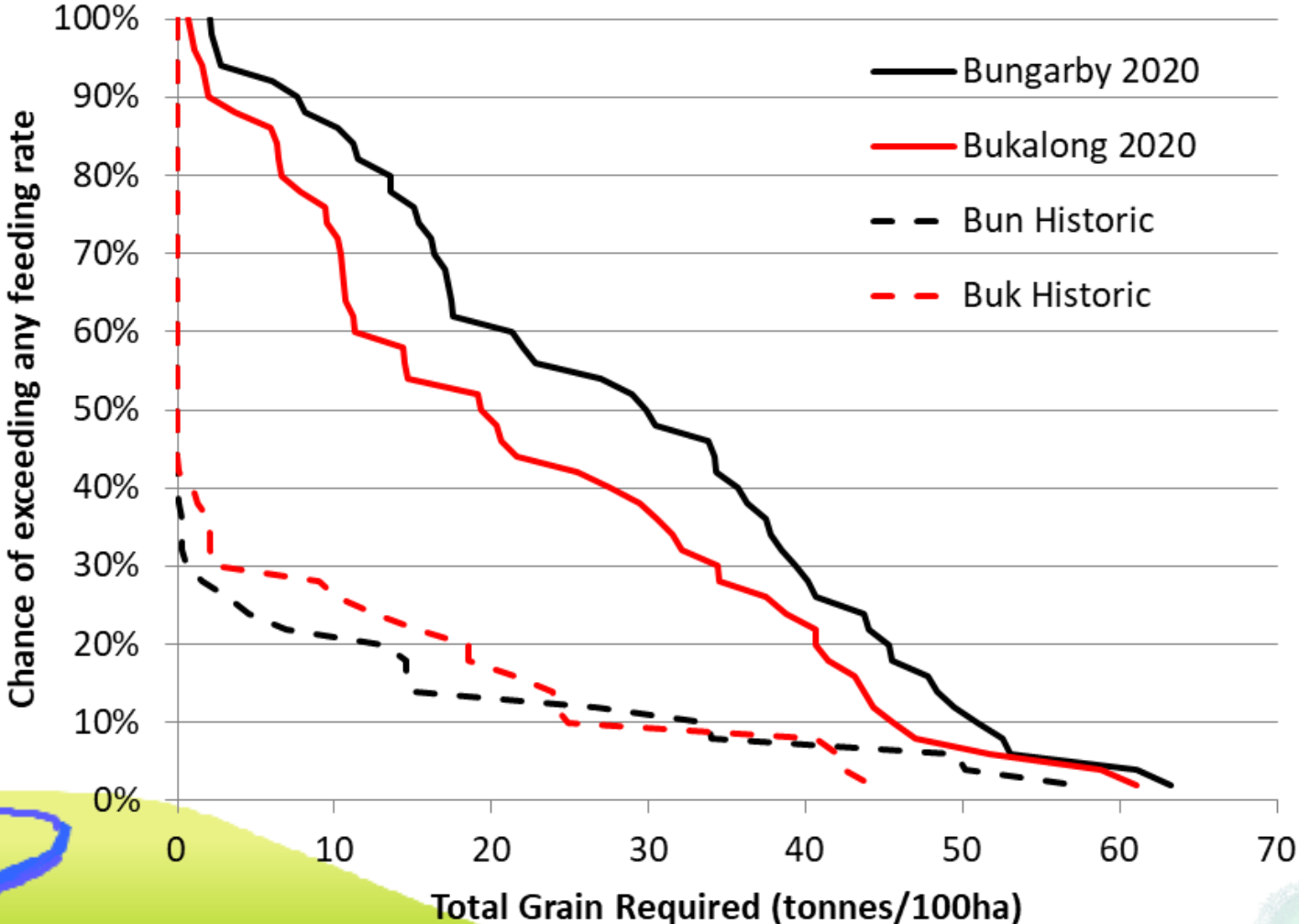
# Ground cover relatively low



# Projected Green Herbage



# Expected Feed Required to the end of winter



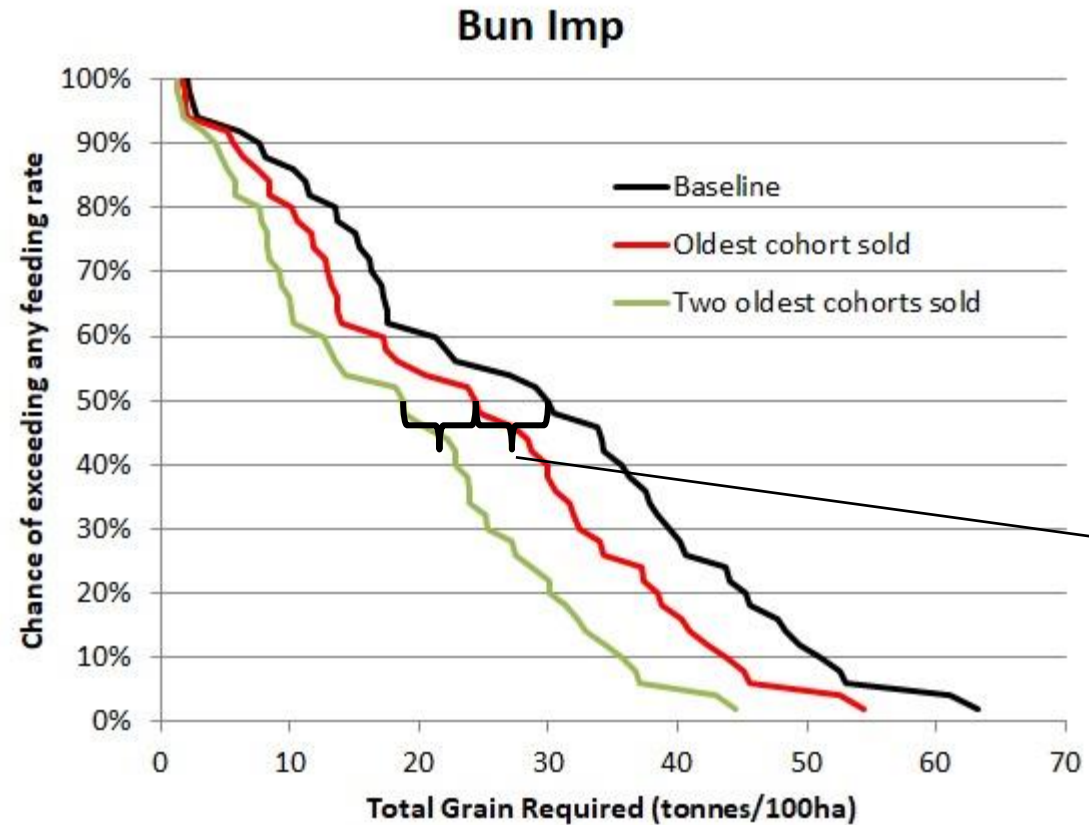
# Strategies to manage the season

- Selling down numbers
- Saving lambing paddocks
- Confinement feeding





# Destocking impacts

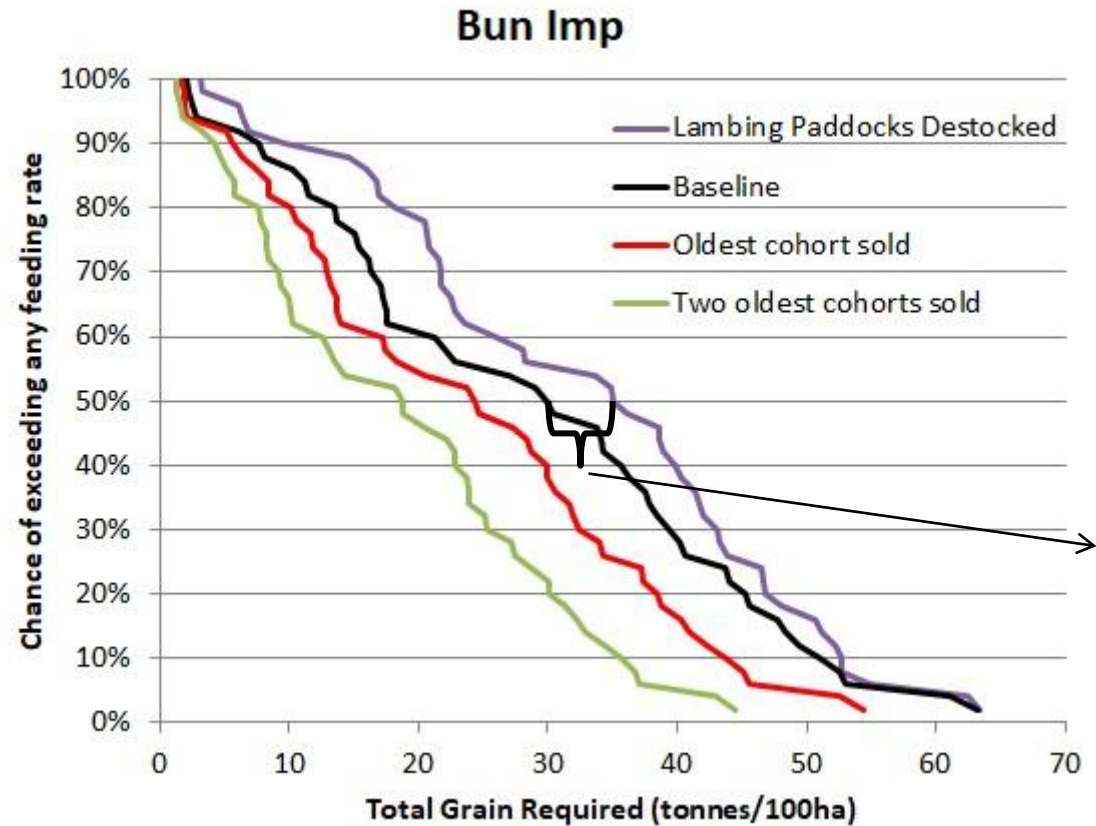


5.5 tonnes

≈ \$20/ha



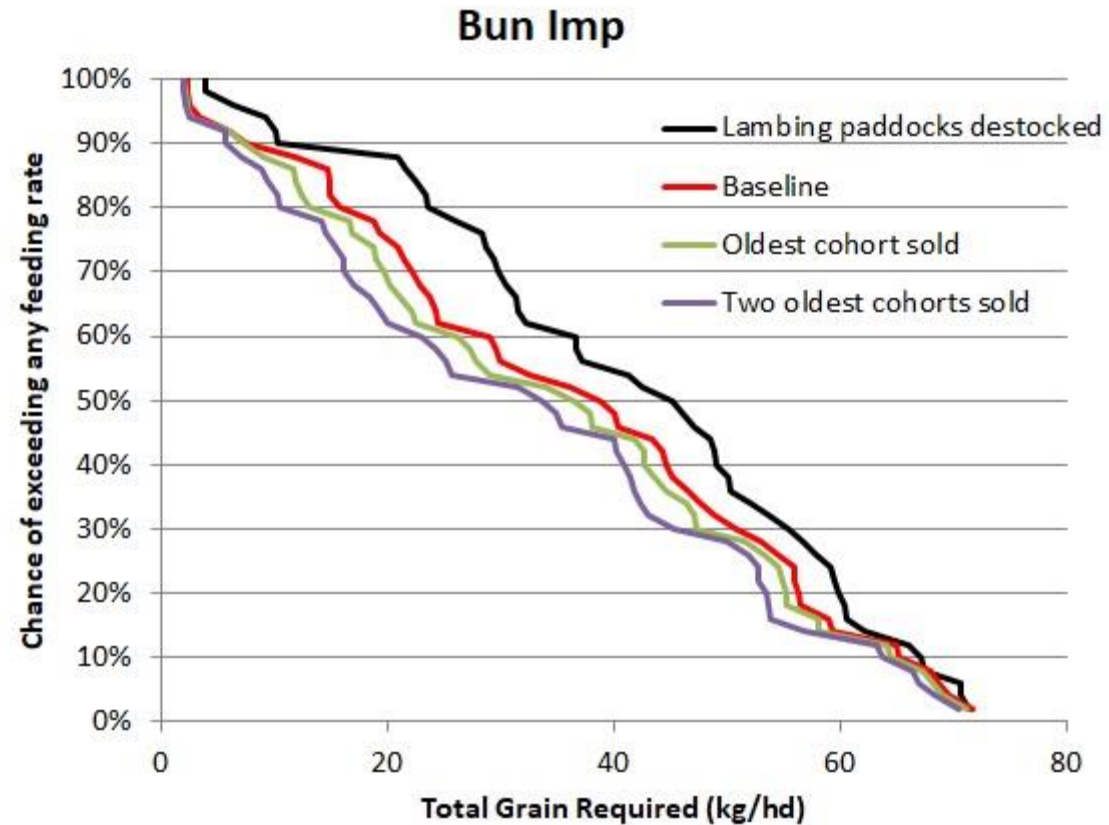
# The price of saving lambing paddocks



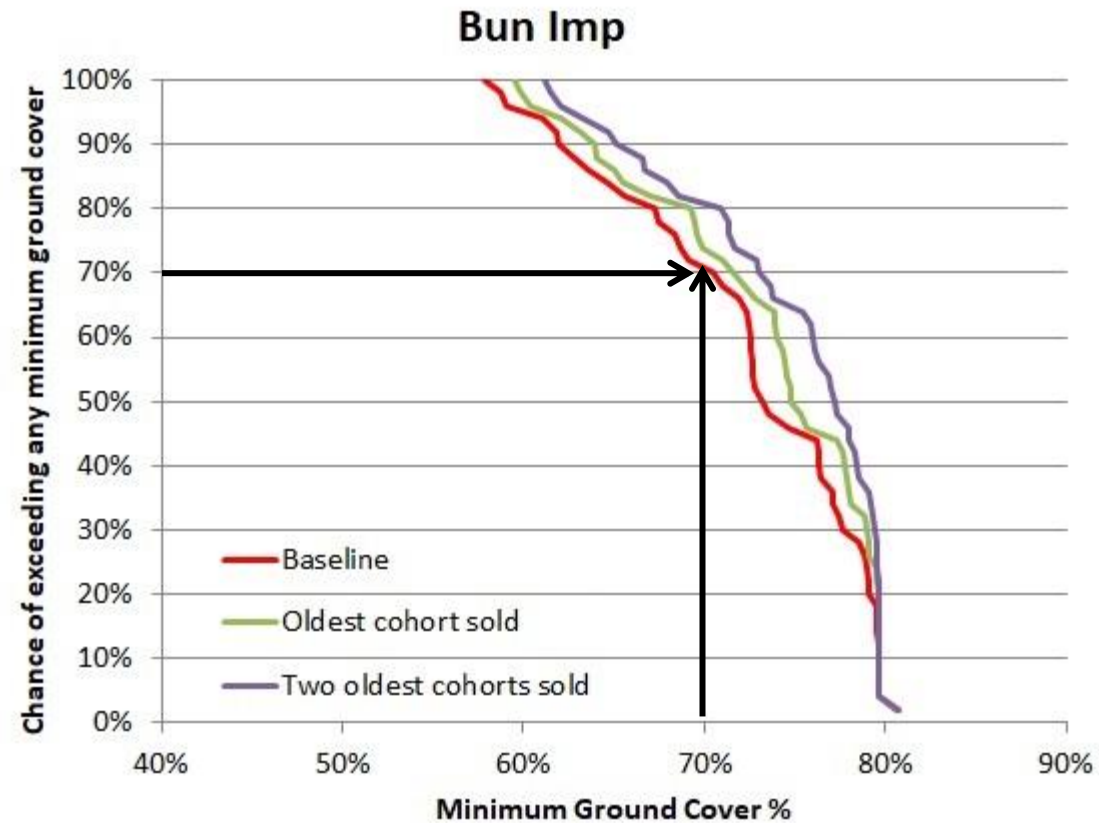
5 tonnes  
≈ \$20/ha



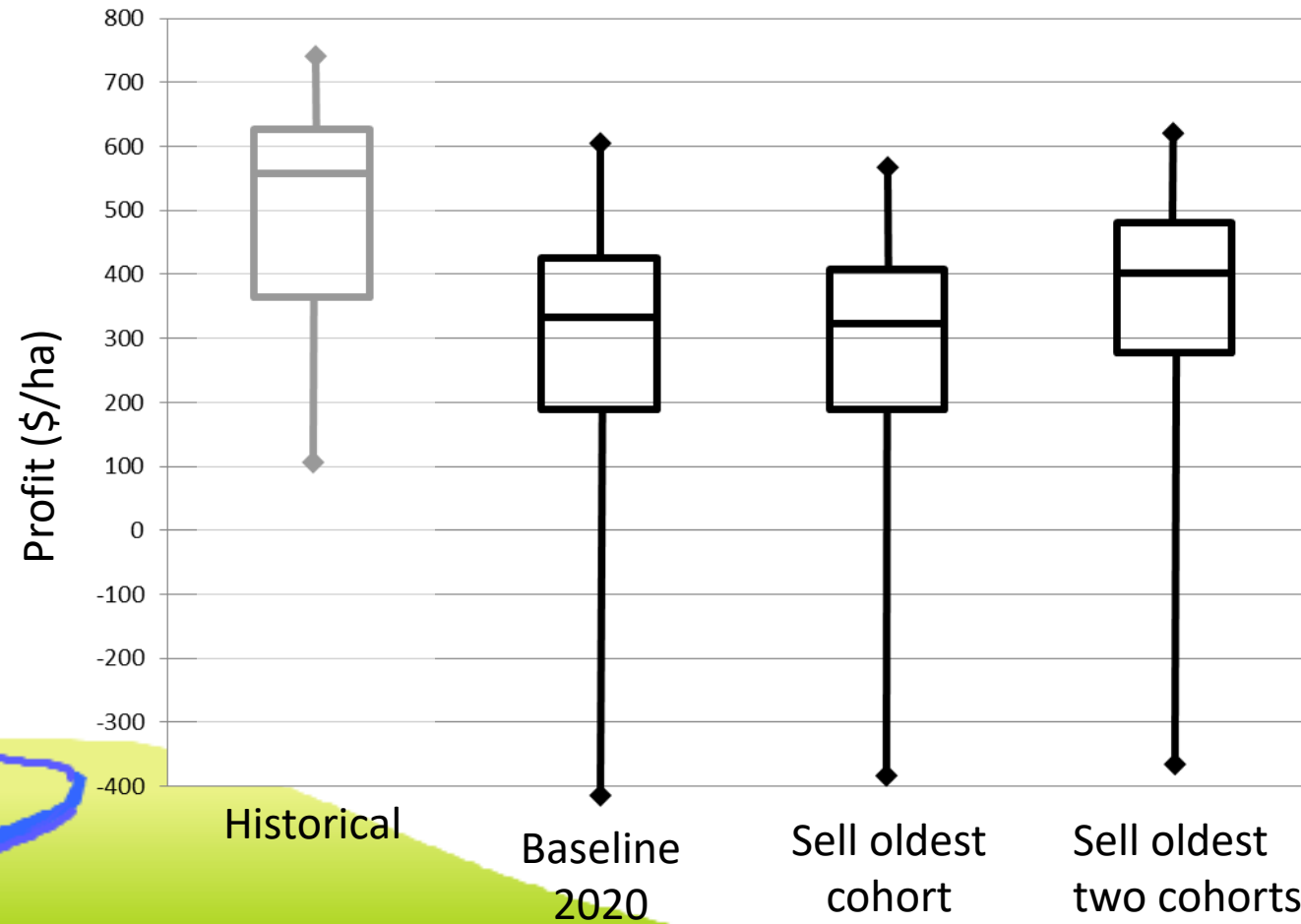
# Impact of strategies on feeding rate



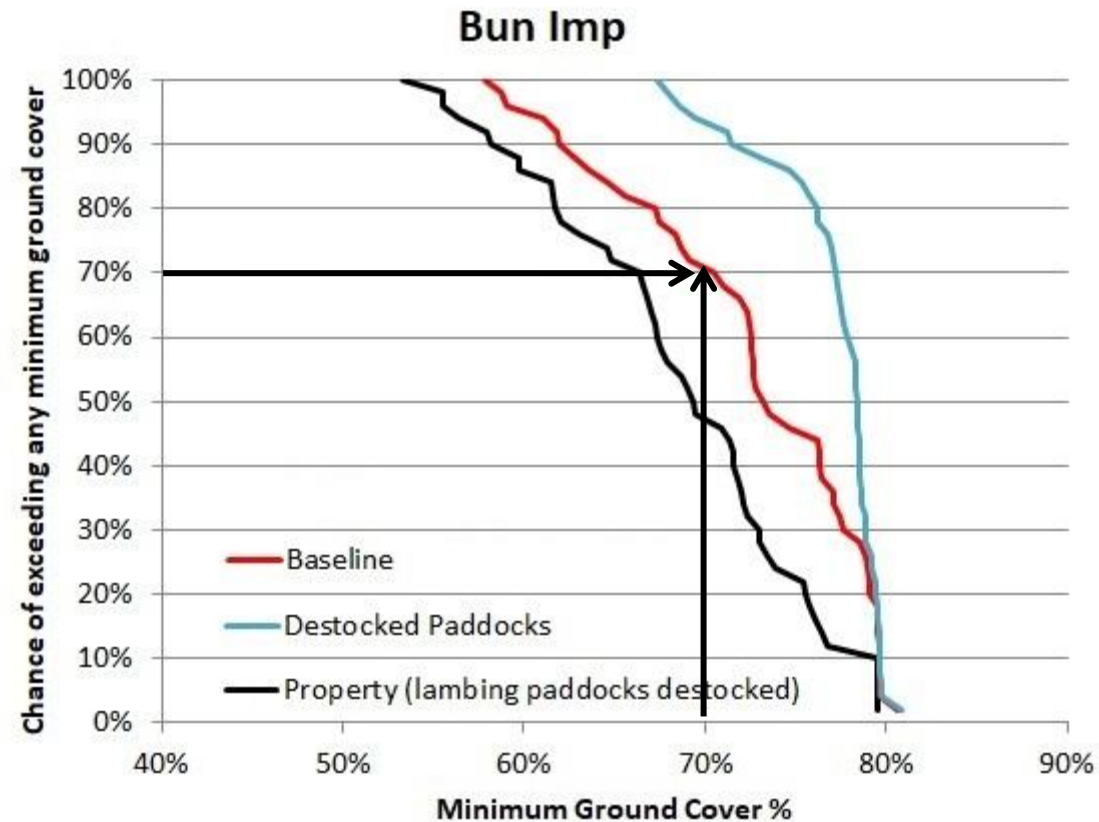
# Impact of destocking on ground cover



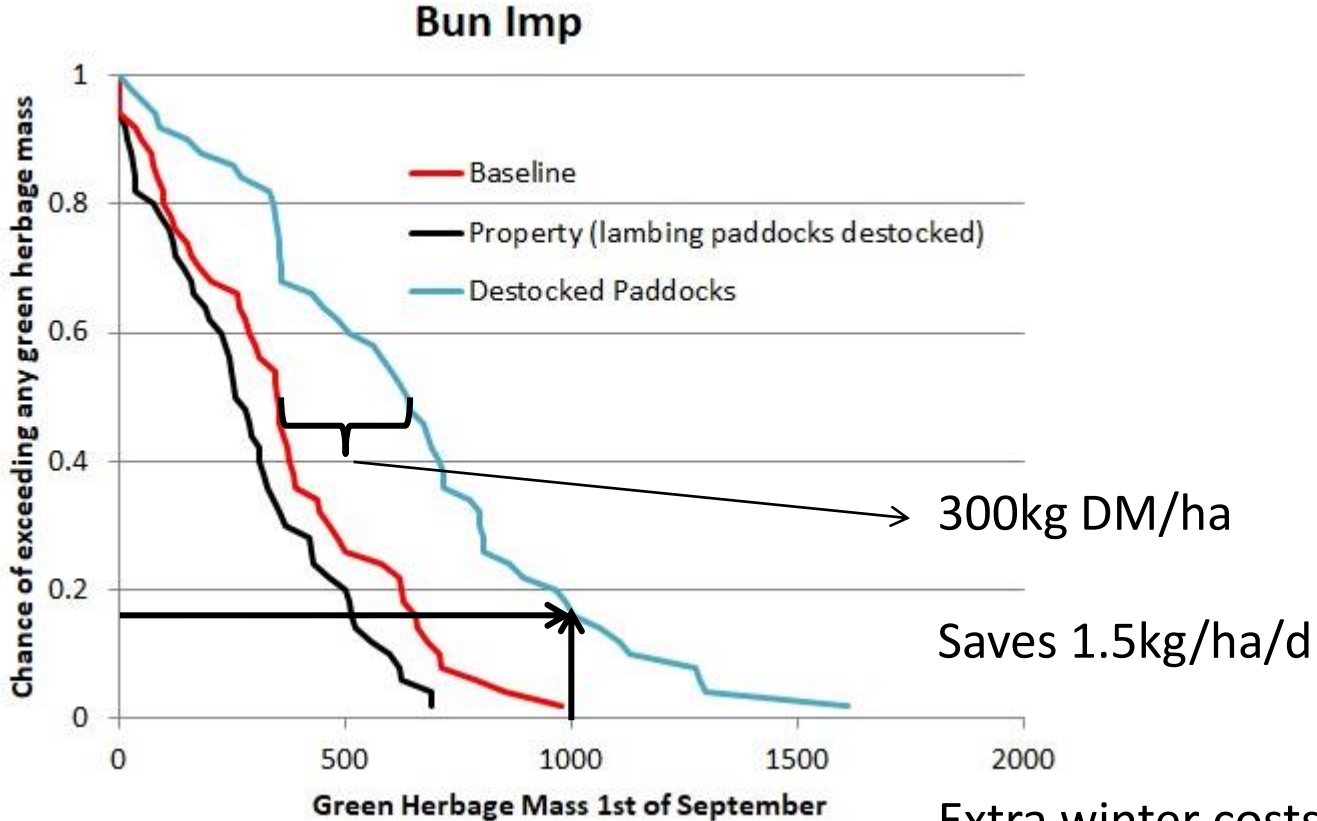
# Impact of destocking on profit



# Impact on GC of saving lambing paddocks



# Impact on lambing paddock herbage



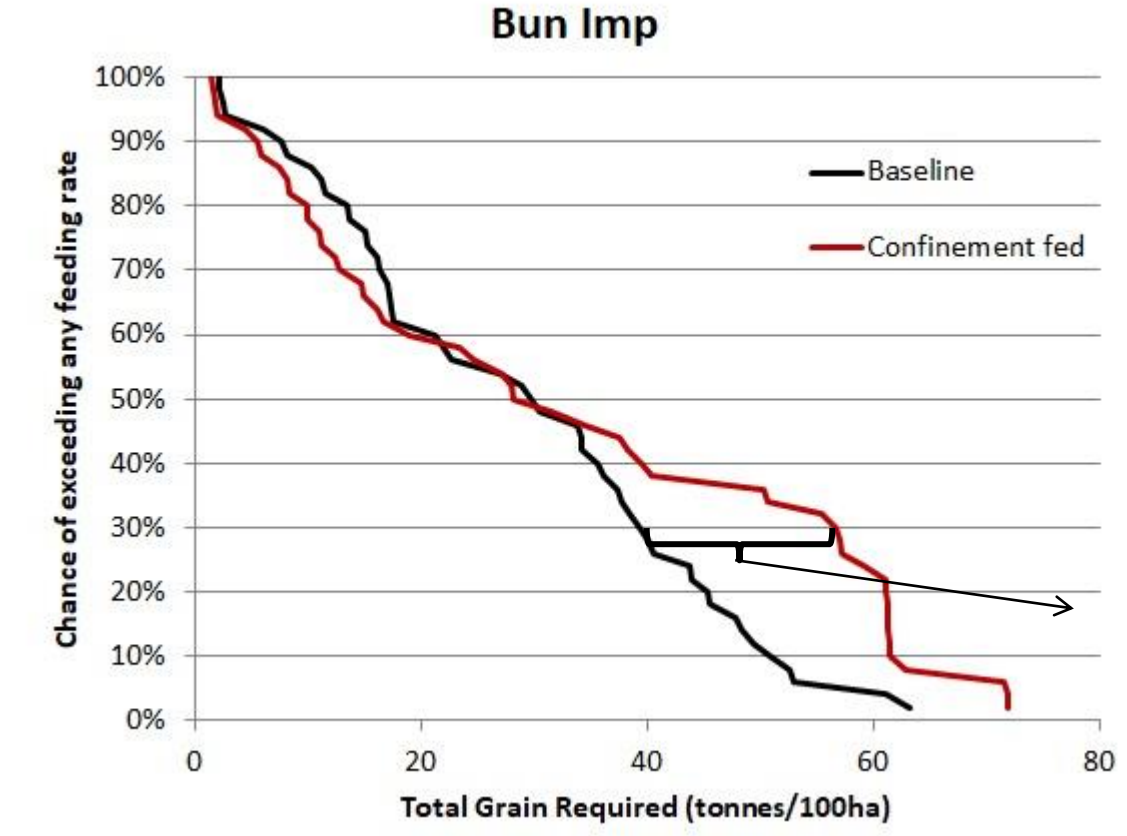
300kg DM/ha

Saves 1.5kg/ha/d

Extra winter costs recovered in 1 month



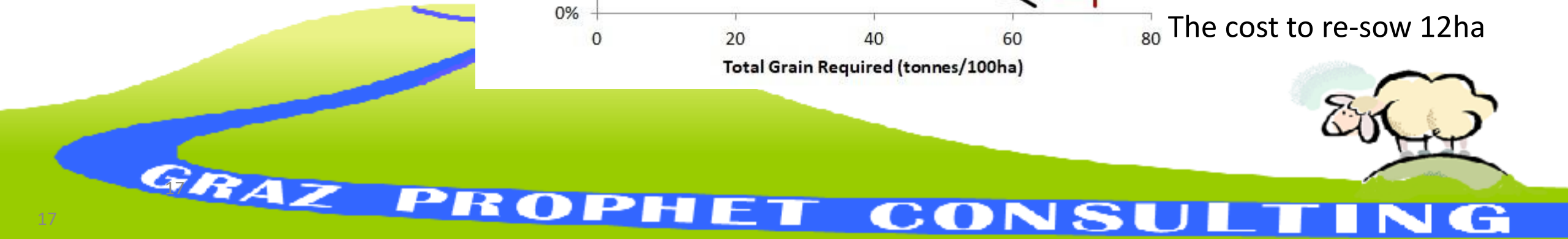
# Extra feed if confinement fed



17.4 Tonnes

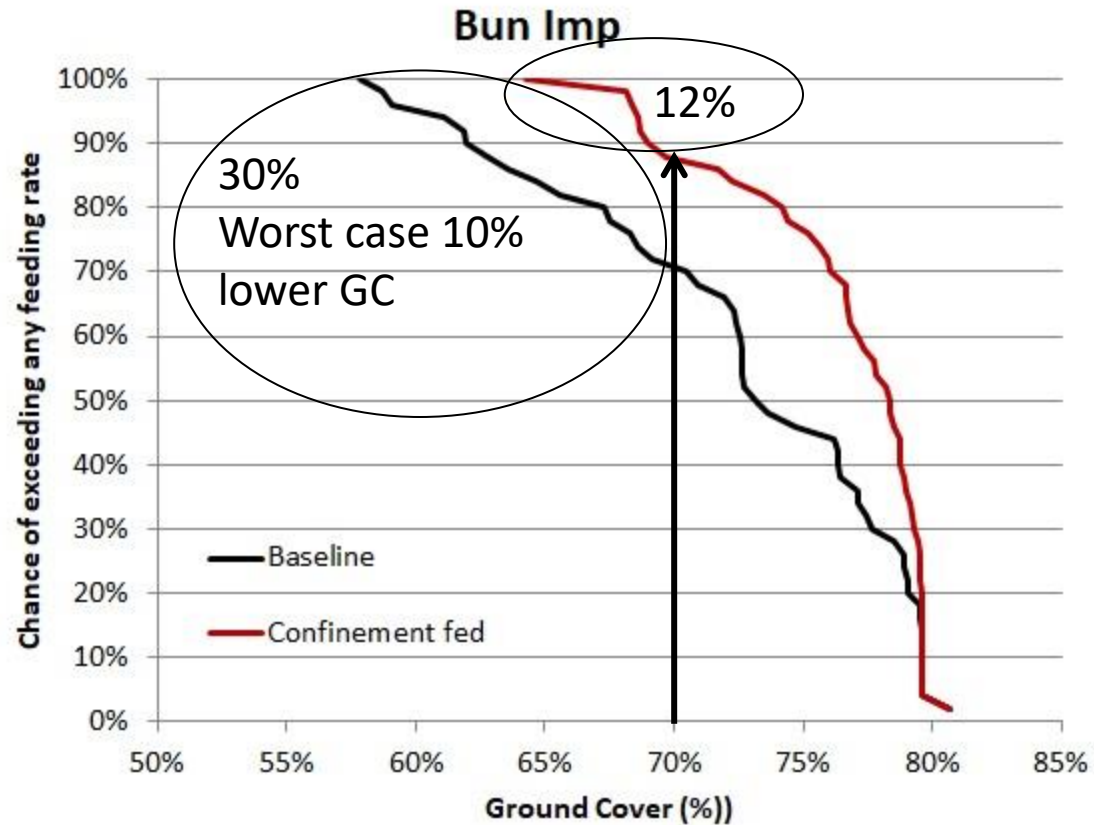
≈ \$6000

The cost to re-sow 12ha





# Impact of confinement on GC



# Time spent under 70% GC



# Summary

- Destocking
  - marginal reduction in feeding costs
  - Very little difference in feeding rate / hd.
  - Make the decision based on trading loss being less than the feeding cost/hd saved
- Saving lambing paddocks
  - Unlikely to accumulate target herbage mass
  - Extra feed costs during pregnancy
  - Feed costs recouped in one month in lactation.



# Summary

- Farm Feedlots
  - Only a slight increase in raw feeding costs
  - Significant protection of ground cover.
  - Including post drought production loss confinement feeding could break even if as little as 12% of the area needs re-sowing.
  - Set up confinement on arable areas that are already earmarked for re-sowing.

