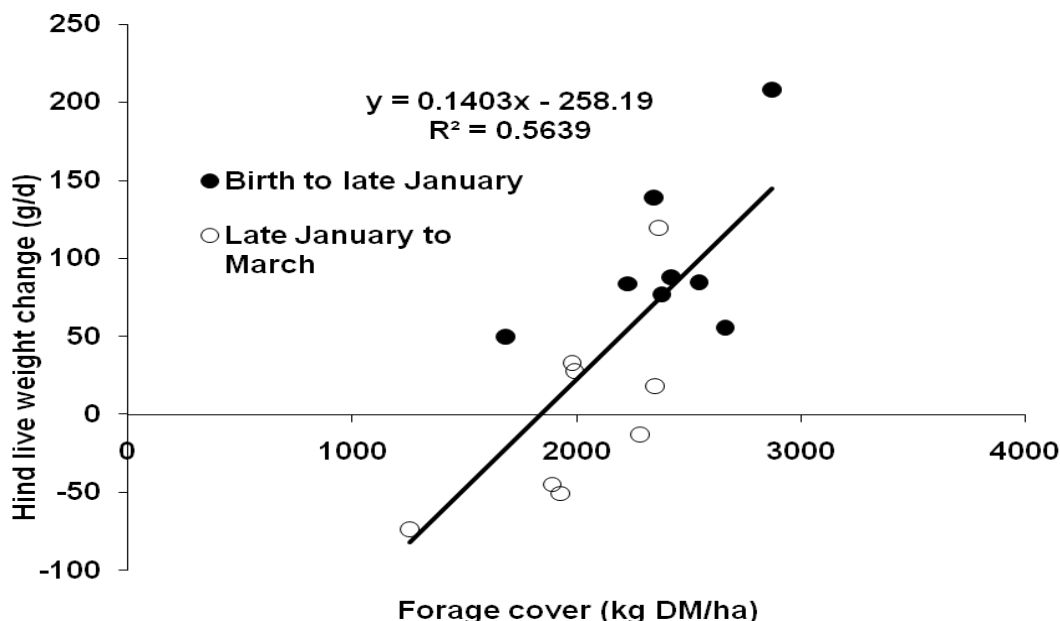


Hind liveweight change responses to feed on offer



When pasture becomes short it is the hind that responds first by starting to lose weight. Often the calf liveweight gain may still be normal as the hind produces more milk to compensate.

Farmers need to check both the weight gain of the calf and the condition score change in the hind if covers are declining below about 1800 kg DM/ha.

Otherwise low pasture covers may compromise the mating performance of the hind, especially if post-rut weaning, as hinds may conceive late, and there may be more dry hinds if condition score goes below 2.5.