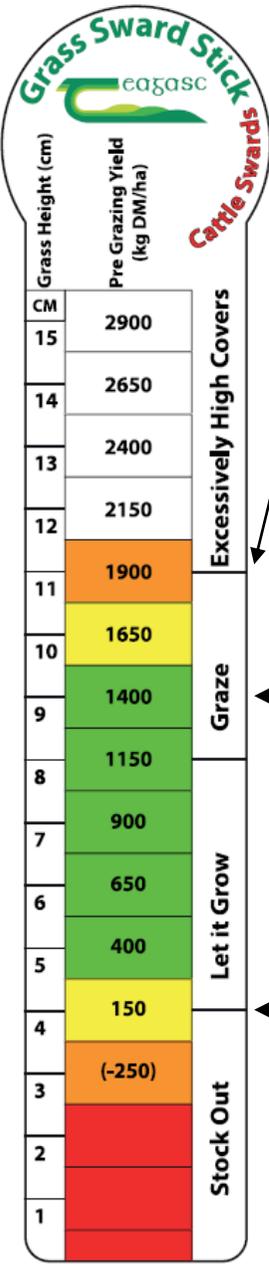


Cattle Sward Stick Guidelines to use



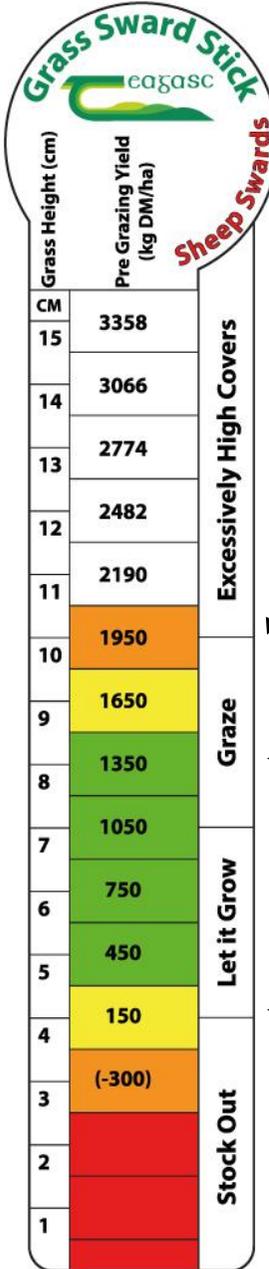
Stock Out, Let it Grow, Graze, Excessively High Covers

High covers to be removed. Decisions based on farm cover. Late in season can allow to grow to 11cm (1900 kg DM/ha) to extend the grazing rotation.

Allow to grow to 9cm for cattle swards (1400 kg DM/ha). Quality deteriorates rapidly if sward is higher. (Stem and dead leaf)

Graze down to 4 cm. (3.5 cm in spring). Remove animals and allow time for pasture to recover

Sheep Sward Stick Guidelines to use



Stock Out, Let it Grow, Graze, Excessively High Covers

High covers to be removed. Decisions based on farm cover. Late in season can allow to grow to 10cm (1950 kg DM/ha) to extend the grazing rotation.

Allow to grow to 8cm for dense sheep swards (1350 kg DM/ha). Quality deteriorates rapidly if sward is higher. (Stem and dead leaf)

Graze down to 4 cm. (3.5 cm in spring). Remove animals and allow time for pasture to recover



Grass Measurement using Grass Sward Stick

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Sheep Swards Front of Ruler (with bevelled edge)

Cattle Swards Back of Ruler (flat back)

