

Sean, a farmer, gave a talk at a grassland meeting:



How do you recognise good grass? I used to think unless I had a field in front of me blowing in the wind I'd think I'd have no grass.



We need to get over that because once it's blowing in the wind it's gone beyond the maximum quality for animals.

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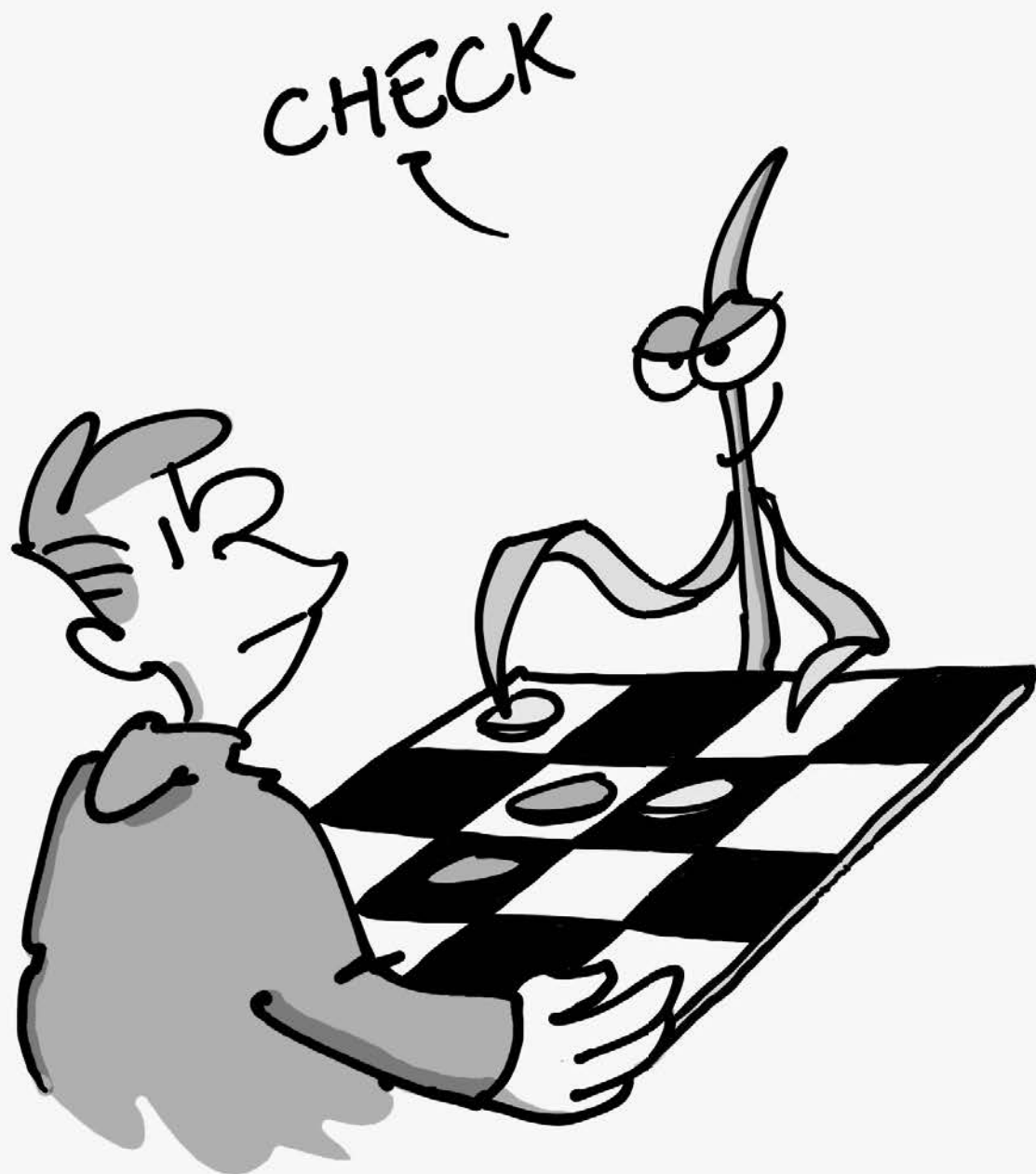
When you're walking the farm, ideally walk the farm every Monday but if you're not going to do that, don't just look at the paddock that's immediately ahead of you, the next one for grazing.



Walk seven days ahead of you. You should go into the paddock that's seven days ahead of where you should be.



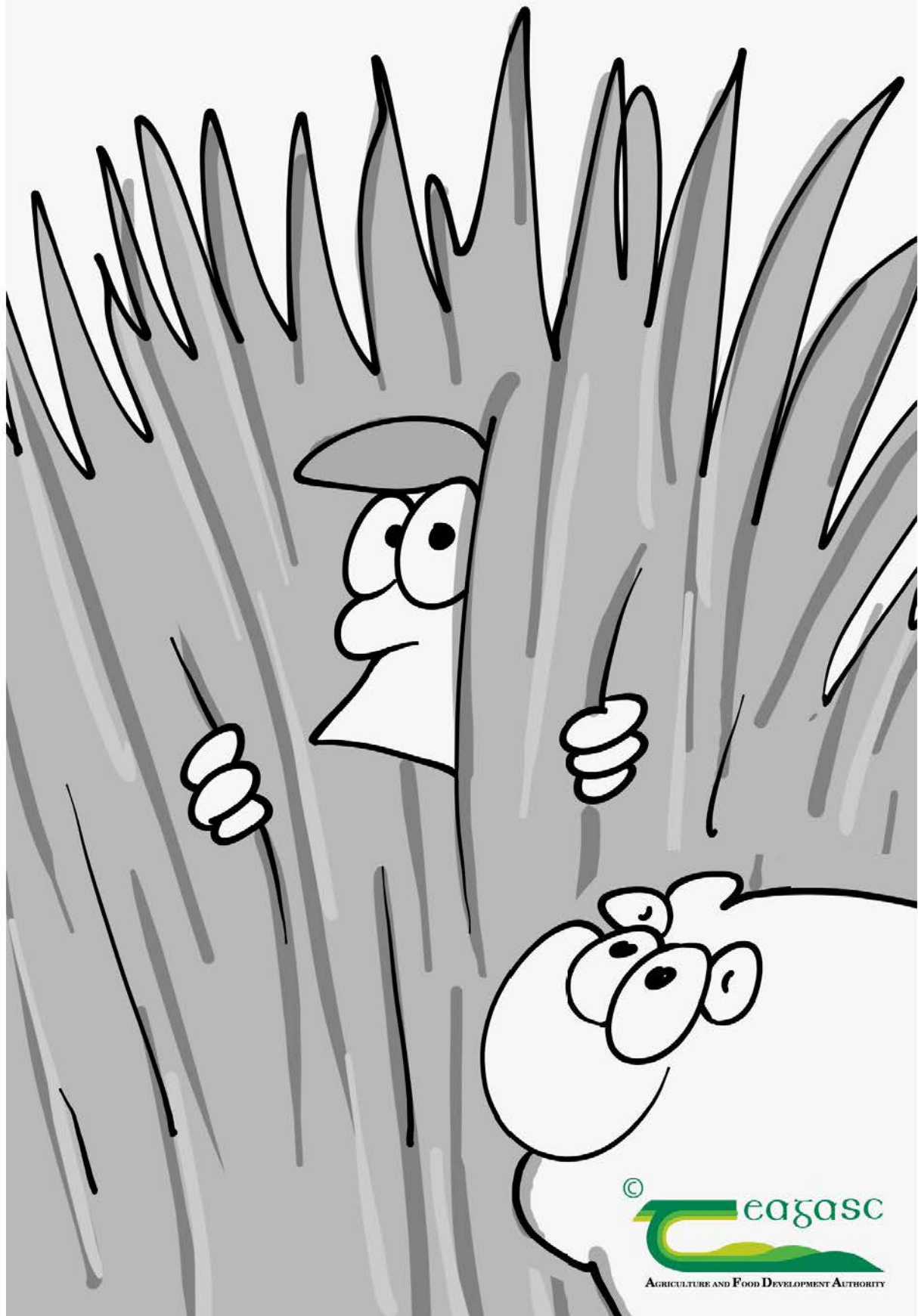
If that grass is strong, you're already in trouble. You need to start skipping over paddocks to bring it back in control again.



For guys who are not grass measuring,
they need to be doing this seven days
ahead to give them a way of knowing
what's going on.



It's not a bad way to manage grass when you're not measuring. Farmers are very good at visualising grass. But, there is such a thing as too much grass...



... as well as too little. A field of grass may be blowing in the wind, but it's actually gone beyond quality. you might think it's 10 /10 but the fact is it **WAS** 10 /10 and has reduced down to 5 /10 in terms of quality.

IT'S LIKE THESE SPUDS.
YOU'RE WAITING FOR
THEM TO BE DONE AND
THEN THEY'RE GONE TO
MUSH, POITEACH
BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!



You need to keep on top of the weather big time – measuring or no measuring. If we have a temperature of 4-5 degrees and cloud down on top of you, you won't have much grass growth.



Once you've full sun and wind is southerly,
your farm is going to grow well. It's going
to take off on me at an awful rate: I might
need to fertilise and close off more ground
for silage...



But if it's not, I might leave well enough alone.

