

Teagasc Sheep Autumn Closing Planner

The grazing season begins in autumn. Decisions taken in the autumn have a direct effect on spring grass availability. Use this planner to create a closing plan for your farm

Total area (ha) available

Date	Target % Area closed	Area req'd to reach target (ha)	Field Names/Nos. to be closed to reach target
Late Oct	20		
Mid Nov	40		
Late Nov	60		
Mid Dec	80		

Based on early March lambing flock, 120 day rest period over winter

Guidelines

- The first paddocks closed should be sheltered and close to the lambing area
- Fields/paddocks should be grazed out tight to 3.5 – 4.0cm
- Use temporary electric fencing if required to reach post grazing targets without forcing sheep to graze to low heights for prolonged period
- **Do not** re-graze closed paddocks