



Grass Summary

Farm	Cover Date	Farm Cover (kg DM/ha)	Cover/LU (kg DM/LU)	Stocking Rate (LU/ha)	Growth/ha (kg DM /ha/day)	Demand/ha (kg DM /ha/day)	Pre Grazing Yield	Grass Intake/Cow (kg DM/cow)	Meal Intake (kg/cow)	Silage Intake (kg DM /cow)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	03/04	710	225	3.15	51	44	2300	14.0	3.5	0.0
Andrew Killeen	06/04	1182	438	2.70	12	16	2200	9.0	6.0	3.0
David O'Leary	30/03	865	228	3.80	35	38	2200	10.0	5.0	0.0
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	06/04	862	226	3.82	41	46	1750	12.0	7.0	0.0
Pa & Paula O'Hanlon	04/04	704	287	2.45	33	29	2000	12.0	5.5	0.0
Joe Carroll	06/04	775	215	3.61	43	47	1500	13.0	4.0	0.0
Michael & John Casey	07/04	773	278	2.78	24	42	1850	15.0	4.0	0.0
John Galvin	06/04	735	215	3.42	40	48	1600	14.0	4.0	0.0
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	01/04	907	288	3.15	47	44	1700	14.0	6.0	0.0
Gerry & Niall Moloney	29/03	624	201	3.11	33	34	1300	11.0	6.0	0.0
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	03/04	769	260	2.96	45	43	1904	16.0	1.0	0.0
Stephen McAuliffe	29/03	850	324	2.62	19	16	1400	6.0	3.0	8.0
William Dennehy	05/04	802	299	2.68	39	27	1600	10.0	4.8	0.0
Average		812	268	3.02	36	36	1793	12.2	4	1

Average milk yield is 26 litres, fat percentage is 4.24% and protein percentage is 3.35% for the Demonstration farmers.

Demonstration farmer comment from David O'Leary: I just started the second round today (April 8th). The paddock was grazed on March 5. I am OK for grass at the moment but I may need to consider moving in with some silage in the diet if the cold weather continues. Growth last week was 35 kg DM/ha. I will keep the cows on 5 kgs of meal until growth rate improves.