



Grass Summary for week ending May 12

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	Rotation Length Now(days)	Rotation Length Back (days)	Grass Intake/Cow (kg DM/cow)	Meal Intake (kg/cow)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	03/05	561	153	3.66	64	55	1600	25	32	16.0	2.5
Andrew Killeen	05/05	689	210	3.28	46	53	1500	21	107	13.5	5
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	08/05	684	178	4.11	76	66	1400	21	24	12.5	6
Pa O'Hanlon	06/05	757	213	3.55	55	43	1500	21	29	13.5	5
Joe Carroll	03/05	681	182	3.79	96	57	1300	24	89	16.5	2
Michael & John Casey	08/05	696	177	3.93	62	61	1600	21	32	15.5	3
John Galvin	02/05	671	147	4.55	49	73	1700	20	92	16.5	2
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	05/05	651	164	3.97	68	60	2000	20	61	13.5	5
Gerry & Niall Moloney	03/05	636	166	3.83	51	61	1550	26	84	15.5	3
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	04/05	815	224	3.64	85	58	1680	21	38	16.5	2
William Dennehy	06/05	619	171	3.62	70	62	1400	21	45	16.0	2.4
Average		621	167	3.85	65	59	1594	22	58	15.2	3

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	07/05	29.6	3.79	3.46	2.15	109
Andrew Killeen	07/05	26	4.33	3.34	1.99	114
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	07/05	32	3.68	3.49	2.29	94
Pa O'Hanlon	06/05	30	3.65	3.43	2.124	94
Joe Carroll	06/05	25.5	4.26	3.61	2.01	40
Michael & John Casey	07/05	24.6	4.21	3.61	1.92	97
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	06/05	31	4.2	3.38	2.35	52
Gerry & Niall Moloney	07/05	28.5	3.88	3.49	2.10	100
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	07/05	24.6	4.37	3.62	1.97	160
Stephen McAuliffe	07/05	26.8	3.95	3.43	1.98	130
William Daly	07/05	29.4	3.85	3.57	2.18	81
William Dennehy	07/05	25	4.3	3.49	1.95	69
Average		27.8	4.04	3.49	2.08	95

Demonstration farmer comment from Niall Moloney, Crecora: Grass growth has finally taken off but it came with some difficult grazing conditions. We went back to a 12 hour wire for a few days. I will be walking the farm every 4 days now. We just got 7 acres reseeded on Thursday before the rain. We used Astonenergy, Glenfield and Astonconqueror with 2 kgs of red and 2.5 kg of white clover. It also got 3 tonnes of lime and some farmyard manure. We didn't roll it or fertilise it yet due to the weather conditions. Breeding started last Tuesday and we have 39% of the herd served today. We are only using sexed semen dairy straws this year with high DBI beef sires.

Advisor comment from Ger Courtney: Growth rates have improved though utilisation is still a challenge on heavier clay soils. Set stocking rate to match average growth of 60kgs N/ha e.g. 3.7 cows per hectare grazing area in this round. Where grass utilisation and supply is good lower levels of concentrate supplementation will allow greater intakes of quality grass during the breeding season.