



Grass Summary for week ending April 14

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)	Grass Intake/Cow (kg DM/cow)	Meal Intake (kg/cow)	Silage Intake (kg DM /cow)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	08/04	665	222	3.00	39	45	1800	50	15.0	3	
Andrew Killeen	07/04	1283	415	3.09	11	15	1800	35	6.0	7	5
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	05/04	803	233	3.44	33	45	2250	35	9.0	6	3
Pa O'Hanlon	10/04	702	219	3.21	18	32	2000	21	8.0	7	3
Joe Carroll	10/04	735	221	3.32	20	47	1500	24	14.5	3.5	
Michael & John Casey	05/04	849	296	2.87	20	37	2200	38	13.0	5	
John Galvin	30/03	774	190	4.07	15	49	1600	30	12.0	3	
Gerry & Niall Moloney	30/03	854	269	3.18	27	41	1500	50	13.0	5	
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	05/04	677	214	3.16	26	44	1550	30	15.0	3	
Stephen McAuliffe	28/03	872	359	2.43	4	39	1400	30	13.0	5	
William Dennehy	09/04	863	303	2.85	21	34	2100	30	10.0	4.8	3
Average		825	267	3.10	21	37	1775	33	11.9	5	2

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	06/04	29	4.11	3.45	2.19	86
Andrew Killeen	05/04	26	4.6	3.07	1.99	166
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	05/04	32.5	4.21	3.4	2.47	88
Pa O'Hanlon	04/04	29	4.26	3.29	2.19	128
Joe Carroll	06/04	25	4.44	3.45	1.97	79
Michael & John Casey	04/04	24	4.57	3.36	1.90	198
John Galvin	04/04	24	4.05	3.12	1.72	62
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	06/04	33.8	4.22	3.27	2.53	79
Gerry & Niall Moloney	07/04	28.5	4	3.51	2.14	142
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	07/04	23.4	4.42	3.58	1.87	170
Stephen McAuliffe	06/04	24.6	4.11	3.29	1.82	115
William Daly	06/04	39.4	3.96	3.47	2.93	133
William Dennehy	04/04	23.6	4.26	3.44	1.82	70
Average		27.9	4.25	3.36	2.12	117

Demonstration farmer comment from Patrick O'Hanlon: conditions are very challenging. We have a strip fence up before and after the cows and using spur roads as much as possible. Cows are back in by night now on silage for the next few days and I will reassess conditions later in the week. Meal increased to 7 kg per cow to maintain production. Pre-breeding checks are starting this week and I am tail-painting cows. The first application of 40 units of chemical N went out on the majority of the grazing platform last week. It only had 2500/ 3000 gallons of slurry in February.

Advisor comment from Claire McAuliffe: Grazing remains challenging, continue to use on-off grazing to try getting a much grass into the cows' diet as possible, feed the cow and don't damage the ground. Silage fertiliser time is coming so take the first opportunity when ground conditions allow. Bull teams should be selected now and ran through sire advice on ICBF.