



Grass Summary for week ending May 19

Farm	Cover Date	Farm Cover (kg DM/ha)	Cover/L U (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)
Micheal & Alex McCarthy	13/05	580	158	3.66	107	59	1350	22	19	16.5	2
Andrew Killeen	12/05	725	219	3.31	53	53	1400	21	65	14.0	4.5
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	11/05	719	153	4.71	77	66	1850	21	23	13.0	5.6
Pa O'Hanlon	12/05	697	172	4.05	81	49	1500	21	24	15.0	3.5
Joe Carroll	15/05	698	198	3.52	68	56	1800	24	27	16.5	2
Michael & John Casey	12/05	635	154	4.12	65	64	1400	20	22	15.5	3
John Galvin	12/05	632	139	4.55	58	73	1400	20	53	16.5	2
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	14/05	637	175	3.63	75	55	2000	20	38	14.0	4.8
Gerry & Niall Moloney	08/05	669	179	3.73	78	63	1400	26	28	15.5	3
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	10/05	548	151	3.64	74	58	2016	21	29	17.0	1.5
William Dennehy	12/05	694	192	3.62	67	62	1500	21	28	15.5	3
Average		661	175	3.83	70	59	1589	22	35	15.5	3

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Micheal & Alex McCarthy	14/05	29	3.58	3.45	2.04	59
Andrew Killeen	12/05	26.5	4.37	3.3	2.03	140
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	13/05	31.2	3.86	3.37	2.26	121
Pa O'Hanlon	13/05	31	3.76	3.44	2.23	87
Joe Carroll	12/05	25	4.29	3.63	1.98	58
Michael & John Casey	13/05	25	4.34	3.66	2.00	85
John Galvin	13/05	25	4.04	3.19	1.81	43
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	14/05	31	3.93	3.33	2.25	61
Gerry & Niall Moloney	15/05	27	3.88	3.47	1.98	67
Sean and Diarmiad Fitzgerald	13/05	23	4.37	3.54	1.82	132
Stephen McAuliffe	14/05	27	3.98	3.46	2.01	175
William Daly	14/05	28.3	3.86	3.57	2.10	61
William Dennehy	13/05	21	4.56	3.37	1.67	67
Average		26.9	4.14	3.45	2.01	102

Demonstration farmer comment from Kieran Murphy, Effin: Grass has got going and with the fine spell we had a chance to take out some surplus paddocks. Grass quality is a struggle after damage/ soiling in March followed by some heavy covers in April. We reseeded 20 acres, 6 acres of red clover silage and are in the middle of another 15 acres. We baled the first cut of last years red clover silage this evening after cutting Sunday and tedding. It yielded 7.5 bales per acre. It had been zero grazed and got slurry in late February. 21 days breeding is up today. 98% of the heifers and 94% of the cows were submitted in the first 3 weeks of breeding.

Advisor comment from Robert Prendiville: grass growth has increased significantly. Do grass walks every 5 days to monitor grass covers. Maintain a pre-grazing cover of 1300 to 1400 kg DM/ha. Hold the average farm cover between 600 and 700 kg DM/ha with a rotation length of 18-21 days. Where surplus grass is removed, ensure to replace P and K offtakes with slurry or compound fertilizer.