

Grass Summary for week ending October 20th

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)	Zero grazed Grass
Alex McCarthy	11/10	854	299	2.86	48	43	2200	30	15	3	0	0
Andrew Killeen	09/10	817	300	2.72	40	48	2100	26	0	3.5	15	0
Dermot & Michael Kavanagh	05/10	918	255	3.6	47	61	1900	30	16.9	4	0	0
Michael & John Casey	16/10	839	285	2.94	38	35	2500	30	11	4	4	0.0
John Galvin	10/10	562	127	4.43	40	35	1250	35	7	3	8	0
Gerry & Niall Moloney	09/10	599	187	3.21	39	32	140	30	10	4	6	0.0
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	15/10			2.52		45	1404	35	14	2	2	0
Pa & Paula O'Hanlon	09/10	613	211	2.91	32	41	1500	24	8	4	6	0
William Dennehy	12/10	698	231	3.02	27	41	200	30	13.6	3	3	0.0
Joe Carroll	09/10	779	237	3.29	71	49	1650	24	10	3	5	0
Average		742	237	3	42	43	1484	29	11	3.4	5	0

Farm Milk Data	Milk Date	Litres/ Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS/ Cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	17-Oct	14.6	5.16	4.19	1.41	127
Andrew Killeen	17-Oct	14.2	5.23	4.07	1.36	143
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	17-Oct	17.3	4.91	4.2	1.62	193
Pa & Paula O'Hanlon	17-Oct	13	5.1	4.04	1.22	106
Joe Carroll	17-Oct	13	5.65	4.21	1.32	152
Michael & John Casey	17-Oct	11.5	5.86	4.23	1.20	124
John Galvin	17-Oct	13	5.06	3.93	1.20	103
William Daly	17-Oct	13.3	5.16	4.19	1.28	127
Gerry & Niall Moloney	17-Oct	13.6	5.06	4.07	1.28	182
Sean & Diarmaid Fitzgerald	17-Oct	12	5.89	4.36	1.27	197
Stephen McAuliffe	17-Oct	13	5.03	3.95	1.20	257
William Dennehy	17-Oct	12	5.39	4.08	1.17	197
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	17-Oct	14.7	4.88	4	1.34	135
Average		13.48	5.26	4.12	1.29	157.15

Farmer comment from Pa O'Hanlon:

- Cows in by night, grazing by day when able, using strip wires, extra gaps & spur roadways to minimise damage
- SCC is good at 107 but will do one more milk recording to pick cows suitable for selective dry cow
- Teat sealing all in calf heifers this week, has worked well the last few years
- Couldn't get all of the third cut silage cut due to weather and poor ground conditions
- Just over 10% of cows empty, selling the last of the culls this week.

Adviser Comment from Deirbhile Browne:

- Grazing conditions very challenging on farms. Aim to keep grass in the diet by day where possible
- Try and get paddocks cleaned off to ensure good grass quality for the spring.
- Targets are to have 60-80% of farm closed in Oct. Paddocks for 1st grazing in spring need to be closed now
- Discuss Selective dry cow therapy with vet & book a milk recording within 30 days of cow dry off
- It is time to review your animal numbers in relation to nitrates that will be in place for January 2024