



Grass Summary for week ending April 21 2023

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)	Rotation Length Now(days)	Grass Intake/Cow (kg DM/cow)	Meal Intake (kg/cow)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	17/04	552	173	3.20	31	48	50	15.0	3
Andrew Killeen	07/04	1283	415	3.09	11	15	35	13.0	5
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	14/04	737	207	3.56	35	39	35	12.0	6
Pa O'Hanlon	15/04	649	216	3.01	25	30	21	12.5	5.5
Joe Carroll	10/04	735	221	3.32	20	47	24	14.5	3.5
Michael & John Casey	13/04	875	266	3.29	34	39	38	13.5	4.5
John Galvin	13/04	863	212	4.07	21	49	30	16.0	2
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	17/04	1109	339	3.27	40	22	20	12.0	5.5
Gerry & Niall Moloney	11/04	780	231	3.38	30	51	30	13.0	5
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	05/04	677	214	3.16	26	44	30	15.0	3
William Dennehy	14/04	827	261	3.17	22	38	30	14.0	4
Average		826	250	3	27	38	31	14	4

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	17/04	29	3.99	3.37	2.13	80
Declan Eileen & Kieran Murphy	17/04	31.5	4.26	3.36	2.47	86
Andrew Killeen	17/04	27	4.5	3.05	2.04	170
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	17/04	31.5	3.74	3.43	2.26	94
Pa O'Hanlon	17/04	30	4.16	3.19	2.21	58
Joe Carroll	17/04	25	4.49	3.67	2.04	97
Michael & John Casey	17/04	24	4.35	3.41	1.86	148
John Galvin	17/04	24	4.06	3.09	1.72	64
Gerry & Niall Moloney	17/04	28.2	3.89	3.42	2.06	106
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	17/04	23.1	4.43	3.48	1.80	209
Stephen McAuliffe	17/04	25.5	4.45	3.35	1.99	160
William Daly	17/04	33.3	4.16	3.6	2.58	131
William Dennehy	17/04	24.2	4.24	3.37	1.84	112
Average		27.4	4.25	3.37	2.08	117

Demonstration farmer comment from Alex McCarthy: cows were housed for two nights last week and protein percentage dropped. Grass growth for last week was 31 kg DM/ day. We sprayed off five acres for reseeding this week. We will be setting multispecies on it.

Advisor comment from Ger Courtney:

There is a general improvement in both ground conditions and growth. Walk the farm, and depending on growth on your farm, make decisions to get into higher quality grass as we head into the breeding season. Cows need to be now getting the best possible grass quality (highest energy feed) on the farm. Don't get slowed down by heavy cover late first round grazings (lower energy), if there is adequate good quality 2nd round grass -skip ahead.