

Grass Summary for week ending September 22nd

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)
Alex McCarthy	16/09	967	338	2.86	59	49	2000	30	17	2	0
Andrew Killeen	12/09	749	275	2.72	58	48	1450	26	17	3	0
Dermot & Michael Kavanagh	18/09	821	270	3.04	51	51	2000	28	17	4	0
Michael & John Casey	18/09	963	309	3.12	48	50	2200	30	16	2	0
John Galvin	18/09	600	130	4.6	49	51	1550	25	12	1.2	5
Gerry & Niall Moloney	11/09	888	266	3.34	62	57	1800	25	17	3	0
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	13/09	893	354	2.52	83	45	2600	30	17.5	0.5	0
Stephen Mc Auliffe	18/09	936	390	2.4	57	41	2100	30	17	1.3	0
Pa & Paula O'Hanlon	18/09	919	327	2.81	66	45	2000	24	16.5	2.5	0
William Dennehy	14/09	894	288	3.1	65	43	1800	27	13	3	3
Joe Carroll	18/09	967	294	3.29	59	49	2000	24	15	3	0
William Daly	14/09	885	397	2.23	53	42	2500	21	14	3	3
Average		874	303	3	59	48	2000	27	16	2	1

Farm Milk Data	Milk Date	Litres/ Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS/ Cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	19-Sep	18.8	4.73	3.84	1.66	134
Andrew Killeen	19-Sep	18	5.01	3.99	1.67	180
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	19-Sep	22.3	4.49	3.9	1.93	350
Pa & Paula O'Hanlon	19-Sep	17	4.69	3.95	1.51	104
Joe Carroll	19-Sep	17	5.25	4.19	1.65	133
Michael & John Casey	19-Sep	14.9	5.35	4.11	1.45	81
John Galvin	19-Sep	19.2	4.66	3.7	1.65	90
William Daly	19-Sep	18	4.64	4.07	1.61	199
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	19-Sep	18	4.9	3.94	1.64	85
Sean & Diarmaid Fitzgerald	19-Sep	14.2	4.64	4.07	1.27	199
Stephen McAuliffe	19-Sep	14.5	5.19	4.01	1.37	
William Dennehy	19-Sep	15	4.76	4.07	1.36	75
Average		17.24	4.86	3.99	1.57	148.18

Farmer comment from Joe Carroll:

- Grass cover is slightly behind target but with current weather I'm happy with average cover of 967kg DM/Ha
- We haven't scanned the cows yet
- There is 20tonne of lime to go on the grazing platform and 40tonne on an outblock weather depending
- The slurry tanks were emptied and all slurry finished by mid-September
- We have enough fodder made for the winter

Adviser Comment from Claire Mc Auliffe:

- The aim of Autumn grass management is to keep grass in the diet for as long as possible
- Try to hold or build average grass cover on farm to carry through to the final grazing's
- Ground conditions and paddock access will also dictate this, can access be improved?
- For farms stocking 3 LU's per hectare, a rotation length of 35 days is needed
- For example 30ha milking platform, you should only be grazing 0.85 hectares (approx. 2.1 acres)per day