

Grass Summary for week ending August 25th

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 (days)	Grass Intake (kg DM/cow)	Meal Intake (kg/cow)	Silage
Michael & Alex McCarthy	15/08	676	217	3.12	68	56	1550	22	18	1	0
Andrew Killeen	23/08	732	251	2.92	50	48	1500	21	16.5	2.5	0
Dermot & Michael Kavanagh	20/08	961	267	3.6	74	54	1650	27	15	5	0
Michael & John Casey	22/08	871	268	3.25	52	52	1700	30	16	2	0
John Galvin	22/08	594	138	4.29	55	43	1250	25	14	4	0
Gerry & Niall Moloney	21/08	793	240	3.3	69	63	1600	25	17	2	0
Sean & Diarmuid Fitzgerald	22/08	980	389	2.52	76	45	2040	21	17.5	0.5	0
Stephen McAuliffe	14/08	690	227	3.04	39	49	1400	22	17.3	1.7	0
Pa & Paula O'Hanlon	19/08	705	226	3.12	55	50	1600	21	16	3	0
William Dennehy	20/08	695	212	3.28	58	55	1500	21	14	3	1
Joe Carroll	22/08	766	221	3.46	63	55	1700	24	15	3	0
Average		664	212	3.19	52	49	1376	22	16	2	0.1

Farm	Milk Date	Litres/ Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS/ Cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	22-Aug	21	4.19	3.72	1.71	120
Andrew Killeen	22-Aug	22	4.6	3.78	1.90	125
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	22-Aug	24	4.15	3.81	1.97	160
Pa & Paula O'Hanlon	22-Aug	19	4.64	3.74	1.64	107
Joe Carroll	22-Aug	18.5	4.66	4.02	1.65	93
Michael & John Casey	22-Aug	18.5	4.47	3.99	1.61	74
John Galvin	22-Aug	21	4.52	3.65	1.77	147
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	22-Aug	22.5	4.13	3.67	1.81	70
Gerry & Niall Moloney	22-Aug	20.5	4.27	3.74	1.69	114
Sean & Diarmaid Fitzgerald	22-Aug	17	4.9	3.89	1.54	165
Stephen McAuliffe	22-Aug	17.5	4.56	3.83	1.51	171
William Daly	22-Aug	20	4.5	3.88	1.73	146
William Dennehy	22-Aug	17.58	4.45	3.84	1.50	56
Average		19.93	4.46	3.81	1.69	119

Farmer comment from Kieran Murphy:

- Grass cover is good at 238KG DM/cow, we will also have outside ground for zero grazing for the last round
- We scanned last week, had 8% empty after 11 weeks of breeding
- Empty cows were culled to drop demand and stocking rate to 3.42 on MP, feeding 4kgs to build grass
- Spreading 30Units protected urea after cows, blanket spread 10-10-20 a few weeks ago to build soil fertility
- 7acres reseeded two weeks ago, totalling 42 acres reseeded this year, we will spread lime shortly
- We have 20acres of third cut for September to build silage reserve again

Advisor comment from Eugene O'Doherty:

- Some farms have significant slurry in tanks. Remember the closed period for slurry spreading commences on 1st Oct
- Spread slurry as early as possible when soil/weather conditions allow, target recently cut ground with slurry
- Last day for spreading fertilizer is 14th Sept. Continue to apply fertilizer if allowances allow at 30kgN/Ha
- Ground & weather conditions are suitable for lime. Use soil sample results to identify lands lime is to be applied to
- If purchasing lime or fertiliser after Sept 1st the purchase will need to be recorded on the fertilizer register
- All farmers will need to sign up for the fertilizer register