



Grass Summary for week ending May 26

Farm	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)	Rotation Length Back (days)	Grass Intake/Cow (kg DM/cow)	Meal Intake (kg/cow)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	563	158	3.56	62	57	1400	22	21	16.5	2
Andrew Killeen	692	201	3.45	59	55	1600	21	25	15.0	3.5
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	692	145	4.76	92	68	1450	21	19	12.9	5.6
Pa O'Hanlon	697	172	4.05	81	49	1500	21	24	15.0	3.2
Joe Carroll	698	198	3.52	68	56	1800	24	27	16.5	2
Michael & John Casey	672	178	3.77	78	57	1350	20	20	15.5	3
John Galvin	611	134	4.55	93	73	1900	20	46	16.5	2
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	665	162	4.10	68	68	1800	20	22	14.5	4
Gerry & Niall Moloney	640	163	3.92	58	67	1400	20	24	15.5	3
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	621	171	3.64	72	58	1500	21	33	16.5	2
Stephen McAuliffe	653	193	3.38	56	54	1700	24	29	16.5	2
William Dennehy	697	173	4.02	82	68		21		15.5	3
Average	655	170	3.89	72	61	1582	21	26	15.7	3

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	20/05	27	3.67	3.53	1.94	79
Andrew Killeen	19/05	26.5	4.2	3.35	2.00	120
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	19/05	31.3	3.57	3.46	2.20	113
Pa O'Hanlon	20/05	27	3.78	3.4	1.94	86
Joe Carroll	21/05	24	4.24	3.6	1.88	47
Michael & John Casey	19/05	24.2	4.20	3.52	1.87	113
John Galvin	19/05	24.8	4.01	3.24	1.80	78
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	20/05	28.5	3.85	3.36	2.05	79
Gerry & Niall Moloney	21/05	27	3.74	3.45	1.94	102
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	21/05	22	4.31	3.6	1.74	136
Stephen McAuliffe	20/05	25.5	3.85	3.52	1.88	120
William Daly	21/05	27.3	4.06	3.68	2.11	93
William Dennehy	19/05	22	4.15	3.47	1.68	51
Average		25.9	3.97	3.48	1.93	97

Demonstration farmer comment from John Galvin: cows are milking OK. Peak milk yield isn't as high this year as last year. I am putting it down to the late spring. I am hoping that protein will lift quickly. I reseeded this week and I used the Kerry TS1 grass mix. Calves were turned out last week and are going to the contract rearer next week. The breeding season is also going well at the moment.

Advisor comment from Ger Courtney: Now is a good time to assess the clover content in reseeds done over past few years. Where there is good clover content cut back nitrogen applied to 10 units/acre after each grazing. 1500 gallons/acre of dilute slurry is an alternative to chemical N also supplying some P & K where clover content is lower. Any swards over-sown this spring should be grazed at very low covers e.g. 1000kgs/ha for the three grazings after over-sowing to allow light to the base and encourage clover establishment.