



Grass Summary for week ending April 28

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	Grass Intake/Cow (kg DM/cow)	Meal Intake (kg/cow)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	24/04	540	153	3.52	45	53	1200	15.0	3.5
Andrew Killeen	22/04	957	292	3.28	41	53	2200	14.0	4.5
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	21/04	898	191	4.71	58	66	1600	12.5	6
Pa O'Hanlon	23/04	695	216	3.22	30	39	2200	13.5	5
Michael & John Casey	24/04	774	209	3.71	44	53	1600	15.0	3.5
John Galvin	25/04	791	181	4.37	19	70	1400	16.5	2
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	17/04	1005	277	3.63	43	51	2500	12.5	6
Gerry & Niall Moloney	17/04	744	190	3.92	40	59	1500	14.5	4
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	12/04	728	230	3.16	61	44	1260	15.5	3
Stephen McAuliffe	25/04	620	210	2.94		47	1700	14.5	4
William Daly	24/04	839	292	2.87		26	1500	13.5	5
William Dennehy	24/04	837	251	3.33	62	50	1600	15.5	3
Average		786	224	3.56	44	51	1688	14.4	4

Milk summary:

Farm	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	29	3.86	3.45	2.12	80
Andrew Killeen	27	4.5	3.23	2.09	113
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	30	3.6	3.49	2.13	170
Pa O'Hanlon	30	3.91	3.37	2.18	84
Michael & John Casey	24.4	4.26	3.55	1.91	112
Joe Carroll	25.5	4.27	3.67	2.02	94
John Galvin	24	4.29	3.19	1.80	80
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	31	4.02	3.41	2.30	55
Gerry & Niall Moloney	28.5	3.83	3.54	2.10	
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	22.3	4.15	3.63	1.73	175
Stephen McAuliffe	26	3.89	3.49	1.92	113
William Daly	29.9	3.95	3.6	2.26	78
William Dennehy	24	4.26	3.49	1.86	69
Average	27.0	4.06	3.47	2.03	102

Demonstration farmer comment from Micheal Kavanagh, Lispole: I reseeded 5 acres last Saturday. The grass seeds in the mixture were Astonenergy, Glenfield and Astonconqueror with 2 kgs of both red and white clover. The reseeded ground also got 2 bags of 10-10-20 per acre with 2 tonnes of lime per acre. I started breeding on 24 April. Heifers were fix time AI'd. Cow performance is back on last year. I am currently following the cows with a 1.25 bags of 18-6-12.

Advisor comment from John Maher: the weather is going to turn to more favourable growth conditions. Therefore, control of grazing management must move in the direction of grazing the right covers to the right post-grazing height. Management decisions need to be made and acted upon. There are a number of options where there is surplus grass. Either get heifers to graze paddocks, make surplus bales, cut paddocks with first cut silage or reseed paddocks. It is an ideal time to spread lime to improve efficiency of N uptake and to release locked up P in the soil.