



Grass Summary for week ending June 2

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	16.0	2.5
Andrew Killeen	651	158	4.12	75	66	1400	21	23	15.5	3
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	839	156	5.38	86	77	1600	21	18	13.0	5.6
Pa O'Hanlon	641	164	3.92	77	47	1600	21	19	15.3	3.2
Joe Carroll	798	205	3.89	64	64	1700	24	29	17.0	1.5
Michael & John Casey	716	190	3.77	79	57	1650	20	20	15.5	3
John Galvin	592	129	4.60	73	74	1520	20	24	16.5	2
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	542	132	4.10	76	68	1800	20	18	14.7	3.8
Gerry & Niall Moloney	611	161	3.80	75	65	1400	20	25	15.5	3
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	591	163	3.62	78	58	1224	21	20	16.5	2
Stephen McAuliffe	606	169	3.58	53	57	1200	24	20	16.5	2
William Daly	668	207	3.22	64	29	1500			16.5	2
William Dennehy	777	179	4.34	68	74	1500	21	24	15.5	3
Average	661	167	3.99	72	61	1500	21	21.8	15.7	2.8

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	28/05	27.3	3.75	3.51	1.98	83
Andrew Killeen	28/05	27	4	3.41	2.00	135
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	28/05	30.5	3.63	3.45	2.16	134
Pa O'Hanlon	27/05	27	3.87	3.37	1.95	85
Joe Carroll	27/05	24	4.16	3.58	1.86	47
Michael & John Casey	28/05	24.2	4.26	3.69	1.92	73
John Galvin	28/05	24.5	3.84	3.24	1.73	134
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	28/05	27.5	3.84	3.38	1.99	43
Gerry & Niall Moloney	29/05	27	3.99	3.46	2.01	69
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	27/05	21.7	4.47	3.68	1.77	180
Stephen McAuliffe	27/05	24.9	4.02	3.56	1.89	174
William Daly	28/05	26.5	4.06	3.66	2.05	79
William Dennehy	28/05	24.5	3.98	3.54	1.84	49
Average		25.9	3.99	3.50	1.93	104

Demonstration farmer comment from John Casey: Farm cover is just over 700 kg DM/ha. I will stay close to the 180 kg DM/cow in case growth slows down. I reseeded six acres last weekend which is roughly 5% of the grazing platform. I have another six percent of the platform to be done over the next three weeks. I have teaser bulls out with the cows now. I have a few cows that haven't been bred yet and they will be examined by a vet this week.

Advisor comment from Robert Prendiville: Grass growth is now greater than demand on farms so remove surpluses. The target grass cover is 160 to 180 kg DM/cow. PBI covers nationally for this week are 200 kg DM/cow. Maintain 1300 – 1400 kg DM/ha to maintain grass quality for the next four rotations. Walk the farm twice weekly or every 5 days to monitor grass growth. Remove surplus grass and/or correct paddocks that were poorly grazed last spring by making bales. Grazing at lower covers 1100 to 1200 kg DM/ha will also help sort some issues with grass quality.