



Grass Summary for week ending May 5

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)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	24/04	540	153	3.52	45	53	1200	25	15.5	3
Andrew Killeen	28/04	866	264	3.28	47	53	2500	21	14.0	4.5
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	01/05	690	146	4.71	68	66	1350	21	12.5	6
Pa O'Hanlon	30/04	645	182	3.55	47	43	1500	21	13.5	5
Joe Carroll	24/04	629	183	3.44	43	48	1500	24	15.5	3
John Galvin	02/05	671	147	4.55	49	73	1700	20	16.5	2
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	28/04	825	227	3.63	35	55	2500	20	13.5	5
Gerry & Niall Moloney	27/04	625	157	3.99	26	64	1400	26	15.5	3
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	26/04	648	178	3.64	35	51	2160	21	15.5	3
William Daly	24/04	839	292	2.87		26	1500	35	13.5	5
William Dennehy	01/05	607	168	3.62	52	58	1400	21	16.0	2.4
Average		690	191	3.71	45	54	1701	23	14.7	3.8

Milk summary:

Farm	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	29	3.7	3.47	2.08	66
Andrew Killeen	27	4.3	3.31	2.05	90
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	31.4	3.83	3.43	2.28	68
Pa O'Hanlon	30	3.78	3.32	2.13	
Joe Carroll	26	4.19	3.67	2.04	65
Michael & John Casey	25	4.13	3.65	1.95	86
John Galvin	24.5	4.08	3.12	1.76	61
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	30	4.08	3.39	2.24	60
Gerry & Niall Moloney	28	3.81	3.5	2.05	68
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	23	4.18	3.61	1.79	128
Stephen McAuliffe	26.9	4.04	3.48	2.02	153
William Daly	30.1	3.93	3.53	2.25	68
William Dennehy	24	4.09	3.43	1.80	89
Average	27.3	3.96	3.51	2.03	84

Demonstration farmer comment from Stephen McAuliffe, Loughill: Cows are currently on 4 kg of concentrate with grass. Seven acres of an out-block is to be ploughed and will be reseeded with a grass and red clover mix. We are going to start breeding the cows and heifers on May 4th.

Advisor comment from Stuart Childs: growth is picking up significantly. Act quickly to keep ahead of grass quality for the mid-summer. Walk the farm regularly. Breeding has started on a lot of farms. Follow up on cows that have not cycled and get cows that had a difficult calving examined to ensure a high submission rate in the first 3 weeks.