

## Grass Summary for week ending October 6th

| Farm                         | Cover Date | Farm Cover (kg DM/ha) | Cover/LU (kg DM/LU) | Stocking Rate (LU/ha) | Growth h/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) | Silage Intake (kg DM /cow) | Zero grazed Grass |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Alex McCarthy                | 06/10      | 816                   | 285                 | 2.86                  | 35                          | 49                        | 2000              | 30                        | 16                           | 3                    | 0.0                        | 0                 |
| Andrew Killeen               | 09/10      | 817                   | 300                 | 2.72                  | 40                          | 48                        | 2100              | 26                        | 13.5                         | 3.5                  | 2                          | 0                 |
| Dermot & Michael Kavanagh    | 05/10      | 918                   | 255                 | 3.6                   | 47                          | 61                        | 1900              | 30                        | 17                           | 4.0                  | 0.0                        | 0                 |
| Michael & John Casey         | 05/10      | 893                   | 286                 | 3.12                  | 34                          | 37                        | 2000              | 30                        | 12                           | 3.0                  | 3.0                        | 0                 |
| John Galvin                  | 04/10      | 495                   | 108                 | 4.6                   | 26                          | 37                        | 1000              | 25                        | 8                            | 2.0                  | 0                          | 8                 |
| Gerry & Niall Moloney        | 01/10      | 750                   | 234                 | 3.21                  | 58                          | 51                        | 2000              | 30                        | 16                           | 4.0                  | 0.0                        | 0                 |
| Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald | 08/10      |                       |                     | 2.52                  |                             | 45                        | 2900              | 30                        | 16                           | 2                    | 0.0                        | 0                 |
| William Daly                 | 02/10      | 699                   | 321                 | 2.18                  | 31                          | 37                        | 2500              | 21                        | 17                           | 3.0                  | 0.0                        | 0                 |
| Pa & Paula O'Hanlon          | 01/10      | 694                   | 238                 | 2.91                  | 23                          | 41                        | 2000              | 24                        | 14                           | 3.0                  | 2.0                        | 0                 |
| William Dennehy              | 07/10      | 782                   | 259                 | 3.02                  | 35                          | 41                        | 1900              | 30                        | 13                           | 3.6                  | 3.0                        | 0                 |
| Joe Carroll                  | 26/09      | 942                   | 286                 | 3.29                  | 100                         | 49                        | 2200              | 24                        | 15                           | 3.0                  | 0.0                        | 0                 |
| Average                      |            | 781                   | 257                 | 3                     | 43                          | 45                        | #DIV/0!           | 27                        | 14                           | 3                    | 1                          | 1                 |

| Farm Milk Data             | Milk Date | Litres/ Cow | Fat% | Protein% | Kg MS/ Cow | SCC    |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|------|----------|------------|--------|
| Michael & Alex McCarthy    | 02-Oct    | 17.5        | 4.73 | 4        | 1.57       | 145    |
| Andrew Killeen             | 02-Oct    | 15          | 5.5  | 4.05     | 1.48       | 157    |
| Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh  | 02-Oct    | 20.9        | 4.68 | 4.04     | 1.88       | 264    |
| Pa & Paula O'Hanlon        | 02-Oct    | 15          | 4.89 | 4.07     | 1.38       | 120    |
| Joe Carroll                | 02-Oct    | 15          | 5.57 | 4.29     | 1.52       | 125    |
| Michael & John Casey       | 02-Oct    | 13.5        | 5.71 | 4.23     | 1.38       | 208    |
| John Galvin                | 02-Oct    | 14          | 5.13 | 3.78     | 1.28       | 86     |
| William Daly               | 02-Oct    | 17          | 4.9  | 4.26     | 1.60       | 149    |
| Gerry & Niall Moloney      | 02-Oct    | 17.8        | 4.76 | 4.05     | 1.62       | 184    |
| Sean & Diarmaid Fitzgerald | 02-Oct    | 13.5        | 5.88 | 4.4      | 1.43       | 200    |
| Stephen McAuliffe          | 02-Oct    | 13          | 4.19 | 5.23     | 1.26       |        |
| William Dennehy            | 02-Oct    | 14          | 5.06 | 4.19     | 1.33       | 107    |
| Average                    |           | 15.52       | 5.08 | 4.22     | 1.48       | 158.64 |

**Farmer comment from William Dennehy:**

- Cows were inside for a few nights, grazing conditions are difficult, giving silage bales at milking
- Grazing paddocks with 30% clover, using bloat oil, strip wire and fibre from silage to avoid bloat
- Grass average farm cover is 800kgs DM or 263Kg/cow, slurry to be spread if weather allows
- Scanning done, 11 cows empty out of 106 after 9 weeks breeding, very happy with this
- I got the reseeded sprayed with clover safe spray and getting the first grazing done this week

**Adviser Comment from Eugene Doherty:**

- Use back fencing and on/off grazing to keep grass in cow's diet during difficult grazing conditions
- Complete a feed budget and autumn rotation plan to ensure you maintain grass in cows diet
- Ensure you close paddocks in time that will result in an adequate opening grass cover in Spring 2024
- If not done so already, scan cows to identify pregnant, empty and late calving cows
- Body condition score cows & use this with calving date to determine if cows need to be dried off, particularly 1st lactation