

Grass Summary for week ending September 8th

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)
Andrew Killeen	06/09	681	250	2.72	51	48	1400	26	17.5	2.5
Dermot & Michael Kavanagh	31/08	979	272	3.6	76	60	1900	27	16.8	4.2
Michael & John Casey	04/09	952	305	3.12	45	50	2000	30	16	2
John Galvin	08/09	688	150	4.6	77	51	1600	25	15	3
Gerry & Niall Moloney	04/09	830	252	3.3	79	56	1850	25	17	3
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	29/08	794	315	2.52	68	45	2500	21	17.5	0.5
Stephen Mc Auliffe	05/09	756	316	2.39	49	41	1450	30	17	1.2
Pa & Paula O'Hanlon	06/09	859	306	2.81	57	45	2000	24	16	3
William Dennehy	05/09	797	243	3.28	74	46	1450	27	14	3
Joe Carroll	28/08	845	255	3.32	60	46	1800	24	15	3
William Daly	06/09	759	340	2.23	50	42	1600	21	19	1
Average		813	273	3	62	48	1777	25	16	2

Farm Milk Data	Milk Date	Litres/ Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS/ Cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	07-Sep	20.1	4.35	3.75	1.68	122
Andrew Killeen	07-Sep	19	4.8	3.95	1.71	120
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	07-Sep	23	4.37	3.84	1.94	200
Pa & Paula O'Hanlon	07-Sep	18	4.34	3.84	1.52	105
Joe Carroll	07-Sep	18.5	5	4.14	1.74	111
Michael & John Casey	07-Sep	17.4	5.16	3.98	1.64	93
John Galvin	07-Sep	19	4.56	3.64	1.60	77
William Daly	07-Sep	19.3	4.14	3.96	1.61	128
Gerry & Niall Moloney	07-Sep	20.6	4.14	3.81	1.69	169
Sean & Diarmaid Fitzgerald	07-Sep	17.5	5.19	4.05	1.67	126
Stephen McAuliffe	07-Sep	16	4.56	3.89	1.39	160
William Dennehy	07-Sep	16	4.75	3.9	1.43	61
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	07-Sep	21	4.42	3.7	1.76	79
Average		18.88	4.60	3.88	1.64	119

Farmer comment William Daly:

- Grass cover is good at 340Kg DM/Cow, we sold cull cows to drop stocking rate to 2.23
- The cows are higher yielding so nitrates banding will be monitored for the remainder of the year
- We are feeding 1kg dairy ration with nitrates banding in mind, we are trying to get back to band 2
- We have two loads of lime to spread and have already spread three loads on farm
- We have finished fertiliser and have slurry spread earlier in year, dairy washings will be used now

Advisor comment from John Ryan:

- With the good weather, it is important to review soil samples and apply lime accordingly
- Top-up the grazing platform with maintenance P&K fertiliser, especially paddocks taken out for bales
- The deadline for chemical nitrogen and phosphorous is 14th September
- All farms should be building covers now to carry through to fall of year and next spring
- Review paddock access look at water trough location and gaps into paddocks, are more spur roadways needed?