



Grass Summary for weekending June 9

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)	Rotation Length Back (days)	Grass Intake/Cow (kg DM/cow)	Meal Intake (kg/cow)	Silage Intake/Cow (kg DM/cow)
Micheal & Alex McCarthy	06/06	805	226	3.56	64	61	2200	22	18	16.5	2	
Andrew Killeen	06/06	557	161	3.45	78	55	1350	21	23	14.5	4	
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	31/05	708	133	5.33	76	77	1400	21	20	13.0	5.6	
Pa O'Hanlon	03/06	542	151	3.60	56	54	1300	21	16	15.5	3.2	
Joe Carroll	05/06	432	131	3.29	35	49	1700	24	21	14.5	4	
Micheal & John Casey	06/06	709	207	3.42	57	55	1800	20	22	16.5	2	
John Galvin	31/05	617	134	4.60	94	74	1430	20	24	15.5	2	1.0
Gerry & Niall Moloney	02/06	504	140	3.61	37	54	1100	20	21	13.5	5	
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	01/06	641	171	3.75	78	61	1872	21	23	16.5	2	
Stephen McAuliffe	29/05	712	198	3.59	67	57	1500	20	16	16.5	2	
William Daly	01/06	611	189	3.24	39	50	1450	35	226	13.5	5	
William Dennehy	05/06	578	169	3.43	48	58	1500	21	22	15.5	3	
Average		618	168	3.75	61	59	1500	22	21	15.3	3.2	

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Micheal & Alex McCarthy	05/06	26.3	3.67	3.5	1.89	83
Andrew Killeen	05/06	25	3.96	3.35	1.83	154
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	03/06	30.6	3.56	3.46	2.15	116
Pa O'Hanlon	04/06	26	3.88	3.47	1.91	134
Joe Carroll	05/06	25	4.11	3.54	1.91	42
Micheal & John Casey	03/06	22	4.39	3.61	1.76	52
John Galvin	03/06	24	3.81	3.31	1.71	73
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	05/06	26.5	3.88	3.44	1.94	81
Gerry & Niall Moloney	06/06	25.6	3.84	3.4	1.85	70
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	04/06	21	4.37	3.62	1.68	186
Stephen McAuliffe	05/06	22	3.96	3.47	1.63	197
William Daly	04/06	25.5	3.72	3.62	1.87	109
William Dennehy	03/06	22.2	4.17	3.44	1.69	50
Average		24.7	3.95	3.48	1.83	107

Demonstration farmer comment from Joe Carroll: grass is getting tight on the farm. I had to increase the meal from 2 to 4 kg/cow. I am thinking about buying some palm kernel. Hopefully rain will come at the weekend. I am walking the farm every 5 days to monitor growth. Breeding is going well. There doesn't appear to be too many repeats at the moment.

Advisor comment from Kevin Stagg: Grass growth is variable but still good on most farms; especially the heavier soils. This time of the year the grass is starting to go to seed. Continue to have cows going into covers of 1,400 kg DM/ha. There is enough dew at night at the moment to continue spreading fertiliser on the grazing ground. Depending on stocking rate, clover content in swards etc - for most farmers spread between 13-25 units nitrogen per acre at the moment. Use a strip wire and allocate grass to cows if growth has slowed down. In dry weather potash (K) is very important in root development and improving the efficiency of the nitrogen applied. A protected UREA product like 29 – 0 – 14 plus S or 19 – 0 – 15 would be suitable.