



Grass Summary for week November 11 2022

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 (kg DM /cow)
Micheal & Alex McCarthy	05/11	737	291	2.53	21	30	2300	45	35	10	3.5	6
Andrew Killeen	01/11	596	219	2.72	23	27	1300	35	28		4	15
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	08/11	861		0.00	19		2200	31	25		4	15
Pa O'Hanlon	07/11	401	161	2.49	7	30	800	21	35		3.5	15.5
Joe Carroll	09/11	631	197	3.21	17	26	1700	24	37	9	3.5	6.5
Micheal & John Casey	01/11	902	343	2.63	16	21	2600	38	39	9	4	6.5
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	04/11	530	219	2.43	32	35	1600	30	40	9	3	7
William Dennehy	05/11	828	249	3.33	20	33	1600	30			3.5	15.5
Average		737	261	2.58	23	31	1800	30	40			

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Micheal & Alex McCarthy	08/11	14.6	5.14	4.04	1.34	201
Andrew Killeen	08/11	12.48	5.48	4.02	1.19	164
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	08/11	15.3	4.6	3.83	1.29	140
Pa O'Hanlon	07/11	15	4.85	3.92	1.32	94
Joe Carroll	09/11	12.5	5.42	4.06	1.19	218
Micheal & John Casey	09/11	12.3	5.62	4.15	1.20	132
John Galvin	08/11	13	4.81	3.64	1.10	118
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	09/11	13	5.12	4.01	1.19	170
Gerry & Niall Moloney	10/11	14	4.93	4.06	1.26	151
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	08/11	11.5	5.63	4.39	1.15	257
Stephen McAuliffe	08/11	12	5.08	4.07	1.10	189
William Daly	09/11	14.5	5.06	4.3	1.36	199
William Dennehy	08/11	10.3	5.54	4.3	1.01	294
Average		13.1	5.18	4.06	1.21	179

Demonstration farmer comment from John Casey: Cows are in by night now. There are 27 cows dried off at this stage. I still have between 13-16 grazings still to graze. The covers in those paddocks range from 1300 to 1700 kg DM/ ha. We assumed 11% DM to calculate those grass covers. I housed a few of the smaller calves as I thought they were losing condition. I will be vaccinating the cows and heifers for IBR and Lepto in December and January. I aim to do selective dry cow therapy on at least 10% of the herd this year.

Advisor comment Claire McAuliffe: Grazing has stopped on most farms, which has been dictated by ground conditions. Average Farm Cover should range from 500 to 600 depending on stocking rate on November 15 to reach the closing average farm cover targets on the 1st December. Selective approach to drying cows off, Teagasc suggests that cows with an average annual SCC of less than 100,000 cells/ml and no clinical cases of mastitis could make suitable candidates for drying off without dry cow antibiotics. Having cows in the correct body condition score (BCS) of 3.0 to 3.25 (fit but not fat) at calving is essential for trouble-free calving next year. The process starts in late lactation. The primary tools for BCS management in late lactation are dry period length and feed intake/quality.