



Grass Summary for week May 18 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 Back (days)	Grass Intake/Cow (kg DM/cow)	Meal Intake (kg/cow)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	12/05	591	165	3.58	79	57	1800	24	16.0	2.5
Andrew Killeen	16/05	770	200	3.85	100	54	1500	25	13.5	5
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	17/05	733	152	4.81	71	70	1500	22	13.0	5.4
Pa O'Hanlon	18/05	787	231	3.40	99	58	1800	24	15.5	3
Joe Carroll	14/05	617	150	4.11	65	58	1700	32	16.5	2
Michael & John Casey	13/05	697	162	4.31	69	62	1825	13	15.5	3
John Galvin	18/05	756	168	4.49	91	72	2000	15	16.5	2
Gerry & Niall Moloney	17/05	602	143	4.21	74	67	1300	17	15.5	3
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	13/05	746	212	3.52	73	56	1736	23	16.5	2
Stephen McAuliffe	11/05	643	171	3.76	70	60	1400	22	16.5	2
William Daly	17/05	632	161	3.93	88	67	1500	25	15.5	3
William Dennehy	13/05	932	179	5.21	63	78	1500	22	16.0	2.4
Average		714	173	4.14	78	64	1630	22	15.6	3

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	15/05	27.5	3.71	3.5	1.98	96
Andrew Killeen	15/05	30	4.28	3.46	2.32	90
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	16/05	33.5	3.88	3.49	2.47	144
Pa O'Hanlon	14/05	28	3.83	3.46	2.04	53
Joe Carroll	16/05	24.5	4.68	3.76	2.07	204
Michael & John Casey	16/05	26.5	4.21	3.71	2.10	108
John Galvin	15/05	29	3.6	3.3	2.00	175
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	15/05	31	3.85	3.42	2.25	86
Gerry & Niall Moloney	15/05	28	3.71	3.51	2.02	213
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	16/05	22.8	4.27	3.66	1.81	171
Stephen McAuliffe	14/05	26.9	4.09	3.63	2.08	92
William Daly	16/05	28	4.17	3.55	2.16	147
William Dennehy	15/05	24	4.4	3.47	1.89	202
Average		27.7	4.04	3.52	2.09	131

Demonstration farmer comment from Stephen McAuliffe: I have a cover per cow of 171 kg DM now. I am keeping the pre-grazing cover at 1400 kg DM/ha and the clean outs are good as a result. I moved away from the strip wire a week or 10 days ago and its working really well. They are in 36 hour blocks. I took out 7 acres of surplus bales and have another 7 acres that will go in with the first cut. Breeding is going well. We have 63% served and we are on day 15 of breeding. Bulls are out with the heifers now. Half of them were AI'd and the remainder were put with two stock bulls. Nearly forty of the 69 calves are weaned. We weighed them at weaning and they were over 90 kg.

Advisor comment from Tom O'Connor: the main challenge I see at the minute is covers at gone above the 1400 kg DM/ha. Growth is getting ahead of demand. The closer you are to 4 LU/ha on the milking block keeps demand close to growth. It would make is easier to keep the 1400 kg DM/ha of a pre-grazing yield at this stocking rate. For those that don't record covers on Pasturebase, the target is a 20 day rotation- grazing one twentieth of the milking block every 24 hours.