



Grass Summary for week July 1 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)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	27/06	560	194	2.88	48	49	1500	21	26	16.5	2
Andrew Killeen	01/07	572	183	3.13	63	50	1250	21	16	14.5	4
Dermot & Michael Kavanagh	29/06	680	140	4.87	79	74	1350	17	17	13.7	4.8
Pa O'Hanlon	27/06	476	132	3.60	44	61	1200	21	21	15.5	3
Joe Carroll	29/06	477	144	3.32	46	47	1500	24	23	14.5	4
Michael & John Casey	27/06	578	160	3.62	41	40	1350	21	33	13.5	5
John Galvin	01/07	566	158	3.59	67	54	1400	20	21	14.5	4
Declan, Eileen, Kieran Murphy	01/07	728	194	3.76	73	60	1500	20	26	13.5	5
Gerry & Niall Moloney	28/06	594	178	3.34	59	47	1100	21	22	13.5	5
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	29/06	436	189	3.58	33	47	1100	21	19	13.5	5
Stephen McAuliffe	02/07	495	177	2.80	34	45	1000	21	23	16.0	2.5
William Daly	29/06	683	171	4.00	80	60	1250	21	23	15.5	3
William Dennehy	30/06	662	188	3.52	46	57	1500	21	19	13.5	4.8
Average		575	164	3.54	55	53	1299	21	22	15.0	4

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Milk solids (kg)	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	01/07	24	3.81	3.56	1.77	98
Andrew Killeen	01/07	27	4.12	3.62	2.09	101
Dermot & Michael Kavanagh	02/07	28.6	4.1	3.58	2.20	142
Pa O'Hanlon	01/07	25.7	3.94	3.52	1.92	57
Joe Carroll	30/06	22.5	4.49	3.86	1.88	135
Michael & John Casey	30/06	24.9	4.27	3.97	2.05	164
John Galvin	02/07	25	3.72	3.42	1.79	293
Declan, Eileen, Kieran Murphy	02/07	26.9	4.04	3.47	2.02	125
Gerry & Niall Moloney	02/07	28.6	3.81	3.57	2.11	160
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	02/07	21.4	4.47	3.62	1.73	161
Stephen McAuliffe	01/07	22	4.12	3.57	1.69	150
William Daly	01/07	27.7	3.81	3.8	2.11	209
William Dennehy	02/07	21	4.56	3.65	1.72	148
Average		25.0	4.10	3.63	1.93	149

Demonstration farmer comment from Diarmaid Fitzgerald: the second cut was harvested 10 days ago. My stocking rate is low now so I hope to get a lot of surplus bales as I will not be building grass until late August. Milk yield is OK but my fat and protein percentages are lower than last year. I am putting it down to a shortage of grass over the last three weeks. I put in 22 acres of TS4 this spring and it is getting no chemical N. It gets a half bag of 0-7-30 after every grazing.

Advisor comment from Shane Randles: Grass growth varies across the country depending on soil type. The rain was welcome on the dry soils, with heavy soils getting more than they need. One heavy soils farmer recorded 90 mm of rain last weekend alone (25th/26th of June). Growth rates are still lower than normal with dry soils still requiring more rain. The heat for the coming week will also help with soil temperatures. Keep spreading 20 units of nitrogen if you are tight. All farms should be after getting at least one round of sulphur at this stage and planning to incorporate it into another round. Keep tack on your rotation length. With dry weather forecast it might be a good time to apply P fertiliser for top up. Also heading into July and second cut silage not far away know is a good time to pick out a few fields that require lime. Order lime soon. Heading into the last month for breeding make sure all bulls are in perfect working order. Keep an eye out for repeats three weeks after bull is left of in case there is a fertility issue.