



Grass Summary for week October 21 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)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	19/10	671	250	2.68	34	40	2100	35	39	15.0	4	0
Andrew Killeen	21/10	599	220	2.72	29	27	1100	35	29	10.0	3	9
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	19/10	759	211	3.60	33	35	2000	31	30	9.6	3.4	7
Pa O'Hanlon	19/10	833	312	2.67	45	32	2000	21	24	12.0	4	5
Joe Carroll	24/10	771	234	3.29	32	41	1600	24	39	12.5	3.5	2
Michael & John Casey	17/10	1062	404	2.63	30	37	2500	38	30	14.0	4	2
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	19/10	719	271	2.65	37	21	2300	20	79	8.0	4.2	8
Gerry & Niall Moloney	18/10	995	300	3.32	45	50	2000	35	40	15.0	4	0
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	14/10	825	340	2.43	43	35	1968	30	33	14.0	3	1
Stephen McAuliffe	18/10	699	284	2.46	30	39	1700	30	32	16.0	2.5	0
William Daly	24/10	881	390	2.26	29	36	2000	21	51	16.0	4	0
William Dennehy	15/10	1032	310	3.33	54	50	2200	30	29	15.0	4	4
Average		821	294	2.84	37	37	1956	29	38	13.1	4	2

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	21/10	17	4.72	4.17	1.51	171
Andrew Killeen	22/10	16.5	5.72	4.29	1.65	117
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	21/10	16.2	4.87	3.98	1.43	148
Pa O'Hanlon	23/10	16	4.89	4.03	1.43	92
Joe Carroll	22/10	13.8	5.32	4.27	1.32	171
John Galvin	24/10	17.2	4.61	3.92	1.47	138
Michael & John Casey	22/10	15	5.18	4.39	1.44	131
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	22/10	17	4.79	3.98	1.49	188
Gerry & Niall Moloney	23/10	17.6	4.87	4.24	1.60	176
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	24/10	14	5.42	4.42	1.38	162
Stephen McAuliffe	21/10	14.9	4.99	4.37	1.39	186
William Daly	23/10	17.8	5.02	4.14	1.63	155
William Dennehy	21/10	13.8	4.95	4.42	1.29	122
Average		15.9	5.03	4.19	1.46	150

Demonstration farmer comment from Joe Carroll: I have 60% of the grazing platform closed. Cow performance is good. I am very happy with the fat and protein percentages. I scanned today and had a great result. I had 5% of the cows and 5% (1 heifer) of the heifers empty. My total chemical N spread on farm this year was 153 kg/ha, a reduction of 57 kg/ha from 2021.

Advisor comment Robert Prendiville: Most farmers should have >60% of their farms closed by this weekend. Farmers higher stocked or on heavier land will have a greater proportion closed. Grass growth will be variable with weather conditions. Grass growth predictions are reduced to <20Kg DM ha/day depending on weather. The ideal closing farm cover on December 1st is an AFC 650-700 kg DM/ha when stocked at 3 LU/ha. This may need to be 750-800 kg DM/ha for farmers with higher stocking rates or with large early spring demand or <600 kg DM/ha for farms stocked at 2.0-2.5 LU/Ha or very heavy soils.