



Grass Summary for week September 23 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 Allocation / LU (kg DM/LU)	Grass Intake/ Cow (kg DM/cow)	Meal Intake (kg/cow)	Silage Intake (kg DM /cow)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	24/09	984	358	2.75	58	44	2200	30	31	16.0	16.5	2.5	0.0
Andrew Killeen	23/09	725	262	2.77	49	42	1400	24	27	15.0	14.0	3.0	2.0
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	25/09	1071	352	3.04	53	50	2250	31	23	16.6	15.6	3.4	0.0
Pa O'Hanlon	26/09	832	334	2.49	43	40	1600	21	26	16.0	15.0	4	0.0
Joe Carroll	20/09	805	245	3.29	60	36	1500	24	33	11.0	12.0	5.0	2.0
Michael & John Casey	26/09	1028	370	2.78	46	42	2200	38	31	14.9	15.0	4	0.0
John Galvin	26/09	909	258	3.53	62	35	1800	30	26	10.0	10.0	1.2	8.0
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	23/09	759	282	2.69	43	46	2000	20	59	17.0	16.0	3.5	0.0
Gerry & Niall Moloney	20/09	798	239	3.34	64	27	1250	30	33	8.0	9.0	5.0	5.0
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	20/09	776	309	2.51	63	33	1600	30	29	13.3	14.0	5.0	0.0
Stephen McAuliffe	21/09	823	324	2.54	43	41	1425	30	50	16.0	16.0	3	0.0
William Daly	21/09	1019	392	2.60	45	42	1500	21	27	16.0	15.0	4.0	0.0
William Dennehy	21/09	1102	331	3.33	56	53	1900	30	28	16.0	15.4	3.6	0.0
Average		895	312	2.90	53	41	1740	28	33	14.3	14.3	4	1

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	24/09	20	4.47	3.92	1.68	202
Andrew Killeen	24/09	18.5	4.94	4.05	1.66	113
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	25/09	22.3	4.41	3.92	1.86	168
Pa O'Hanlon	23/09	19	4.46	3.85	1.58	77
Joe Carroll	22/09	17	5.03	4.14	1.56	191
Michael & John Casey	25/09	17.6	5.08	4.19	1.63	127
John Galvin	24/09	20.1	4.43	3.72	1.64	113
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	25/09	20	4.43	3.92	1.67	159
Gerry & Niall Moloney	26/09	20.5	4.3	3.82	1.66	174
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	25/09	17.3	5.1	4.04	1.58	187
Stephen McAuliffe	23/09	16.5	4.66	4.03	1.43	181
William Daly	25/09	21.8	4.68	4.06	1.91	214
William Dennehy	24/09	17.6	5.03	4.19	1.62	124
Average		19	4.69	3.99	1.65	156

Demonstration farmer comment from Pa O'Hanlon: the cows are going into the last of the heavy covers and we are trying to graze these out well. We have reduced the meal from 4 kg per cow per day to 3 kg to help with this. We have also put in a number of spur roads, which will allow us to extend the grazing season further and reduce dam age to ground. We are also scanning the cows next week.

Advisor comment Padraig Fogarty: Average farm cover and growth rates are variable depending on soil type, rainfall and what part of the county you are located. Continue to measure grass and monitor your Autumn budget on PastureBase Ireland to help determine how much supplementation is needed. If you are not measuring grass a key guideline to building grass covers is rotation length. For farms stocking 3 LU's per hectare, a rotation length of 35 days is needed. For example if you have a 30 ha milking platform, you should only be grazing 0.85 hectares (approx. 2.1 acres) per day. Remember the earlier deadline for slurry spreading in 2022 is October 8th, the deadline for FYM has not changed and is still October 31st.