



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	23/05	25.11	3.83	3.49	1.89	95
Andrew Killeen	23/05	29.36	4.21	3.5	2.33	121
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	24/05	32.34	3.75	3.6	2.37	188
Pa O'Hanlon	23/05	28.62	3.9	3.45	2.17	45
Joe Carroll	22/05	23	4.49	3.76	1.76	139
Michael & John Casey	22/05	25.99	4.27	3.73	2.14	230
John Galvin	24/05	28.05	3.81	3.29	2.05	104
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	23/05	30.41	3.76	3.41	2.25	78
Gerry & Niall Moloney	23/05	28.37	3.68	3.56	2.12	157
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	24/05	23.5	4.19	3.58	1.83	179
Stephen McAuliffe	23/05	26.04	4.05	3.57	1.98	100
William Daly	24/05	29.22	4.11	3.58	2.31	132
William Dennehy	24/05	25.45	4.37	3.51	2.07	126
Average		27.34	4.03	3.54	2.10	130

Demonstration farmer comment from Joe Carroll: The cover per cow on the farm is 172 kg DM. First cut silage was made on May 15th. It yielded 10 bales per acre. I oversowed clover in April and this ground has been grazed 3 times already. I am grazing low covers to give the clover every chance. I have to walk the farm very regularly to make sure the grass clover covers on the oversown paddocks don't get too strong before grazing. After three weeks of breeding I have a submission rate of 88%. Late calvers will be put on fixed time AI next week. I used sex semen on the heifers this year. I also recently purchased a 6.6 kilowatt solar panel. I hope that this will be going in over the summer.

Advisor comment from Eoin Horgan: Walk silage crops straight away, many crops have bulked over the past 2 weeks and are ready to cut. Aim to make good quality silage this year, so cut as soon as possible. DMD will reduce by 2-3% per week from now on. Delayed cutting will reduce 2nd cut yield. Make safety a priority during this silage season.