



Grass Summary for week August 26 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	19/08	518	176	2.94	38	44	1450	21	23	15.5	3
Andrew Killeen	19/08	772	279	2.77	60	51	1500	24	24	17.0	1.5
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	24/08	946	308	3.07	67	51	1950	24	25	15.0	3.4
Pa O'Hanlon	20/08	672	252	2.67	64	43	2000	21	22	13.5	5
Joe Carroll	17/08	519	158	3.29	37	49	1500	24	26	15.5	3
Michael & John Casey	22/08	893	274	3.26	58	46	1900	24	30	15.5	3
John Galvin	19/08	505	143	3.53	49	49	1200	20	18	14.0	5
Gerry & Niall Moloney	15/08	450	120	3.34	30	27	1100	21	23	12.5*	6
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	22/08	523	208	2.51	62	33	1440	30	24	13.5	5
Stephen McAuliffe	24/08	719	277	2.60	37	45	1550	26	28	17.0	1.3
William Daly	24/08	588	224	2.63	29	40	1050	21	68	14.5	5
William Dennehy	22/08	793	231	3.43	58	55	1500	21	23	15.5	3
Average		663	223	3.01	50	47	1534	23	28	15.6	3

*this includes zero grazing as per farmer comment below.

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	22/08	22.3	4.1	3.66	1.73	127
Andrew Killeen	24/08	21	4.65	3.84	1.78	
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	23/08	24.6	4.06	3.74	1.92	
Pa O'Hanlon	24/08	21	4.18	3.62	1.64	120
Joe Carroll	23/08	19	4.65	3.97	1.64	183
Michael & John Casey	23/08	20	4.69	3.92	1.72	138
John Galvin	22/08	20.5	4.15	3.53	1.57	165
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	23/08	24.3	4.16	3.59	1.88	184
Gerry & Niall Moloney	24/08	24	4	3.66	1.84	179
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	24/08	18.3	4.45	3.87	1.52	168
Stephen McAuliffe	23/08	18	4.51	3.72	1.48	168
William Daly	23/08	25.2	4.09	3.72	1.97	155
William Dennehy	22/08	18.9	4.47	3.87	1.58	185
Average		21.3	4.32	3.75	1.71	161

Demonstration farmer comment from Niall Moloney: I am tight for grass at the moment. We have been badly hit with the drought and are unable to build grass. We reseeded 16 acres with red clover and grass earlier this year and are currently zero grazing it to the cows. Cows are now getting approximately 5 kg DM of the red clover plus grass from the zero grazing, 6 kg of meal and the remainder as grazed grass. This dropped the demand to 27 kg DM/ha/ day. I am hoping for rain and can start to build grass for the autumn from there. I am walking the farm every 5 days to monitor the situation.

Advisor farmer comment from Rob Prendiville: Low rainfall has led to soil moisture deficits (SMD) developing. Farmers that are in areas with high SMD need to continue reducing grass demand. Hold the farm cover with supplementation. Ensure that adequate post grazing residuals are being achieved (4 to 4.5 cm). Farm cover need to be > 500 kg DM/ha and have a rotation length of 30 days. Don't spread N fertilizer if growth drops below 35 kg DM/ha/ day.

All farmers should be looking at their soil maps. Calculate what slurry and fertilizer that has been applied to paddocks and apply P and K to paddocks that need it. Also apply lime where necessary.

