



Grass Summary for week July 29 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	23/07	576	195	2.96	53	53	1700	21	24	17.0	1
Andrew Killeen	22/07	484	175	2.77	56	44	1350	21	20	14.0	4
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	27/07	895	251	3.57	71	57	1800	17	20	14.0	4
Pa O'Hanlon	26/07	519	194	2.67	48	43	1400	21	75	14.0	4
Joe Carroll	18/07	685	208	3.29	59	53	1500	24	28	16.0	2
Michael & John Casey	20/07	729	208	3.50	57	53	1650	21	33	16.0	2
John Galvin	23/07	659	176	3.74	57	66	1200	20	22	17.0	1.2
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	16/07	580	172	3.38	56	61	1450	20	27	15.5	2.5
Gerry & Niall Moloney	19/07	645	167	3.86	50	62	1350	21	21	15.0	3
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	25/07	784	312	2.51	50	44	1848	21	29	17.5	0.5
Stephen McAuliffe	20/07	734	281	2.61	59	42	1550	21	20	15.5	2.5
William Dennehy	28/07	752	206	3.65	75	59	1500	21	28	15.5	2.6
Average		670	212	3.21	58	53	1525	21	29	15.5	3

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	28/07	23.5	4.07	3.61	1.80	116
Andrew Killeen	27/07	24	4.3	3.73	1.93	102
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	27/07	25.9	3.89	3.61	1.94	177
Pa O'Hanlon	25/07	24.4	3.81	3.57	1.80	56
Joe Carroll	27/07	21	4.59	3.89	1.78	105
Michael & John Casey	27/07	22	4.55	3.9	1.86	144
John Galvin	26/07	21.5	3.88	3.4	1.57	174
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	26/07	25.5	3.88	3.49	1.88	136
Gerry & Niall Moloney	26/07	23.8	3.97	3.6	1.80	129
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	27/07	18	4.59	3.56	1.47	
Stephen McAuliffe	26/07	19	4.04	3.58	1.45	156
William Dennehy	26/07	17	4.34	3.69	1.37	144
Average		22.1	4.16	3.64	1.72	142

Demonstration farmer comment from John Casey: I am very happy with the current performance of the herd. The cows are up about 0.1% in protein compared to this time last year. I have a cover per cow of 208 kg DM/cow so there is plenty of grass on the farm. I made some surplus bales last week but I think that will be the last time I will take out surplus bales this year. I took out the bull last Monday and I also did the cows for worms that morning as well.

Advisor farmer comment from Robert Prendiville: Grass growth in the Kerry catchment is similar to the current national average figures from Pasturebase. The current grass growth recorded by the Demonstration farmers shows that grass supply is high on farms. Don't let covers run too far ahead. Continue to walk the farm regularly and use the PBI grass wedge as there can be a lot of variation between paddocks on farms as well. Give some time to look at the wedge to make the best decisions on managing grass. Demonstration farmers have focused on using more protected urea. For the year to date the protected urea constitutes **47% OF TOTAL CHEMICAL NITROGEN spread on these farms.** They are happy with grass growth performance.