



Grass Summary for week September 30 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	02/10	985	368	2.68	59	40	2300	35	34	16.0	3	0
Andrew Killeen	30/09	713	259	2.75	50	41	1600	30	28	16.0	3	2
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	29/09	1062	349	3.04	70	50	1950	31	19	15.6	3.4	0
Pa O'Hanlon	03/10	764	307	2.49	49	40	2000	21	28	14.0	5	0
Joe Carroll	03/10	994	302	3.29	57	43	1850	24	31	13.0	4	2
John Galvin	26/09	909	258	3.53	62	35	1800	30	26	11.0	1.2	7
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	23/09	759	282	2.69	43	46	2000	20	59	15.5	3.5	0
Gerry & Niall Moloney	26/09	909	272	3.34	49	27	1500	30	28	9.0	5	5
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	29/09	729	290	2.51	43	33	1680	30	28	14.0	5	0
Stephen McAuliffe	21/09	823	324	2.54	43	41	1425	30	50	16.5	2.5	0
William Daly	03/10	932	361	2.58	37	41	1900	21	39	15.0	4	0
William Dennehy	01/10	1049	315	3.33	53	50	2000	30	31	15.5	3.5	0
Average		886	307	2.89	51	41	1834	28	34	14.3	3.6	

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat %	Protein %	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	01/10	20.8	4.5	4.01	1.77	130
Andrew Killeen	03/10	18.5	5.15	4.03	1.70	119
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	01/10	20.5	4.72	4.07	1.80	146
Pa O'Hanlon	02/10	19.7	4.77	3.98	1.72	84
Joe Carroll	01/10	17.3	4.93	4.21	1.58	126
Michael & John Casey	01/10	17.5	5.14	4.23	1.64	113
John Galvin	30/09	19	4.42	3.81	1.56	135
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	01/10	20.1	4.52	3.98	1.71	166
Gerry & Niall Moloney	02/10	20.4	4.49	3.98	1.73	161
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	03/10	17	5.06	4.22	1.58	154
Stephen McAuliffe	02/10	15.5	5.04	4.19	1.43	139
William Daly	01/10	20.6	4.62	4.05	1.79	136
William Dennehy	30/09	17.2	5.15	4.37	1.64	142
Average		18.8	4.81	4.09	1.67	135

Demonstration farmer comment from John Galvin: I am happy with current cow performance. I am keeping the meal to the minimum. I have 40 acres of zero grazing plus what is on the grazing platform available to the cows. I have plenty of grass to zero graze. Although my stocking rate on the milking platform is 3.53 LU/ha my stocking rate including the zero grazing drops it to 2.0 LU/ha. I am contract rearing the calves and heifers this year and it is working very well. I scanned the cows and there are 10% of the cows empty. I am happy with the result but it was not as good as last years. In addition, I need to vaccinate the cows for Salmonella.

Advisor comment Stuart Childs: Remember grass grazed next spring will be grown in the month of October. Ensure adequate grass for the spring in 2023 by closing paddocks in rotation starting 7 October. Do not be tempted to overgraze paddocks no matter how good the weather is this autumn. Grass in the spring is more valuable than autumn grass.