



## Grass Summary for week November 4 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)
Micheal & Alex McCarthy	29/10	781	291	2.68	35	32	2000	35	37	12.0	3.5	3
Andrew Killeen	01/11	596	219	2.72	23	27	1300	35	28	8.5	3	7
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	29/10	817	227	3.60	43	35	2000	31	28	7.5	4	7
Joe Carroll	01/11	656	204	3.21	26	42	1550	24	36	13.5	3	2
John Galvin	28/10	685	194	3.53	25	18	1400	30	34	5.0	4	9.5*
Gerry & Niall Moloney	26/10	899	271	3.32	35	50	1900	35	42	14.5	4	0
William Daly	24/10	881	390	2.26	29	36	2000	21	51	14.5	4	0
William Dennehy	30/10	753	226	3.33	26	33	1550	30	31		4	14
<b>Average</b>		<b>759</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>3.03</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1811</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>4</b>	

\* is zero grazed grass

**Milk summary:**

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	SCC
Micheal & Alex McCarthy	30/10	16.4	4.8	4.06	178
Andrew Killeen	31/10	13	5.49	4.08	121
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	30/10	15.8	4.71	3.84	171
Pa O'Hanlon	01/11	15	5.06	3.96	90
Joe Carroll	31/10	12	5.32	4.33	140
Micheal & John Casey	31/10	13	5.41	4.22	138
John Galvin	31/10	15	4.58	3.8	117
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	01/11	13	4.96	3.95	175
Gerry & Niall Moloney	30/10	14.6	5.24	4.12	226
Sean & Diarmiad Fitzgerald	01/11	12.3	5.66	4.43	154
Stephen McAuliffe	31/10	12	5.09	4.12	174
William Daly	01/11	14.6	5.15	4.18	201
William Dennehy	30/10	10.6	5.45	4.23	167
<b>Average</b>		<b>13.6</b>	<b>5.15</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>158</b>

**Demonstration farmer comment from William Dennehy:** Cows are in full time since last Sunday. Cows are on baled silage and 4 kgs of meal. I still have 10 to 14 grazings left for the cows to graze. I will hold off grazing it until the weather clears up. SCC is OK at the moment. I am milk recording again next week and once I have the results from that milk recording I am going to be looking at drying off the first calvers. I am doing a sensitivity test to assess what is needed. Calves are on silage plus 2 kgs of meal. The heifers will also be coming back from the contract rearer shortly.

**Advisor comment Ger Courtney:** you are moving into the phase of an indoor diet for feeding milking cows. There is a risk for a rapid loss of body condition for younger stock. Ensure you monitor body condition. Test the quality of the silage being given to cows. Ensure the energy and protein contents are OK; 73 DMD and a crude protein content of at least 13% to 15%. The dry off period should be at least 10 weeks for first calves and 8 weeks for cows. There is still some grazing to be done to reach the target closing cover. Take opportunities to do on/off grazing when conditions improve.