



Grass Summary for week October 7 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/ Straw (kg/cow)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	02/10	985	368	2.68	59	40	2300	35	34	15.0	3.5	
Andrew Killeen	06/10	758	276	2.75	58	41	1600	30	27	15.0	3	
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	05/10	1017	283	3.60	47	60	1600	31	33	16.6	3.4	
Pa O'Hanlon	03/10	764	307	2.49	49	40	2000	21	28	16.0	4	
Joe Carroll	03/10	994	302	3.29	57	43	1850	24	31	13.0	3	
Micheal & John Casey	03/10	948	360	2.63	54	34	2050	38	36	13.0	3	2
John Galvin	26/09	909	258	3.53	62	35	1800	30	26	10.0	1.2	8
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	23/09	759	282	2.69	43	46	2000	20	59	17.0	3.5	
Gerry & Niall Moloney	05/10	1067	319	3.34	53	50	2000	35	35	15.0	5	
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	05/10	823	328	2.51	68	33	1650	30	34	13.0	3	
William Daly	03/10	932	361	2.58	37	41	1900	21	39	16.0	4	2 kg straw
William Dennehy	01/10	1049	315	3.33	53	50	2000	30	31	15.0	3.5	
Average		917	313	2.95	53	43	1896	29	34	14.6	4	

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	03/10	20.6	4.5	3.97	1.74	154
Andrew Killeen	04/10	18.6	5.07	4.17	1.72	126
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	04/10	18.7	4.79	4.07	1.66	157
Pa O'Hanlon	05/10	18	4.65	3.96	1.55	94
Joe Carroll	04/10	15.8	5.37	4.32	1.53	169
Micheal & John Casey	04/10	16.59	5.3	4.27	1.59	132
John Galvin	03/10	18.5	4.44	3.85	1.53	170
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	04/10	20.5	4.48	3.92	1.72	198
Gerry & Niall Moloney	05/10	20	4.69	4.01	1.74	178
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	04/10	16.5	5.09	4.22	1.54	145
Stephen McAuliffe	04-Oct	14.7	5.11	4.13	1.36	183
William Daly	04/10	20.2	4.6	4	1.74	170
William Dennehy	03/10	14.5	5.13	4.26	1.36	164
Average		17.9	4.86	4.09	1.60	158

Demonstration farmer comment from Niall Moloney: I am happy with my farm cover now and am expecting next week's to be something similar. Supplementation with silage stopped a week ago. I have an autumn rotation planner complete and am planning to be finishing grazing in mid-November at a cover of 600 to 700 kg DM/ha. For my clover swards, I am planning on grazing them late and carrying a low cover on them over the winter. This will help maintain clover in the sward.

Advisor comment Adrian Bourke: All dairy farmers should begin closing paddocks this week with the aim of having 60-70% of the farm closed by the 1st of November on drier farms and 80% on heavier soils. Farmers should try to graze heavier covers on drier days, keeping silage out of the diet when doing so. Farmers should maintain the level of meal being fed and monitor lactose levels in the co-op tests, not leaving them go below 4.30%. A reminder that the deadline day for spreading farmyard manure is 31st of October; targeting low P and K index fields. Now is the perfect time for spreading lime on paddocks that have a pH lower than 6.2