



Grass Summary for week September 9 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	02/09	697	237	2.94	57	47	1450	26	29	16.0	3	0.0
Andrew Killeen	01/09	698	252	2.77	50	51	1600	24	26	17.5	2	0.0
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	02/09	1012	333	3.04	49	50	2400	28	21	15.6	3.4	0.0
Joe Carroll	06/09	606	184	3.29	47	36	1350	24	28	10.0	6	3
Michael & John Casey	05/09	940	338	2.78	50	36	2100	30	28	15.0	4	0.0
John Galvin	05/09	525	149	3.53	45	35	1100	30	23	10.0	2	7*
Gerry & Niall Moloney	28/08	530	159	3.34	44	27	1200	30	22	14.0	5	0
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	01/09	448	178	2.51	42	33	1200	30	18	14.0	5.0	0.0
Stephen McAuliffe	02/09	672	253	2.66	34	43	1250	26	25	16.4	2.6	0.0
William Daly	01/09	542	206	2.63	28	21	1050	21	47	7.0	7	5
William Dennehy	06/09	940	276	3.40	56	55	1600	21	31	15.4	3.6	0.0
Average		692	233	2.96	46	41	1531	25	28	13.7	3.9	

*zero grazing

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	03/09	22	4.31	3.63	1.75	158
Andrew Killeen	03/09	20	4.63	3.79	1.68	174
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	04/09	24.4	4.31	3.73	1.96	189
Joe Carroll	04/09	18.5	4.6	3.92	1.58	171
Michael & John Casey	04/09	19.5	4.73	4.03	1.71	120
John Galvin	03/09	20	4	3.61	1.52	128
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	04/09	23	4.34	3.69	1.85	168
Gerry & Niall Moloney	03/09	23	4.09	3.66	1.78	191
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	05/09	17.2	5.08	3.81	1.53	160
Stephen McAuliffe	03/09	18	4.6	3.86	1.52	148
William Daly	05/09	24.3	3.98	3.84	1.90	143
William Dennehy	03/09	19	4.56	3.94	1.62	145
Average		20.7	4.43	3.78	1.70	152

Demonstration farmer comment from William Dennehy: I would like to have a slightly higher cover at the moment but I am OK for grass. Cows are getting 3.6 kg of concentrate. I scanned the cows and had a 13% empty rate after 9 weeks of breeding. Cows are grazing out the paddocks well. I am spreading MOP on ground that is low in K. I am doing two split applications of 25 units per acre. Paddocks with low clover content are getting 20 units of N per acre and paddocks with clover are either getting 10 units of N per acre or parlour washings. I am planning to vaccinate the cows and heifers for Salmonella next week.

Advisor farmer comment from John McCarthy: We are in the closing days of spreading fertilizer for 2022 aside from potash. Set a maximum of 25 units of N per acre. Review soil map and correct paddocks that are low in pH and K. Maintain a 30-day grazing rotation. There are only two rotations left on paddocks so it is important to keep the 30 day round. Keep walking your farm weekly to monitor AFC against the targets. If you are tight on grass look at reducing the demand by culling empty/ problem cows. Review the milk records to identify the bottom 5% of the herd and high SCC cows. You can also dry off first lactation heifers if their yield is less than 10 litres. Finally do a fodder budget for the winter to access silage stocks.

