



TEAGASC/KERRY MONITOR FARM UPDATE WEEK ENDING 12th April 2024

Farmer	Location	Litres /Cow	Fat %	Prot %	kg MS /Cow	Meal kg	SCC	Third Feed	Rotation	% Grazed	Average Farm Cover	Pre grazing Yield	Growth Rate/Ha
Micheal & Alex McCarthy	Feenagh	27	4.11	3.24	2.04	4.0	77	1kg Silage	2nd	100	576	1600	26
Andrew & Bernadette Killeen	Kilkee	25	4.64	3.3	2.04	7.0	145	Silage	1st	0	1211	2400	9
Dermot & Michael Kavanagh	Lispole	32.1	4.15	3.43	2.51	7.0	285		1st	85	872	2100	21
Patrick and Paula O'Hanlon	Tarbert	26.5	4.65	3.22	2.15	6.0	85	PKE ad lib	1st	65			
Joe Carroll	Ballyheigue	23.5	4.82	3.41	1.99	5.5	163		1st	59	929	1700	12
John & Micheal Casey	Causeway	25.2	4.98	3.43	2.18	6.5	120	2PKE	1st	50	1123	2300	23
John Galvin	Ardfert	23.2	4.73	3.25	1.91	5.0	100	2	1st	40	1010	2100	23
Niall & Gerry Moloney	Crecora	26.0	4.21	3.28	2.01	7.0	100	2	1st	84	791	2000	22
Kieran, Eileen & Declan Murphy	Killmallock	30.5	4.33	3.22	2.37	7.0	69	Zero grazer	1st	64			
Diarmuid and Sean Fitzgerald	Cratloe	24.8	4.48	3.51	2.04	5.0	282		2nd	100	859	1700	47
Stephen McAuliffe	Loghill	23.0	4.65	3.15	1.85	6.0	124		1st	40	1107	2500	9
William & Mary Dennehy	Currow	24.2	4.45	3.51	1.98	5.5	101		1st	69	1050	2000	34
Average		25.9	4.52	3.33	2.09	6.0	138			63	953	2040	23

Farmer Update: Stephen McAuliffe

Stephen has 40% of the milking platform grazed, grazing by day, using pathways to get cows into paddocks and grazing dry sections of paddocks has allowed grass to be included in the diet most days for the past two weeks. Some of the milking platform will not be grazed in the 1st rotation and as soon as weather allows will be fertilised for silage with a plan to cut by mid-May. Paddocks grazed in the last two weeks got 2500 gallons/acre of slurry once grazed and will be topped up with 30 Units of N next week weather permitting. Stephen got a 59% conception rate to sexed semen last year so planning to produce all replacements from sexed semen this year thus allowing more beef straws to be used. Silage stocks running low so looking forward to an improved forecast.

Advisor Update: Denis Brassil

Conditions continue to vary across the region, drier areas are finding it difficult to graze in the 2nd rotation as ground conditions are poor, use of on/off grazing, pathways into back of paddocks and even splitting the herd into two groups while alot of work help minimise damage & maintain grass in the diet. For farms with a P allowance using 1.5 bags of 18-6-12+S/acre will help the plant to tiller and repair damage. Alot of Silage ground is too strong to receive slurry currently, where no fertiliser yet applied, apply 50-60 Units of Nitrogen (3 Bags of 18-6-12+S) if you have a P allowance if not ensure to get some K applied(e.g. 2 Bags 29-0-14+S) and plan to cut by mid-May. This will allow 10-14 days of May growth to grow a good 2nd cut, delaying the 1st cut has been shown in the past to reduce the total silage grown on farm.

