



### TEAGASC/KERRY MONITOR FARM UPDATE WEEK ENDING 14th June 2024

Farmer	Location	Litres /Cow	Fat %	Prot %	kg MS /Cow	Meal kg	SCC	Breeding Start Date	Average Farm Cover	Pre grazing Yield	Cover/ Cow	Demand	Growth Rate/Ha
Micheal & Alex McCarthy	Feenagh	27.3	3.69	3.51	2.02	4.0	56	27th April	493	1250	148	47	70
Andrew & Bernadette Killeen	Doonbeg	26.8	4.2	3.55	2.14	4.5	103	6th May	447	1050	149	47	60
Dermot & Michael Kavanagh	Lispole	31.8	3.62	3.57	2.36	5.4	210	24th April	708	1500	155	71	68
Patrick and Paula O'Hanlon	Tarbert	25.0	4.21	3.47	1.98	4.0	69	10th May	583	1500	175	47	44
Joe Carroll	Ballyheigue	23.8	4.43	3.8	2.02	6.0	51	9th May	511	1500	145	53	64
John & Micheal Casey	Causeway	26.0	4.35	3.75	2.17	3.5	104	1st May	792	1500	219	65	52
John Galvin	Ardfert	25.4	3.7	3.37	1.85	6.0	101	27th April	633	2000	161	51	56
Niall & Gerry Moloney	Creora	25.8	3.87	3.57	1.98	6.0	70	1st May	570	1400	161	50	78
Kieran, Eileen & Declan Murphy	Effin	28.0	3.93	3.49	2.14	6.0	64	27th April	594	1250	153	58	59
Diarmaid and Sean Fitzgerald	Cratloe	21.1	4.67	3.8	1.84	4.0	163	3rd May	524	1250	149	50	69
Stephen McAuliffe	Loghill	24.0	4.14	3.52	1.89	6.0	180	6th May	566	1250	176	48	51
William & Mary Dennehy	Currow	22.3	4.22	3.6	1.80	6.0	76	13th May	602	1400	179	56	73
<b>Average</b>		<b>25.6</b>	<b>4.09</b>	<b>3.58</b>	<b>2.02</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>104</b>		<b>585</b>	<b>1404</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>62</b>

#### Farmer Update: William Dennehy

I took out some paddocks for bales, that were a bit strong or had poor graze outs in the spring on the 15th of May. I grazed these at a lighter cover in the last rotation to encourage the clover proportion in the sward these are due to be grazed again next week at a cover of 1300-1400Kg's of Dm/ha this appears to have encouraged the clover. Over the past couple of years cow numbers have grown on the farm and i was finding that my paddock size was pinching the cows in the final grazing/paddock so this year i have taken up alot of the permanent fence wires on the farm and i'm trying where possible to give 36hr allocations to the cows. This appears to be working as when reviewing milk solids sold recently i found i was up 12% sold. I have 527Kgs of Meal feed year to date per cow and i plan to drop meal back from 6kg's per head to 3.6kg's from Monday. I topped up one paddock which had a low clover proportion this was oversown in late April and i did another paddock with a full reseed which didn't go in until the 12th of June. Grass quality appears to be recovering with the rain this week. My calves will go to the contract rearer this week as well, i delayed sending them as they had gotten a touch of coccidiosis, but i have them treated now and they are recovering. In the picture you can see a willow bed which i have put in, in conjunction with the ASSAP Team this is for any grey water from my clean yards to help reduce sediment reaching any watercourses. Breeding appears to be going very well with not alot of repeats showing. I had sync'd all my Maiden heifers, so on day 15 i took out the bull and put scratch cards on the heifers until day 21, I AI'd any repeats and the bull has gone back in now, i'm very happy with how this went.

#### Advisor Update: Denis Brassil

Rainfall over the past few days has been a bit hit and miss with some places getting plenty and others still quiet dry. Grass quality on many farms is a struggle as we start to go past grass heading season. Where Average farm cover has fallen below 550-600Kg's of Dm/ha set the farm out into a 21-22 day rotation.

Supplement to fill the gap in the feed wedge, ideally this is done by feeding extra ration in the parlour but this may not be enough to fill the gap. Depending on the fodder availability on the farm PKE, Soya hulls or some silage can be used to fill this gap until grass growth surpasses demand.

The importance of completing a Winter fodder budget can't be underestimated, discuss the results with your advisor and take a look at the options available to you if a deficit is found, sometimes it can be hard to see the options until you start to talk it through .

Mid season milk recording is a good opportunity to review cow performance and pick out problem cows to either be dealt with to prevent SCC spread or to be moved on. Continue to AI until the number of non bred cows are in line with your bull power.

