

TEAGASC/KERRY MONITOR FARM UPDATE WEEK ENDING 19th 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	4.29	3.41	2.14	4.0	129	Zero Grazed	2nd	40% 2nd, 100% 1st	621	1500	39
Andrew & Bernadette Killeen	Kilkee	27	4.5	3.29	2.17	6.0	86		1st	15% 1st	1211	2400	9
Dermot & Michael Kavanagh	Lispole	31.5	4.01	3.39	2.40	7.0	227	PKE ad lib	2nd	100% 1st, 10% 2nd	718	1300	68
Patrick and Paula O'Hanlon	Tarbert	28.0	4.4	3.2	2.19	6.0	58		1st	75% 1st,	780	2000	14
Joe Carroll	Ballyheigue	24.0	4.73	3.41	2.01	4.5	132		1st	74%,	929	1700	12
John & Micheal Casey	Causeway	26.5	4.75	3.41	2.23	4.5	64		2nd	58% 1st, 2% 2nd	953	2100	22
John Galvin	Ardfert	24.0	4.5	3.16	1.89	3.0	114		1st	50% 1st	961	1850	16
Niall & Gerry Moloney	Crecora	26.0	4.14	3.35	2.01	6.0	90		2nd	95% 1st, 10% 2nd	824	1925	28
Kieran, Eileen & Declan Murphy	Effin	31.0	4.15	3.32	2.39	5.5	55		2nd	75% 1st, 2% 2nd	1116	1350	30
Diarmuid and Sean Fitzgerald	Cratloe	21.0	4.7	3.63	1.80	5.0	153		2nd	55% 2nd, 100% 1st	645	1650	30
Stephen McAuliffe	Loghill	21.5	4.34	3.21	1.67	7.0	146		1st	70% 1st			
William & Mary Dennehy	Currow	24.0	4.44	3.45	1.95	6.0	114		1st	1	990	1800	36
Average		26.0	4.41	3.35	2.07	5.4	114				886	1780	28

Farmer Update: Michael Kavanagh

Michael has 10% of his 2nd rotation grazed today pre grazing yields are 1300 Kg's of Dm/ha. 80% of the milking platform has gotten 2 rounds of 2000 gallons of slurry per acre and 30 units of Pro urea. Cows are being followed in this rotation with 30 units of Pro Urea or 18-6-12 + S where hasn't gotten slurry with lower indices. Breeding is due to start next wednesday, maiden heifers and 9 cows are now on synchronisation program for sexed semen. In the three week pre breeding observation 40 cows were in heat in first 10 days and plenty of activity at the moment. 2nd milk recording ordered for today 70% of SCC in first milk recording was attributable to 3 cows 2 of these are repeat offenders so will be culled. Michael plans to top up the silage ground with 40 units of Pro urea today. Paddock identified for reseed is being grazed tonight and will be ploughed after spray off in next fortnight.

Advisor Update: Denis Brassil

Conditions continue to vary across the region, drier areas are drying out faster allowing fertiliser and slurry applications to happen. Heavier clay or mud areas are still very difficult ground conditions, hopefully the warmer forecast for next week will allow these to dry and allow catch up to happen on these areas of the farm with fertiliser and grazing. On drier farms with less grazing done it's getting very close to decision time on cutting out some paddocks for bales to correct grass quality on farm, these paddocks can also allow for slurry applications and will return to the grazing platform quickly helping to correct the feed wedge. Breeding season is just around the corner and where some cows are under conditioned after the difficult spring it can be helpful to place some of these on OAD milking to help improve their BCS, leave these with the main herd, milk in the morning and don't attach clusters in the evening to these cohort and return to TAD milking once breed.

