



### TEAGASC/KERRY MONITOR FARM UPDATE WEEK ENDING 26th April 2024

Farmer	Location	Litres /Cow	Fat %	Prot %	kg MS /Cow	Meal kg	SCC	Average Farm Cover	Pre grazing Yield	Cover/ Cow	Demand	Growth Rate/Ha
Micheal & Alex McCarthy	Feenagh	28	4.14	3.42	2.18	4.0	144	622	1500	196	45	40
Andrew & Bernadette Killeen	Kilkee	27.3	4.6	3.34	2.23	5.0	130	1100	2250	337	46	29
Dermot & Michael Kavanagh	Lispole	32.3	3.77	3.42	2.39	7.0	201	842	1450	205	58	49
Patrick and Paula O'Hanlon	Tarbert	26.5	4.15	3.23	2.01	5.0	82	853	2100	293	41	56
Joe Carroll	Ballyheigue	23.0	4.46	3.48	1.88	4.0	122	880	1900	289	48	36
John & Micheal Casey	Causeway	28.0	4.35	3.56	2.28	4.0	56	823	1900	208	55	38
John Galvin	Ardfert	25.0	4.27	3.25	1.94	3.0	72	769	1600	199	62	33
Niall & Gerry Moloney	Crecora	25.5	4.12	3.31	1.95	4.0	91	766	1450	227	44	52
Kieran, Eileen & Declan Murphy	Effin	30.5	4.26	3.44	2.42	5.5	80	804	2200	229	51	31
Diarmuid and Sean Fitzgerald	Cratloe	21.7	4.51	3.72	1.84	5.0	197	645	1350	192	37	30
Stephen McAuliffe	Loughill	24.5	4.17	3.34	1.90	4.0	154					
William & Mary Dennehy	Currow	24.0	4.21	3.39	1.88	6.0	89	846	1900	242	52	57
<b>Average</b>		<b>26.4</b>	<b>4.25</b>	<b>3.41</b>	<b>2.08</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>1782</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>

#### Farmer Update: Joe Carroll

My normal grass walk was on Tuesday and i planned to start the second rotation next Monday, i walked the first grazed paddocks today and decided i need to move to the second rotation in the morning as next 4 paddocks are heading for 1300-1400 Kg's of Dm/Ha. I will bale off the remainder of the first rotation after next weeks rain. I plan to start breeding next week and will do a scan on all cows not breed at the end of the first week or observed in heat in the two weeks pre breeding. I have a few later calvers on once a day milking until they are breed to try and bring these forward in the calving season. Maiden heifers will be observed for the first week and anything not breed at that stage will be given a shot of Progesterone to bring them in, i have had good success with this for the last few years. Paddock identified for reseed is being grazed tonight and will be spray off in the regrowth, i have also identified a paddock for overseeding with white clover and i'm going to include some plaintain with this also 2kg's of each per acre.

#### Advisor Update: Shane Randles Kanturk Office

Conditions have improved on all farms this week giving some farmers a chance to spread slurry and reduce the pressure on tanks. All farmers should have cows out after the good weather, where there is a lot of grass on farms cows should be out full time. Grass walks will be very important over the coming weeks to make sure grazed paddocks don't get too strong while farmers are still trying to graze the first rotation. In some circumstances some of the first rotation could be cut out for bales or added into the first cut silage. Farmers should continue to aim to cut silage towards the middle to end of May for quality silage. Where farmers aim to incorporate clover into swards these paddocks need to be selected and stitched over the next two weeks to try and give the clover the best chance to establish.

