



### TEAGASC/KERRY MONITOR FARM UPDATE WEEK ENDING 29th March 2024

Farmer	Location	Litres /Cow	Fat %	Prot %	kg MS /Cow	Meal kg	SCC	Third Feed	% Calved	% Grazed	Average Farm Cover	Pre grazing Yield	Growth Rate/Ha
Micheal & Alex McCarthy	Feenagh	26	4.47	3.21	2.06	5.0	91		92	86			
Andrew & Bernadette Killeen	Kilkee	24	4.44	3.19	1.89	7.0	89		86	0	1211	2400	9
Dermot & Michael Kavanagh	Lispole	32.3	4.44	3.28	2.57	8.0	158		92	40	1121	2000	20
Patrick and Paula O'Hanlon	Tarbert	25.0	4.69	3.32	2.06	6.0	90	PKE ad lib	100	26	1041	1600	10
Joe Carroll	Ballyheigue	22.0	4.95	3.34	1.88	6.0	123		89	20	1176	1650	26
John & Micheal Casey	Causeway	23.0	4.95	3.31	1.96	5.0	127	2PKE	89	25	1139	2100	12
John Galvin	Ardfert	23.0	4.6	3.14	1.83	6.0	274	2	89	13	1010	2100	23
Niall & Gerry Moloney	Crecora	25.0	4.56	3.15	1.99	6.0	90	2	92	70	928	1750	26
Kieran, Eileen & Declan Murphy	Killmallock	31.0	4.29	3.32	2.43	6.5	74	Zero grazer	96	50			
Diarmuid and Sean Fitzgerald	Cratloe	20.0	4.63	3.36	1.65	6.0	148		83	83	823	2700	26
Stephen McAuliffe	Loghill	22.0	4.36	3.24	1.72	6.0	88		88	8	1304	2000	
William & Mary Dennehy	Currow	22.0	4.71	3.42	1.84	6.0	169	2	91	20	1251	2100	9
<b>Average</b>		<b>24.6</b>	<b>4.59</b>	<b>3.27</b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>127</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>2040</b>	<b>18</b>

#### Farmer Update: Patrick and Paula O Hanlon

Pa has grazed 25% of the farm to date, this was achieved by grazing dry sections of paddocks. Grazing has currently stopped and will require at least five days of drying (from Thursday) before cows can get out again as the driest of the land has now been grazed. They are sourcing silage bales and are currently stretching the silage in the yard by feeding palm kernel ad-lib in every third bay in the feed passage. They are feeding 6ks of ration in the parlour and full time silage bales. Early grazed Paddocks got 2500 gallons of slurry 2 weeks ago. Calving is complete of cows that will be kept. Bull straws being ordered this week. Milk recording done last week problem cows being treated 2 cows made up 45% of the SCC in the herd.

#### Advisor Update: Denis Brassil

Getting 2hrs of grazing into a 50 cow herd has the potential to save a bale of silage per day. Fodder supplies are tight on many farms so stretching those supplies by use of a third feed is critical. Take 20 minutes to walk the drier part of the ungrazed farm and try to get cows out for 2hr blocks after milking. Where silage ground won't receive slurry it will be important to use a compound. Where farms have no P allowance it is still critical to meet the silage crops Potash and

## Spring Grass Walk

Spring grazing management 2024!  
**4th April 2024 at 11am**  
 Conor Creedon, Rathmore,  
 Co. Kerry - P51 V832

Topics to be discussed include:

- Grazing management in light of the difficult spring conditions
- Fertiliser advice for grazing & silage for 2024
- Establishing & managing grass clover swards