



TEAGASC/KERRY MONITOR FARM UPDATE WEEK ENDING 4th April 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	25.5	4.33	3.24	1.99	5.0	86	Zero grazer	95	100			
Andrew & Bernadette Killeen	Kilkee	26.5	4.52	3.29	2.13	7.0	136	Zero grazer	90	0	1211	2400	9
Dermot & Michael Kavanagh	Lispole	32.4	4.09	3.37	2.49	7.0	196		95	70	872	2100	21
Patrick and Paula O'Hanlon	Tarbert	28.0	4.89	3.31	2.36	6.0	50	PKE ad lib	100	50	1041	1600	10
Joe Carroll	Ballyheigue	23.5	4.69	3.31	1.94	5.0	149		91	45	1176	1650	26
John & Micheal Casey	Causeway	25.5	4.9	3.51	2.21	4.5	96	2PKE	91	38			
John Galvin	Ardfert	22.0	4.59	3.31	1.79	5.0	217	2	96	26	1010	2100	23
Niall & Gerry Moloney	Crecora	26.2	4.33	3.2	2.03	5.0	116	2 + ZG	97	74	819	1850	12
Kieran, Eileen & Declan Murphy	Killmallock	30.5	4.33	3.22	2.37	7.0	69	Zero grazer	99	56			
Diarmuid and Sean Fitzgerald	Cratloe	20.0	4.38	3.63	1.65	5.0	243		92	97	938	2600	32
Stephen McAuliffe	Loghill	23.0	4.45	3.42	1.86	6.0	128		94	25			
William & Mary Dennehy	Currow	24.0	4.51	3.42	1.96	6.0	86		95	38	1189	2000	22
Average		25.6	4.50	3.35	2.07	5.7	131		95	52	1032	2038	19

Teagasc/Kerry Agribusiness Dairy Breeding Webinar

Monday 8th April @ 7:30PM

Link to join Webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81003358825>

- Topics to be discussed include:
- Producing Quality Replacement Heifers
 - Selecting Bulls Against TB
 - Maximising Beef From The Dairy Herd

Farmer Update: William Dennehy

William managed to get 14 grazing in the past week, cows were across the road by day using pathways to access paddocks and using the batch latch at night to get at least two hours grazing, cows were back in the shed on the wet nights and stayed out the dry nights. This has stretched the amount of silage in yard as very little eaten this week. Second milk recording done last week 2 high SCC cows to be culled 3 cows to Treat. 40 Units of Protected Urea spread on ground that got slurry in January and 22000 gallons spread on milking platform that was grazed. William used sexed and conventional semen last year and has 35 heifers and 16 bull dairy calves, additional sexed ordered for this year.

Continue to stretch fodder reserves by use of third feed and grazing where possible. Please join our Breeding webinar on Monday 8th April at 7.30pm

Spring Grass Walk

Spring grazing management 2024

12th April 2024 at 11am

Danny & Patrick Cremin, Ballyagran, Co. Limerick-V35 VF89

Topics to be discussed include:

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