Teagasc Heavy Soils Programme Update 27th September 2016

Grass Summary

Farmer	Grass Date	Cover	Cover/LU	Pre Graze	Post Graze	Demand	Growth Rate	Rotate Now
Athea	26/09/2016	811	322	1900	50	35	49	35
Kiskeam	26/09/2016	720	306	2200	50	35	31	22
Stradone	25/09/2016	999	434	2400	50	35	42	45
Castleisland	21/09/2016	887	341	2100	25	42	54	21
Doonbeg	20/09/2016	1188	420	2900	50	46	47	21
Macroom	19/09/2016	824	382	2000	200	37	45	35
Average		926	358	2225	66	41	49	30

Milk Summary

Farmer	Milk Date	Ltr/Cow	Fat %	Prot %	kgMS/Cow	SR	kgMS/Ha	Meal Kg	Silage Kg
Athea	25/09/2016	13.37	4.30	3.91	1.1	2.5	1.9	3.0	1
Kiskeam	24/09/2016	11.14	4.64	3.97	1.0	2.4	2.3	2.5	0
Stradone	25/09/2016	13.46	4.26	3.68	1.1	2.3	2.3	2.0	0
Castleisland	24/09/2016	15.59	4.24	3.84	1.3	2.6	3.3	2.0	0
Doonbeg	24/09/2016	15.23	4.67	3.89	1.3	2.8	3.1	2.0	0
Macroom	25/09/2016	17.28	4.32	3.91	1.5	2.2	3.3	2.0	0
Average		14.23	4.47	3.85	1.2	2.6	3.0	2.1	0.1

Farmer Comment

Athea

On-off grazing, cows housed Saturday night. Ground conditions poor, improved a bit yesterday

Stradone

Heavy rain over weekend, 12 hour divides, ground conditions poor, a good bit of damage being done.

Crossmolina

Beef farm. Ground conditions very poor, animals housed full-time, hopes for drying as lot of grass on farm.

Rossmore

Grazing conditions not good, cows in by night since yesterday.

Doonbeg

Ground conditions very poor. Herd split 60% out fulltime, 40% in by night on good bales, so far avoiding major poaching damage.

Swanscross

Land saturated. Cows out by day but housed last three nights, growth slowed down a lot so grass disappearing quickly.

Castleisland

Cows housed day and night over weekend, out by day since Monday, hard to get good graze out on heavy covers.