

4th August 2020

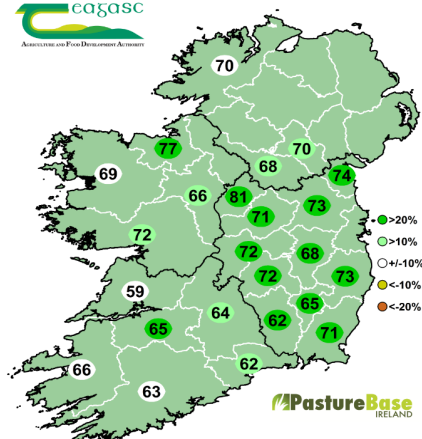
PastureBase Ireland Current Performance (Last 7 Days):

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AFC	Stocking Rate	Cover/Cow	Growth	Demand	Pregrazing Yield
740 kg DM/ha	3.4 LU/Ha	222 kg DM/ha	67 kg DM/ha	54 kg DM/ha	1,630 kg DM/ha

Grass growth measurement
Today's grass growth (kg DM/ha/day)

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On the left: counties map showing **current** grass growth rates over the last week.

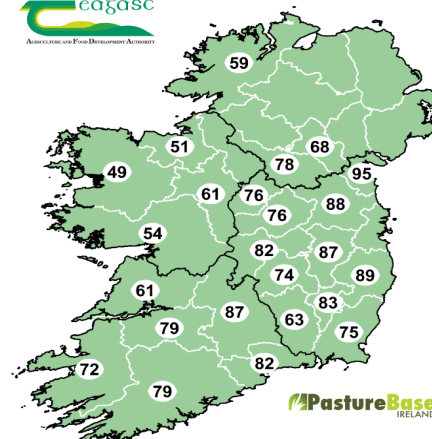
On the right: counties map showing **predicted** grass growth over the next 7 days from farms involved in Elodie Ruelle's MoSt grass growth model (55 farms).

Predicted Growth Rate:

Ballyhaise 73kg DM/ha
South Wexford 60 kg DM/ha
Athenry 53 kg DM/ha
Clonakilty 75kg DM/ha

Grass growth predictions
Next week (kg DM/ha/day)

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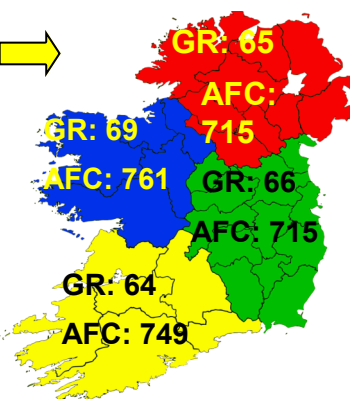
Focus moves to the Autumn!

Covers in the Last 7 Days

The focus of autumn grass management is:-

- 1) To increase the number of days at grass and drive animal performance from grass.
- 2) Set the farm up during the final rotation to grow grass over the winter and provide grass for the following spring.

Farmers should **capitalise on the high growth rates** in August in order to build towards 1st September targets.



Tips for building grass in August

- Establish what your stocking rate will be and what targets you need to hit
- Aim to extend rotation from 10th August.
- Remove last of surplus bales in early August to allow sufficient regrowth
- Demand is in **your** control, take action by introducing supplement or reducing stocking rate in order to hit targets.
- Apply Protected N + K products in line with farm NMP

Date	Cover/Cow (Kg DM)	Average Farm Cover (Kg DM/Ha)	Rotation Length
STOCKING RATE OF 2.5 LU/HA			
1 st August	180	450	20 Days
Mid - August	200	500	25 Days
1 st September	300	750	30 Days
Mid-September	400-450	1,000-1,100	35 Days
1 st October	400	1,000	40 Days
1 st November	60% of your grazing platform should be closed for Spring at this stage		
Fully Housed		550-600	
STOCKING RATE OF 3.0 LU/HA			
Mid - August	250	750	25 Days
1 st September	330	990	30 Days
Mid-September	370	1100	35 Days
1 st October	380	1150	40 Days
1 st November	60% of your grazing platform should be closed for Spring at this stage		
Fully Housed		600-650	
STOCKING RATE OF 3.5 LU/HA			
Mid - August	220	770	25 Days
1 st September	280	980	30 Days
Mid-September	340	1200	35 Days
1 st October	335	1175	40 Days
1 st November	70% of your grazing platform should be closed for Spring at this stage		
Fully Housed		700-750	

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Dr Deirdre Hennessy and Ellen Fitzpatrick give us an update on the clover trials in Moorepark. Follow the link to the video on Youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tv0jeEGDzeU>

White clover Study Update– Key Points

- Outline of the 3 different trials
- All stocked at 2.74 cows/Ha
- Clover content in swards nearing peak in August
- Tonnage grown to date is similar on all treatments
- Cows performing better on grass clover swards



Webinar – Using the Pasturebase Autumn Grazing Budget to maximise days at grass

On Wednesday 12th August, Pasturebase Ireland will host a live webinar discussing the Autumn Grass Budget on Pasturebase.

Pasturebase Irelands Micheal O'Leary and Teagasc Specialist Donal Patton will answer questions and talk through the Autumn grass targets for farms and how the Grass Budget helps farmers to hit targets as we move through the 2nd half of the year.

Follow the link underneath in order to register for the webinar

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OPMFGyu3SZ6GqUjXhWanZQ

Rome Wasn't Built In A Day

Top grassland farmers know that next year's grazing season starts with building grass this August.

This is why John Douglas, Grass10 and Micheál O'Leary, PastureBase Ireland are hosting an Autumn Grazing Live event on @Teagasc Instagram on Wed 5th August at 8pm.

They will focus on why building grass in August and autumn grazing management is so important and the targets for your farm. They will then answer your autumn grazing questions in a live Q&A session. More info at <https://bit.ly/InstaGrass>

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with
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Micheál O'Leary, PastureBase Ireland



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