

Ballyhaise report 21/03/2011

Growth has increase slightly this week to 22kg DM / ha but cold nights are still restricting soil temperatures (7.5°C). Farm cover is low at 403kg DM / ha but has remained steady since last week. Pre-grazing yields for the week are 800kg DM / ha. We have 48% of the farm grazed to date, which is on target. We area allocating 2% of the area per day this week which equates to 8kg of grass per day which is being topped up with 2kg of silage and 4kg of meal in the parlour. Calving started on the 10th of February with 67% calved to date. Milk yield was 22.8kg per cow last week with 4.82% fat and 3.47% protein. Bulk tank SCC was 171,000.

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