

Teagasc Heavy Soils Programme Update 3rd March 2017

Farmer	Grass Date	Cover	Pre Graze	Growth Rate
Castleisland	24/02/2017	837	1850	9.7
Rossmore	22/02/2017	946	1300	4.5
Lisselton	20/02/2017	1011	1800	4.7
Athea	13/02/2017	739	1750	13.4
Doonbeg	10/02/2017	940	1650	5.5
Kiskeam	07/02/2017	692	1300	2.7
Stradone	26/01/2017	706	1550	3
Ballingree	24/01/2017	697	1300	3.5
Average		821	1562	5.9

Milk Summary

Farmer	Milk Date	Fat %	Prot %	Meal Kg	Silage Kg
Castleisland	28/02/2017	4.23	3.78	2	16
Rossmore	19/12/2016	4.87	3.9	4	10
Lisselton	28/02/2017	5.11	3.5	4	4
Athea	28/02/2017	4.87	3.71	2	4
Doonbeg	01/03/2017	4.82	3.88	4	10
Kiskeam	01/03/2017	4.14	3.78	4	10
Stradone	02/03/2017	4.38	3.36	3	10
Ballingree	01/03/2017	4.45	3.29	3	13
Average		4.61	3.65	3	10

Fertilizer Summary

Farmer	Fert Date	N Kg/Ha	N Area %
Castleisland	16/02/2017	47.6	59.7
Rossmore	13/01/2017	18.9	38.3
Athea	17/02/2017	36.3	66.2
Doonbeg	18/02/2017	43.6	67.3
Kiskeam	11/02/2017	49.6	76.5
Average		39.2	61.6

- Comments:**
1. Urea and slurry applied on most farms in February
 2. Good response to early Urea/slurry
 3. On/off grazing practiced for short periods on most farms in February
 4. Recent very wet weather has animals housed on all farms. Quality RB silage is farmers preferred silage for

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