



## Grass Summary for week ending October 8

Farm	Cover Date	Farm Cover (kg DM/ha)	Cover/LU (kg DM/LU)	Stocking Rate (LU/ha)	Growth/ha (kg DM /ha/day)	Demand/ha (kg DM /ha/day)	Rotation Length Now(days)	Grass Intake/Cow (kg DM/cow)	Meal Intake (kg/cow)	Silage Intake (kg DM /cow)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	08/10	1110	398	2.79	41	42	40	15.0	4	0
Joe Carroll	13/10	656	199	3.29	60	53	24	16.0	3	0
Michael & John Casey	11/10	1080	331	3.26	34	47	30	15.0	4	0
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	08/10	758	393	1.93	32	30	35	15.0	3	0
William Daly	07/10	836	350	2.39	18	38	28	16.0	4	0
William Dennehy	14/10	886	280	3.16	32	47	35	15.0	4.8	0
<b>Average</b>		<b>888</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>2.75</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

**Milk Summary:**

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	14/10	18	4.64	4.02	1.62	125
Dermot & Mciheal Kavanagh	14/10	17.62	4.72	4.13	1.61	194
Pa O'Hanlon	15/10	14	4.88	4.09	1.30	82
Joe Carroll	14/10	13.87	5.26	4.39	1.38	131
Michael & John Casey	15/10	16	5.37	4.27	1.57	106
John Galvin	15/10	16.6	4.32	3.77	1.38	73
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	16/10	17	4.64	4.04	1.55	140
Gerry & Niall Moloney	14/10	18.1	4.79	3.98	1.64	128
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	16/10	14	5.3	4.24	1.35	110
William Daly	16/10	17.83	4.85	4.04	1.63	176
William Dennehy	15/10	14	5.27	4.32	1.42	154

<b>Average</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>4.93</b>	<b>4.11</b>	<b>1.84</b>	<b>131</b>
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**Farmer update from Diarmaid Fitzgerald: cover /LU is 393 kg, my growth is 32 kg/d. I am supplementing 3kgs of meal. I grazed my autumn reseed last Saturday. Cows are currently doing 13.7L at 5.3 fat and 4.24 protein. I am going to do 4th milk recording of the year the end of this week and I will sit down with my vet once results are back to select cows suitable for selective dry cow therapy. I am planning to start drying off cows November 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Advisor comment from Claire McAuliffe: Ground conditions are holding up well on farms giving a good opportunity to get a clean graze out on paddocks. On Heavier farms over 50% of paddocks should be closed at this stage. Some lime was spread this week and farmers should take the opportunity to get more lime out where possible.**

## Grass10 Grazing Tips for the week:

The weather forecast looks excellent for the week which will help to get the last few heavy grass covers grazed on most farms around the country.

- As we move towards mid October, now is the time to start thinking about grazing paddocks where you want a medium cover of grass next Spring (800-1200 Kg DM/Ha)
- Continue to walk your farm weekly to monitor AFC vs. grass budget on PastureBase
- Complete and follow the Autumn Rotation Planner on PastureBase



## Picking Your Paddocks to Graze



\*Please note targets for autumn should be 7-10 days earlier and for the spring 7-10 days later