



Grass Summary for week August 12 2022

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)	Pre Grazing Yield	Rotation Length Now(days)	Grass Intake/Cow (kg DM/cow)	Meal Intake (kg/cow)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	11/08	573	195	2.94	63	44	1400	21	15.5	4
Andrew Killeen	04/08	691	249	2.77	56	50	1400	21	16.5	2
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	09/08	1142	306	3.73	92	62	1950	24	15.0	3.4
Pa O'Hanlon	01/08	554	201	2.75	63	44	1200	21	16.0	2.8
Joe Carroll	05/08	679	206	3.29	69	56	1600	24	17.5	1
Michael & John Casey	08/08	846	256	3.30	75	51	1700	24	16.5	2
John Galvin	10/08	559	158	3.53	65	60	1200	20	16.5	2
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	05/08	563	167	3.38	28	57	1200	20	15.0	3.5
Gerry & Niall Moloney	08/08	590	177	3.34	59	50	1100	21	15.5	3
Stephen McAuliffe	09/08	750	270	2.60	52	44	1400	25	17.0	1.3
William Daly	11/08	675	231	2.92		44	1350	21	15.5	3
Average		692	220	3.14	62	51	1409	22	16.0	2

Milk summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS/ cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	08/08	22.8	4.23	3.71	1.81	134
Andrew Killeen	09/08	22.5	4.67	3.6	1.86	
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	08/08	26.62	4.06	3.61	2.04	
Pa O'Hanlon	09/08	22.4	4.21	3.64	1.76	67
Joe Carroll	08/08	20	4.71	4	1.74	139
Michael & John Casey	08/08	20.7	4.87	3.84	1.80	110
John Galvin	07/08	21	4.01	3.53	1.58	162
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	09/08	25	4.08	3.51	1.90	115
Gerry & Niall Moloney	09/08	22.2	4.28	3.65	1.76	189
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	10/08	18.5	4.72	3.79	1.57	
Stephen McAuliffe	09/08	18.5	4.4	3.68	1.49	141
William Daly	08/08	25.6	4.05	3.75	2.00	168
William Dennehy	07/08	18.8	4.44	3.66	1.52	142
Average		21.9	4.36	3.69	1.76	137

Demonstration farmer comment from Alex McCarthy: cows are very happy at the moment but I am bit concerned that the cows will get through grass quickly. We increased the concentrates to 4 kg from 3 kg to slow down the grazing. We reseeded 5.5 acres 2 weeks ago with grass and 2 kgs of clover. We put lime on 5 paddocks as well (50 tonnes of lime in total). We are also doing some draining at the moment. We will be scanning the heifers and cows this month.

Advisor farmer comment from Robert Prendiville: The heatwave will put additional pressure on grass supply. In drought affected areas, there is a need to slow down the cows to reduce daily grass demand. This will help to hold grass cover. In heat like this cows demand for water can double so ensure that there is adequate supply at all times. Current targets for grazing: keep the average farm cover > 500 kg DM/cow on a 25 day rotation (4% of the grazing platform per day). Stop N fertilisation if grass growth is <35kg DM/ha or the grass base is brown.

