

Sheep Research Demonstration Farm, Athenry

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Drafting of lambs has commenced with 56 lambs drafted by mid-July. The average live weight of the lambs was 44.5kg with a carcass weight of 20.0kg. This represents an average kill out percentage of ~45%. Approximately 50% of these lambs were from the two low stocking rate groups with 25% and 25% coming from the medium and high stocking rate groups respectively.

Grass growth has been strong averaging 80kg/ha/day for July. With demand running between 30 and 50 kg DM/ha/day surpluses developed which were taken out as baled silage. Silage reserves now stand in the region of 107% to 154% across the treatment groups. With silage requirements met we have sprayed off approximately 10% of each of the farmlet areas for reseeded in early August.