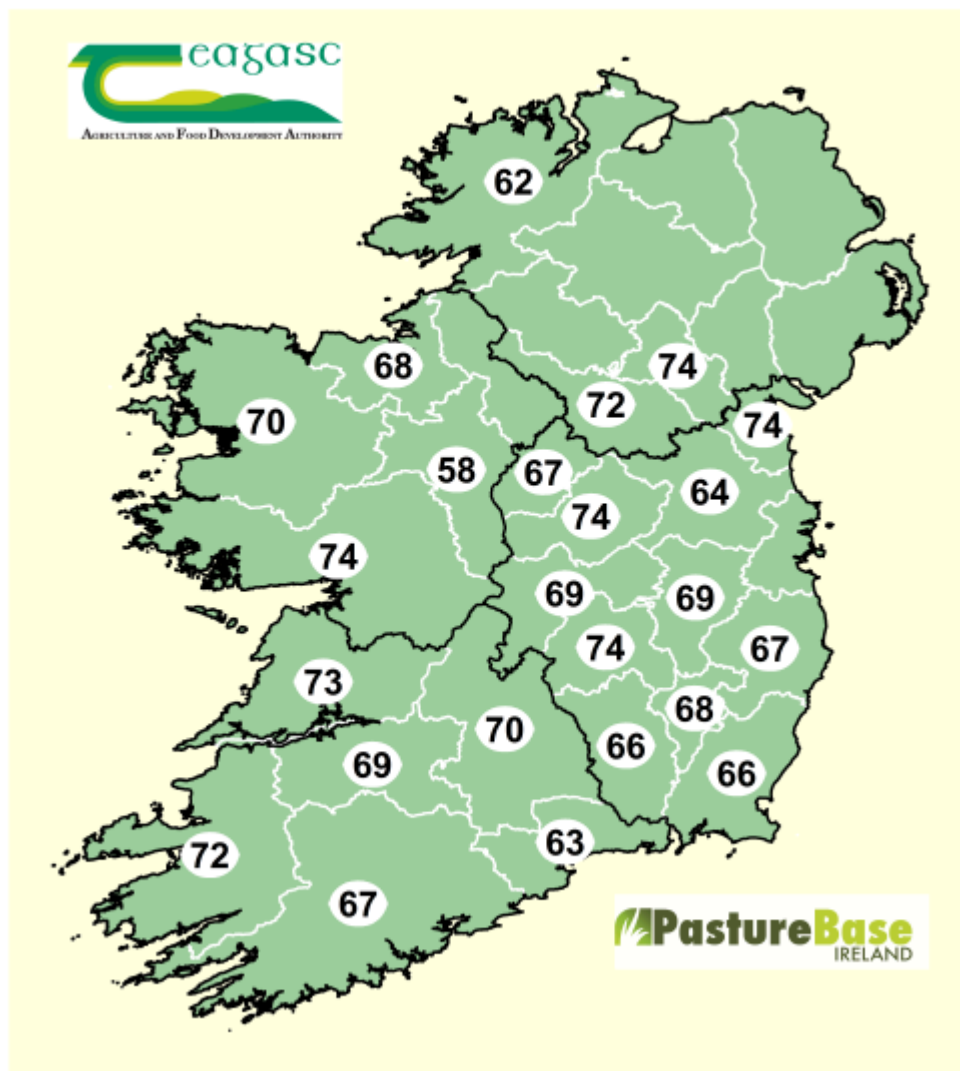


# Grass10 Newsletter

295th Edition - 11th June 2024

## Soil temperature, rainfall & grass growth predictions for the next 7 days

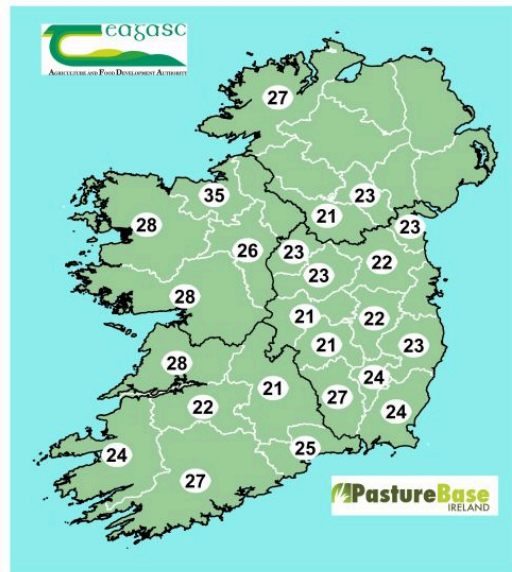
Grass growth predictions  
Next week (kg DM/ha/day)



Average soil temperature  
Next week (C)



Predicted rainfall  
Next week (mm)



## Dry Matter %

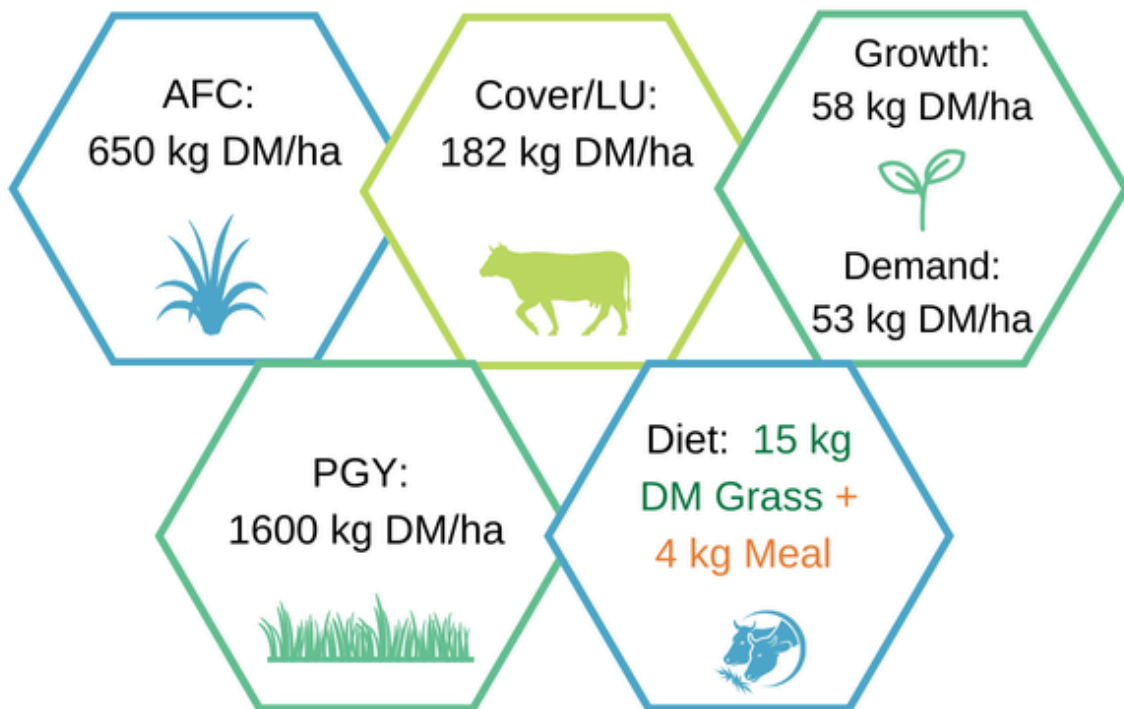
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Oak Park 16%

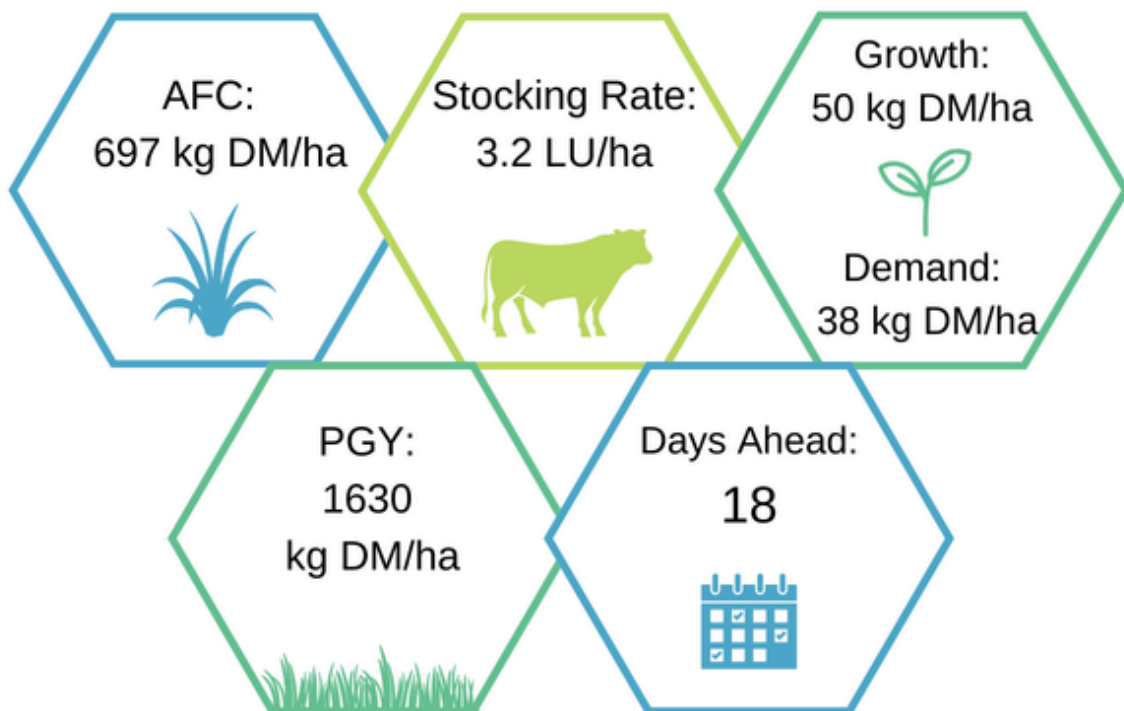
Moorepark 16%

Grange 18%

**Dairy Farms - PastureBase Data**



### Drystock Farms - PastureBase Data



# Grass10 Weekly Checklist

Advice on current grazing management



Post emergence management on new reseeds



Attend an upcoming clover workshop near you this summer



Fertilising grass clover swards mid season



## Advice on current grazing management

- Cold weather has dropped growth rates back on Irish farms to 58kg and 50kg respectively on Irish dairy and drystock farms
- Farms are tight for grass as the cooler northerly airflow is reducing growth rates
- Regrowths on paddocks grazed/cut/pre-mowed are slower
- Unfortunately, the cooler airflow will continue to dominate until next week with above average rainfall expected according to Met Eireann
- If you are below 150 Kg DM/LU & pre grazing yields start to drop under 1200 Kg DM/Ha, hold rotation at 21 days, increase the grazing area or introduce extra supplement
- Aim for a Cover/LU of 170-200 Kg DM/LU on dairy farms or 12-15 days ahead on drystock farms and walk your farm every 5 days

## Post emergence management on new reseeds

- Many late April reseeds are now approaching the point at which they should be treated with a post emergence spray (6 to 7 weeks)
- A successful post emergence spray will help to ensure your fresh grass - clover reseed gets the best possible chance of a low weed burden
- Weeds are best controlled when the grass plant is at the three leaf stage and when the trifoliolate leaf has appeared on the clover plant
- Make sure you have clover safe spray in the yard in advance of when you need it so you can spray when the sward is ready

## Attend an upcoming clover workshop near you this summer

- Teagasc Grass10 & Clover 150 team along with Teagasc joint programme advisors and the Teagasc local advisory team are running a

series of clover workshops this summer

- Topics to be discussed include; successful management of clover reseed, nutrient management of clover swards and general grazing advice in what has been a difficult year so far
- See the flyer below to attend a workshop in your area

### Fertilising grass clover swards mid season

- With poor growing conditions, it is important to review your clover paddocks to decide on N application strategy
- Clover content should be 25%, or higher, before considering a significant reduction in N input
- Paddocks with poor clover should receive similar N application to grass only paddocks until growing conditions improve
- Review your clover paddocks again in July to see if clover % has increased

### P & K offtakes from silage

Pre-cutting yield (kg DM/ha)	Bales/ac	N units/ac	P units/ac	K units/ac
1,500	3	30	4.8	30
2,000	4	40	6.4	40
2,500	5	50	8	50



# Clover Workshops

Date	Location	Time
12 June	Pat Cronin, Kilnamartrya, Co. Cork P12 XW98	7.30pm
13 June	Diarmuid & Sean Fitzgerald, Cratloe, Co. Clare V95 EP9F	11am
13 June	Niall & Gerry Moloney, Crecora, Co. Limerick V94 W1C9	7pm
17 June	John Phelan, Kilmeaden, Co. Waterford X91 H5K7	11am
18 June	Alex & Michael McCarthy, Feenagh, Co. Limerick V35 RF70	11am
18 June	John & Michael Casey, Causeway, Co. Kerry V92 FN72	7pm
20 June	Kieran Kennedy, Buttevant, Co. Cork P51 VP82	11am
20 June	Tanner Family, Curravarahane, Bandon, Co. Cork P72 XP38	7pm
21 June	Michael Doran, Duncormick, Co. Wexford Y35 X735	11am
27 June	Michael & Dermot Kavanagh, Lispole, Co. Kerry V92 HY88	11am
28 June	Patrick O'Neill, Edgewordstown, Co. Longford N39 Y899	11am
2 July	James Barber, Knockfin, Rathdowney, Co Laois R32 E8H2	12pm
4 July	Michael Carroll, Granagh, Co Limerick V35 EP29	11am

## Grass10- Featured Farmer

**Enda Armstrong, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway**



### AFC

557 kg DM/ha

### Cover/LU

145 Kg DM/ha

### Growth

60 kg DM/ha/day

### Demand

57 Kg DM/ha

### PGY

1400 Kg DM/ha

### Milk Yield

20L (Fat % 4.35,  
Protein % 3.59)

### Grazing Mgmt

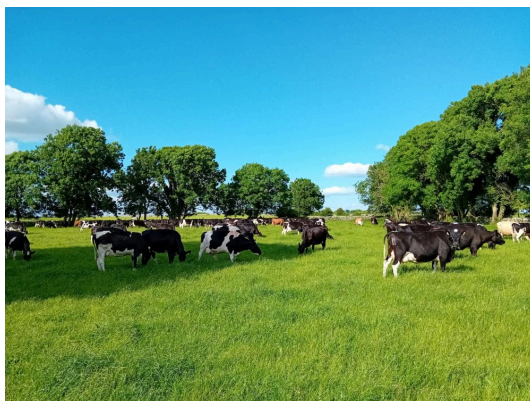
I am tight on the farm currently as the northerly wind keeps a lid on growth rates, quality is an issue too but slow growth doesn't allow the opportunity to correct pdks

### Poor growing conditions

Pdks cut for bales/topped are only around a 1000 kg after 18/20 days which is putting the farm under pressure & I am feeding 4kg meal

### Fertiliser

Grass only or low clover paddocks are getting 20 units/N/ac after grazing and high clover paddocks are getting 10 units N/ac or soiled water after grazing



Enda's cows grazing a cover of 1450 Kg DM/ha. This paddock is one of the better paddocks for grass quality currently



Paddock reseeded on 7th May with a high clover mix. Enda will aim to spray this paddock with a post emergence clover safe spray in the next 7 days



# Grassland Farmer of the Year Farm Walk

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June | 11am

with Overall & Dairy  
Category Winner

Patrick O'Neill  
Firmount, Mostrim  
Co. Longford  
N39 Y899



# Grassland Farmer of the Year Upcoming Farm Walks



<b>JUNE</b> <b>28</b> <b>11am</b>	<b>Overall &amp; Dairy Category Winner</b> Patrick O'Neill, Mostrim, Co. Longford N39 Y899	<b>JULY</b> <b>04</b> <b>11am</b>	<b>Nutrient Management Category Joint Winner</b> Michael Carroll, Bruree, Co. Limerick V35 EP26
<b>AUG</b> <b>27</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Drystock Category Winner</b> Billy Gilmore, Tuam, Co. Galway H54 AP28	<b>SEPT</b> <b>04</b> <b>11am</b>	<b>Nutrient Management Category Joint Winner</b> Killian Brennan, Kilcogy Upper, Co. Cavan N39 YY81
<b>SEPT</b> <b>11</b> <b>11am</b>	<b>Organic Farming Category Winner</b> Kevin O'Hanlon, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford Y21 Y659	<b>SEPT</b> <b>25</b> <b>11am</b>	<b>Young Farmer Category Winner</b> Evan Hunt, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo F91 WF21



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