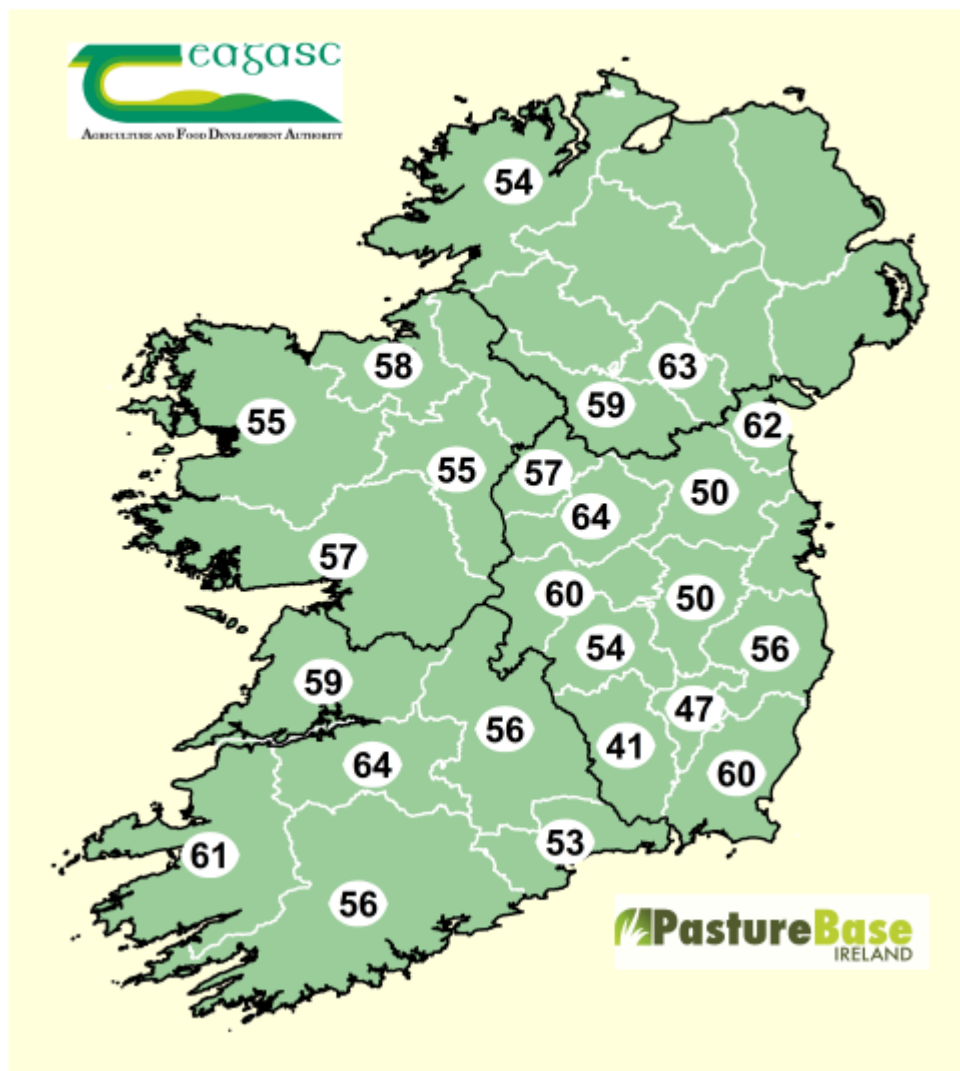


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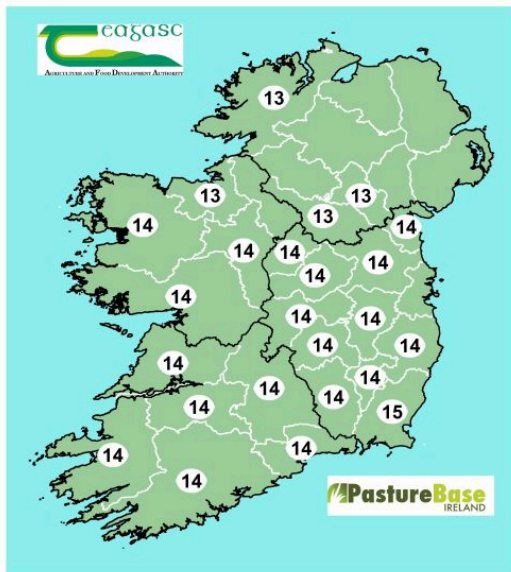
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Grass growth, soil temperature & rainfall predictions for the next 7 days

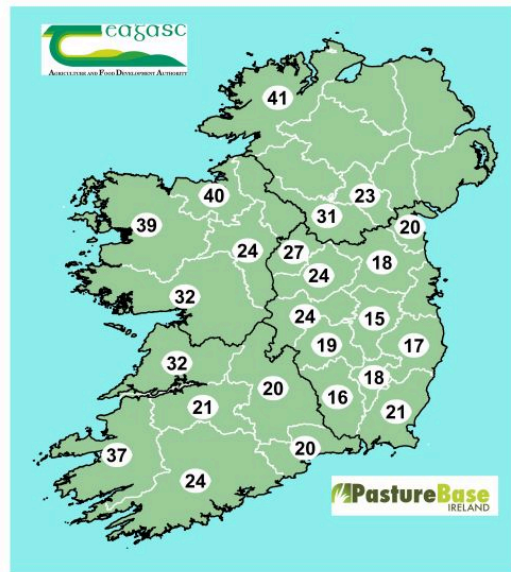
Grass growth predictions
Next week (kg DM/ha/day)



Average soil temperature
Next week (C)



Predicted rainfall
Next week (mm)



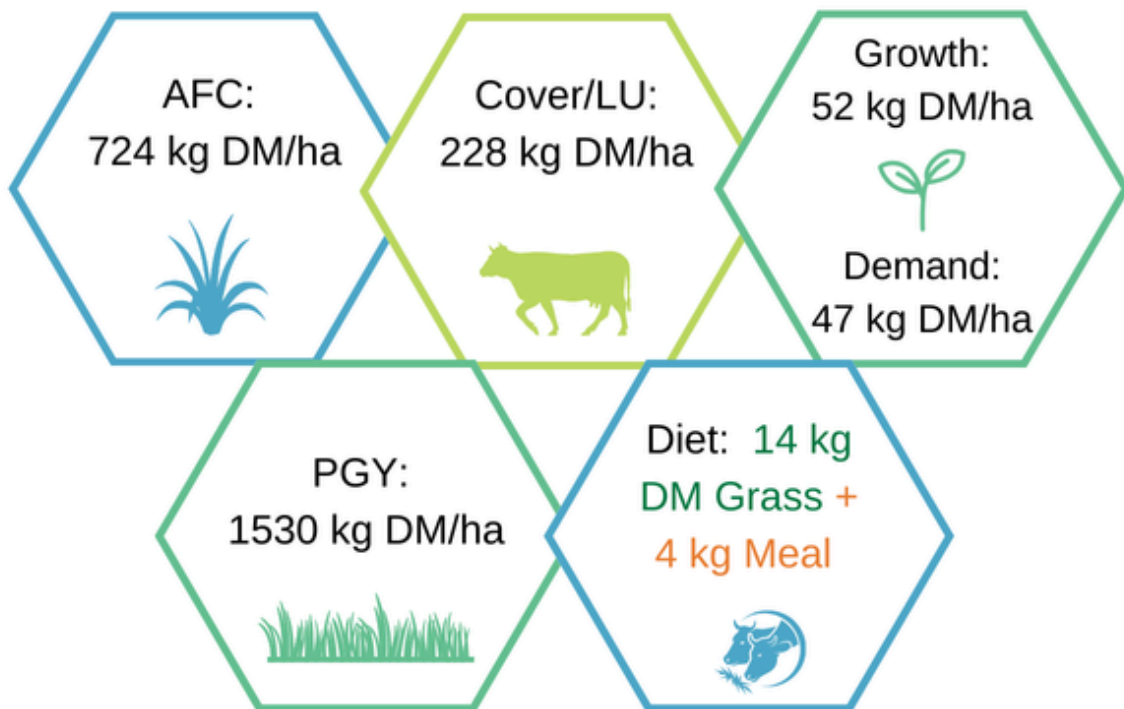
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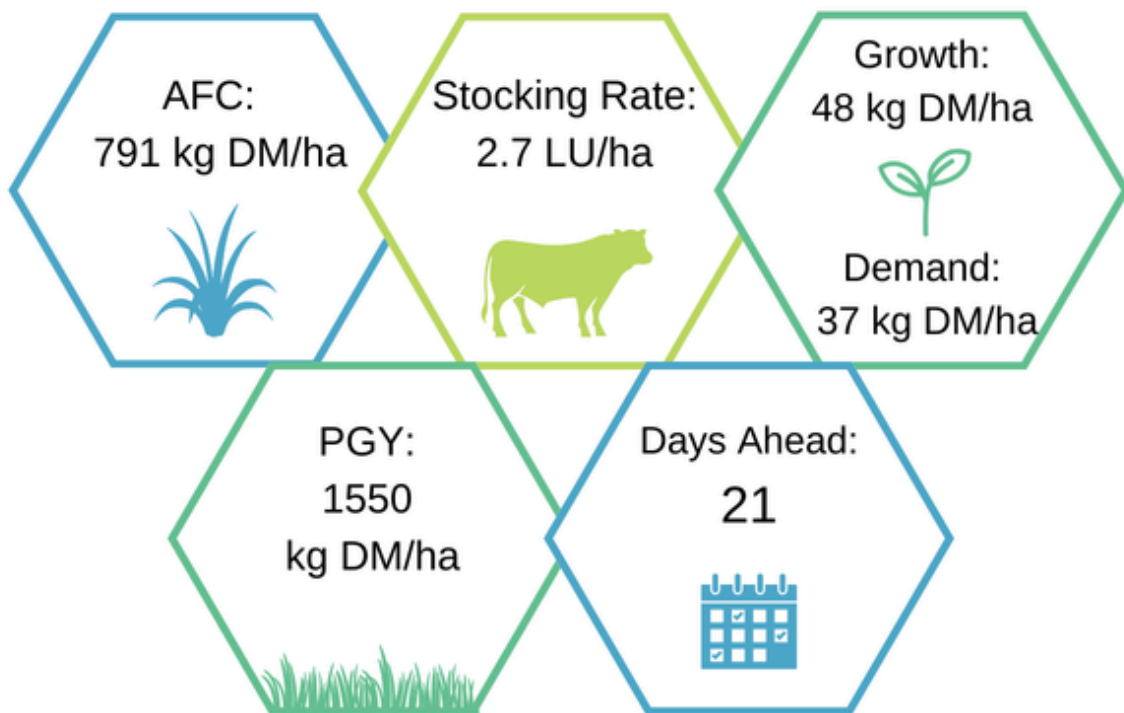
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Dairy Farms - PastureBase Data



Drystock Farms - PastureBase Data



Grass10 Weekly Checklist

Autumn grazing targets



Grazing tips for farmers with low grass supply



SGFOY competition launched for 2024



Advice on remaining fertiliser application



Autumn grazing targets

- AFC has largely remained static over the past 7 days. Growth rates are below normal at 52 kg DM/Ha and 48 kg DM/Ha on dairy and drystock farms respectively
- It is important to assess where are you in terms of the autumn grazing targets. For farmers stocked at 3.0 LU/ha, the target is 250 kg DM/LU with a 25 day rotation
- If you are not at 250 kg DM/LU by now, you need to introduce supplement or reduce demand by removing surplus stock or both
- Rotation length needs to be at 25 days now to utilise fertiliser spread this rotation
- Build peak farm cover in early September to 330 kg DM/LU, see targets below
- Continue to walk the farm weekly to follow autumn targets

Grazing tips for farmers with low grass supply (<600 kg DM/ha or <200 kg DM/LU)

- Many parts of southern Ireland are behind target and short of grass due to poor grass growing conditions
- AFC must be assessed and action taken immediately
- Rotation length must be extended to 25 days plus on these farms and minimum 30 days from 1st September
- 1st Sept - 30 ha farm , 1 ha per day grazing
- Herd demand must be reduced on these farms by:
 - Introducing more supplement - silage has greater impact on reducing grass intake
 - Removing surplus stock and/or cull animals
 - Making all grazing area available to the milking herd

SGFOY Competition launched for 2024

- Minister Charlie McConalogue lauched this year's Sustainable Grassland Farmer of the Year competiton
- The competition recognises and acknowledges those dairy, beef and sheep farmers who are achieving high levels of grass utilisation in a sustainable manner
- This year's competition has 6 categories:
 - Dairy
 - Drystock
 - Nutrient Management and Use Efficiency
 - Clover
 - Organic Farming
 - Young Farmer (under 30 years)
- Each category winner will receive €5,000. The overall winner will be selected from the category winners and will receive an additional €5,000
- Click on the link below for further information and to enter. Good luck!

Advice on remaining fertiliser application

- Establish remaining Nitrogen allowance for your farm
- Early application of N during late August gives a higher response
- Paddocks to be grazed this week that have one application of fertiliser left, spread 30-35 kg N/ha (about 25-30 units N/ac)
- Opportunity to apply K with Fertiliser N now (Zero P products with N & K)
- Products like 29-0-14 can help to replace K on paddocks that have been cut for silage or surplus bales

[Link to SGFOY Competition 2024](#)

August Grazing Targets

Date	Cover/Cow (Kg DM)	Average Farm Cover (Kg DM/Ha)	Rotation Length
STOCKING RATE OF 2.5 LU/HA			
1 st August	220	550	20 Days
Mid August	240	600	25 Days
1 st September	300	750	30 Days
STOCKING RATE OF 3.0 LU/HA			
1 st August	200	600	20 Days
Mid August	250	750	25 Days
1 st September	330	1000	30 Days
STOCKING RATE OF 3.5 LU/HA			
1 st August	200	700	20 Days
Mid August	240	850	25 Days
1 st September	300	1050	30 Days

Sustainable Grassland Farmer of the Year



Tuesday, 27th August | 6.30pm

with **Drystock
Category Winner**

**Billy Gilmore
Cortoon, Tuam
Co. Galway
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Billy Gilmore promotional video

Click on the link to view Billy Gilmore's promotional video in advance of his SGFOY farm walk in Co. Galway next Tuesday 27th of August at 6:30pm

[Link to video](#)

Grass10 - Featured Farmer

Billy Gilmore, Cortoon, Tuam, Co. Galway



AFC

719 kg DM/ha

Days Ahead

22 days

Growth

61 kg DM/ha/day

Demand

33 kg DM/ha/day

Grazing Mgmt

We are in a good position grazing wise currently, growth is well ahead of demand and I am comfortably building grass covers as we move into the Autumn. Pre-grazing yield is at 1600 Kg DM/ha

Fertiliser Application

Grass only paddocks are getting a mix of 1/2 bag/ac of 18-6-12 & 1/2 bag/ac of 38 +7 Pro Urea +S. Clover paddocks are receiving 1/2 bag/ac of 0-0-50

Reseed

We have just taken our first grazing off our reseed that was reseeded on the 29th June. Post emergence spray was very successful on the reseed & it is a high clover mix

Farm Walk

We are opening our gates for our farm walk as part of the Sustainable Grassland Farmer of the Year competition next Tuesday 27th August @6.30pm & you are all very welcome

**Sustainable Grassland Farmer of the Year
Competition Launched for 2024!**



Pictured at the launch of the Sustainable Grassland Farmer of the Year 2024 competition are: John O'Loughlin, Grassland Agro; Liam Herlihy, Chairman of Teagasc; Professor Frank O'Mara, Teagasc Director; Emer O Byrne, FBD; Charlie McConalogue T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine; Michael Berkery, FBD Trust; John Macnamara, Chair of Grass10 Steering group; Liz Hyland, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine; Donal Whelton, AIB; Adam Woods, Irish Farmers Journal; and John Maher, Teagasc Grass10

[Enter the 2024 Competition here](#)

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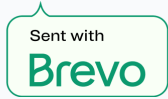


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