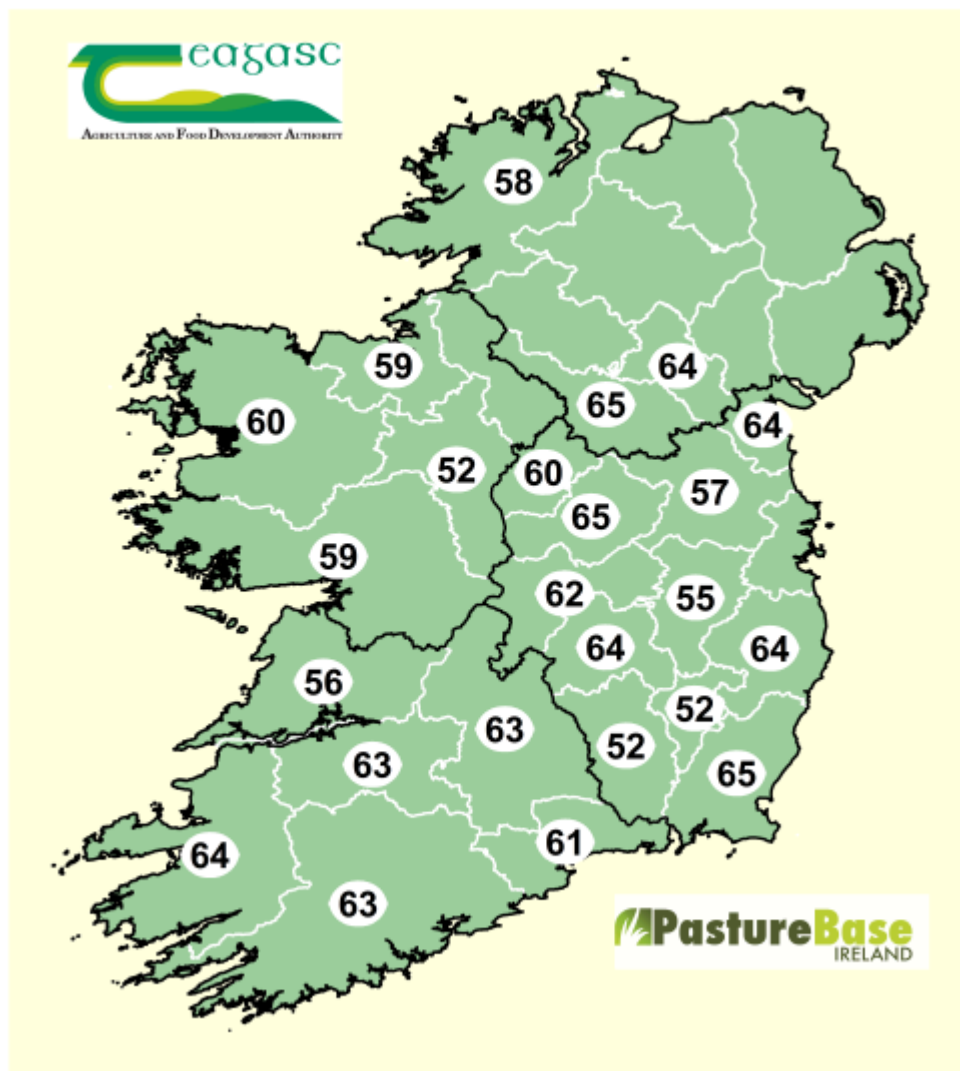


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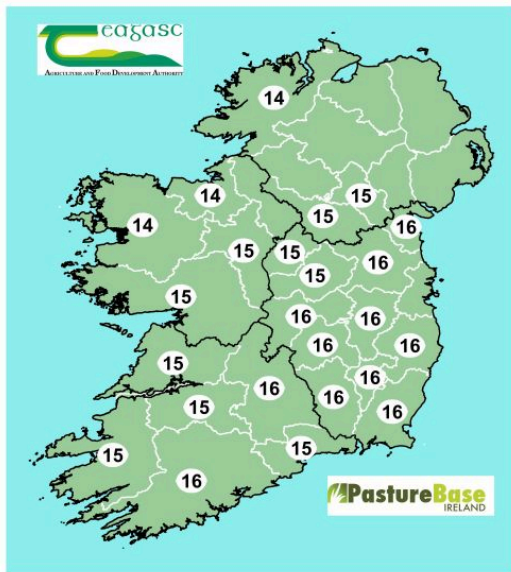
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## Soil temperature, rainfall & grass growth predictions for the next 7 days

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



Average soil temperature  
Next week (C)



Predicted rainfall  
Next week (mm)



## Dry Matter %

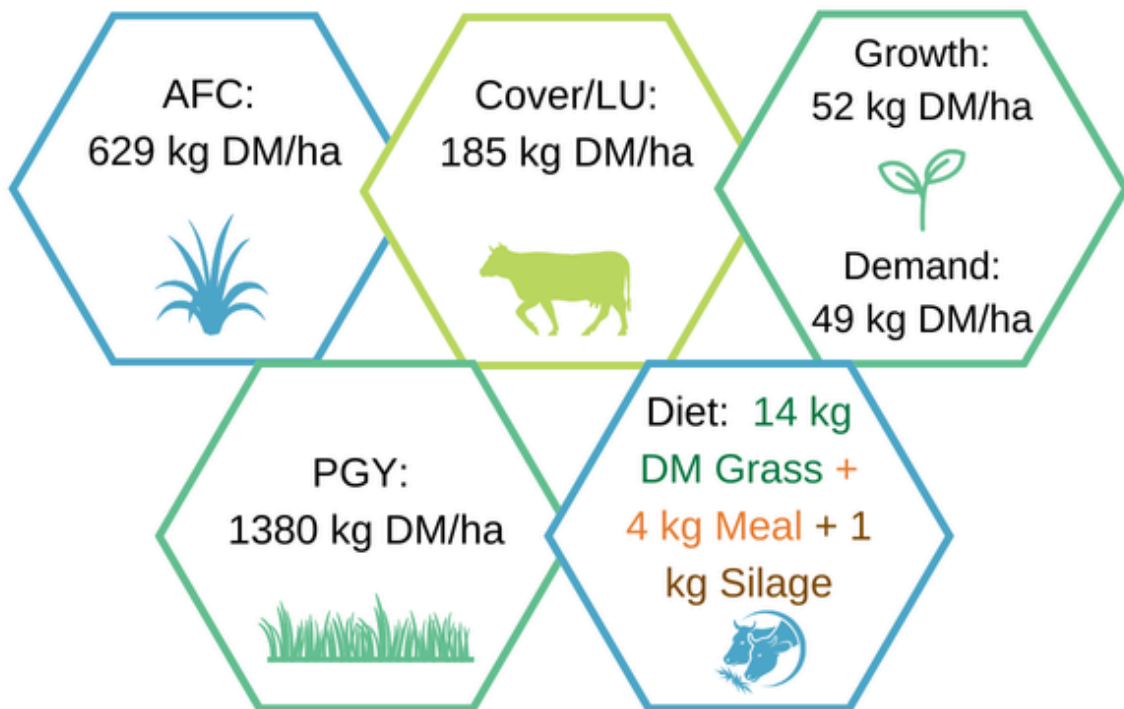
Athenry 17%

Oak Park 16%

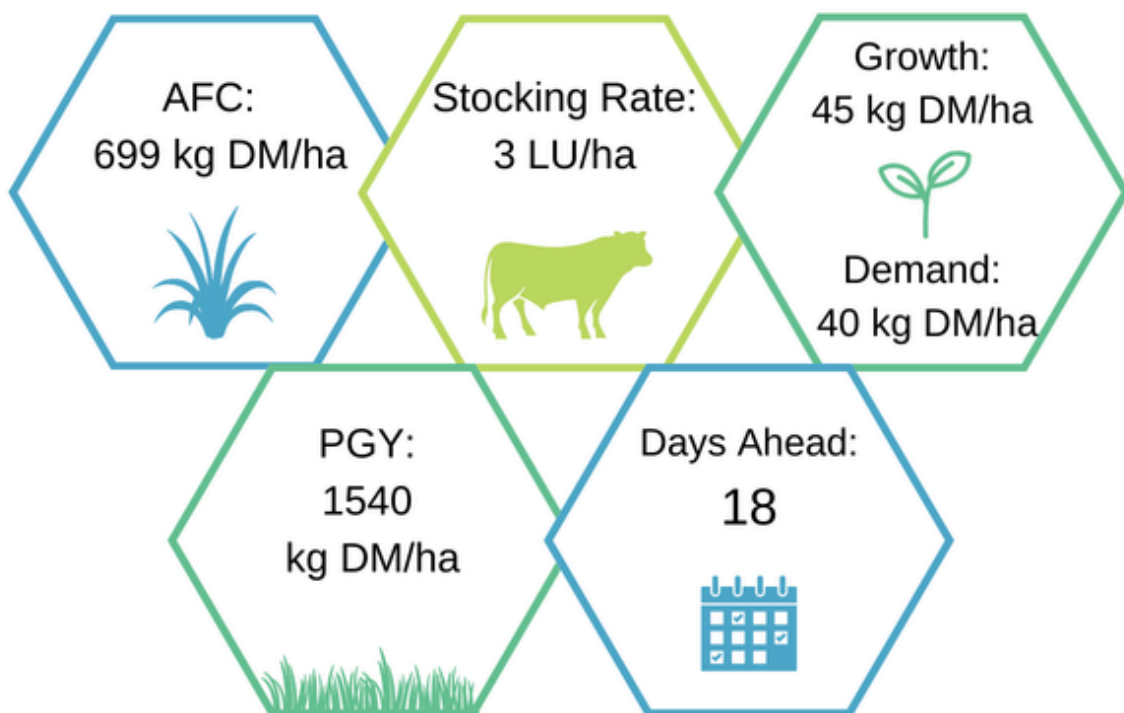
Moorepark 21%

Grange 21%

**Dairy Farms** - PastureBase Data



### Drystock Farms - PastureBase Data



# Grass10 Weekly Checklist

Grazing advice as grass growth struggling on Irish farms



Management tips to increase AFC



Patrick O Neill's GFOY event in Co. Longford this Friday!



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## Grazing advice as grass growth struggling on Irish farms

- Growth rates are static this week at 52 and 45kg DM/Ha respectively on Irish dairy and drystock farms. 26% of this weeks grass covers recorded a Cover/LU of under 150 Kg DM/LU
- This has led to additional supplement continuing to be fed on many farms
- Growth rates seem to have increased in the last number of days, however predicted growths are between 55 & 65Kg DM/ha for the majority of the country for the next 7 days so caution is urged
- Grass quality is a challenge on many farms, and paddocks will need corrective action when growth rates improve
- At this time of year, herd dry matter intakes should be 18-18.5 kg DM/cow
- Mid- Season Targets:
  - Farm cover >600kg DM/Ha (150kg DM/LU) on dairy farms or 12-15 days ahead on drystock farms
  - Rotation length: 21-25 days
  - Pre-grazing yield: >1200 kg DM/Ha

## Management tips to increase AFC

- Bring grass demand down with the farm grass growth rate - keeping an eye on how regrowths are progressing
- Implement a 25 day grazing rotation so allocate 1/25 of your grazing platform per day. 40 Ha (100 acre platform) 1.6 Ha or 4 acres per day
- Options are to introduce more grazing area or introduce high quality silage (3/4 kg per cow/day) in combination with increased concentrates
- Increasing concentration supplementation alone will not be sufficient to increase rotation length



## Patrick O Neill's SGFOY event in Co. Longford this Friday

- The first of our 2023 Sustainable Grassland Farmer of the Year events takes place this Friday in Co. Longford on the dairy farm of Patrick O Neill
- Patrick was the dairy category & the overall winner of the 2023 SGFOY competition
- Join us this Friday 11am to hear why Patrick was successful in winning the 2023 competition (see infographic below)
- We still have clover workshops running throughout the country, see the infographic below for clover workshops coming up 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 at least 20%, or higher before considering a significant reduction in N input
- Paddocks with poor clover content should receive similar N application to grass only paddocks until growing conditions improve, so 20-25 Kg N/Ha or 15 - 20 units/ac)
- Review your clover paddocks again in July to see if clover % has improved
- Remember to input your clover content scores into PBI when completing your weekly grass walk

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# Sustainable 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**

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# Patrick O Neill, Firmount, Mostrim, Co, Longford

## Grass10- Featured Farmer



### AFC

661 kg DM/ha

### Cover/LU

212 Kg DM/Ha

### Growth

60kg DM/ha/day

### Demand

47 Kg DM/Ha

### PGY

1300 Kg DM/Ha

### Milk Yield

21.5L (Fat % 4.2,  
Protein % 3.41)

### Grazing Mgmt

Grass is in a much better position now, cover/cow has increased significantly, we fed hard with silage and meal for 10 days. Silage has been removed & meal reduced to 3 kg.

### Fertiliser

High clover paddocks (>25%) are receiving 1 bag/ac of clover boost (7-0-12+ 3s) & grass only or low clover paddocks 20 units/ac after grazing.

### Open day!

I am opening my farm gates this Friday 28th June @11am for my SGFOY event and I am looking forward to seeing you all here on the day.



# BEEF 2024

*'Securing your Future'*



Wednesday, 26 June | 9am



Teagasc, Grange, Dunsany, Co. Meath

BEEF2024 takes place tomorrow Wednesday 26th June. The focus of BEEF2024 will be on the application of technologies that will help beef farmers increase the profitability and environmental sustainability of their family farm businesses. The Grass10 team will be at the grazing demonstration so make sure to call over to us!

## White Clover Content Scorecard





Clover content 10%



Clover content 25%



Clover content 15%



Clover content 30%



Clover content 20%



Clover content 35%

[Link to White Clover content score card](#)



# Reseeding Checklist

Late April reseeds are now at the optimal stage for post emergence spray (6-7 weeks)



**Graze at a low cover**  
(**<600 kg DM/ha**)

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**Apply chemical N or slurry to stimulate growth**

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**Use a clover safe post emergence spray when clover plants are at the trifoliate leaf stage and ryegrass has 3 leaves**

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# Sustainable 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 EP29
<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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# 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

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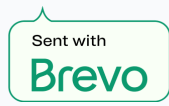
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