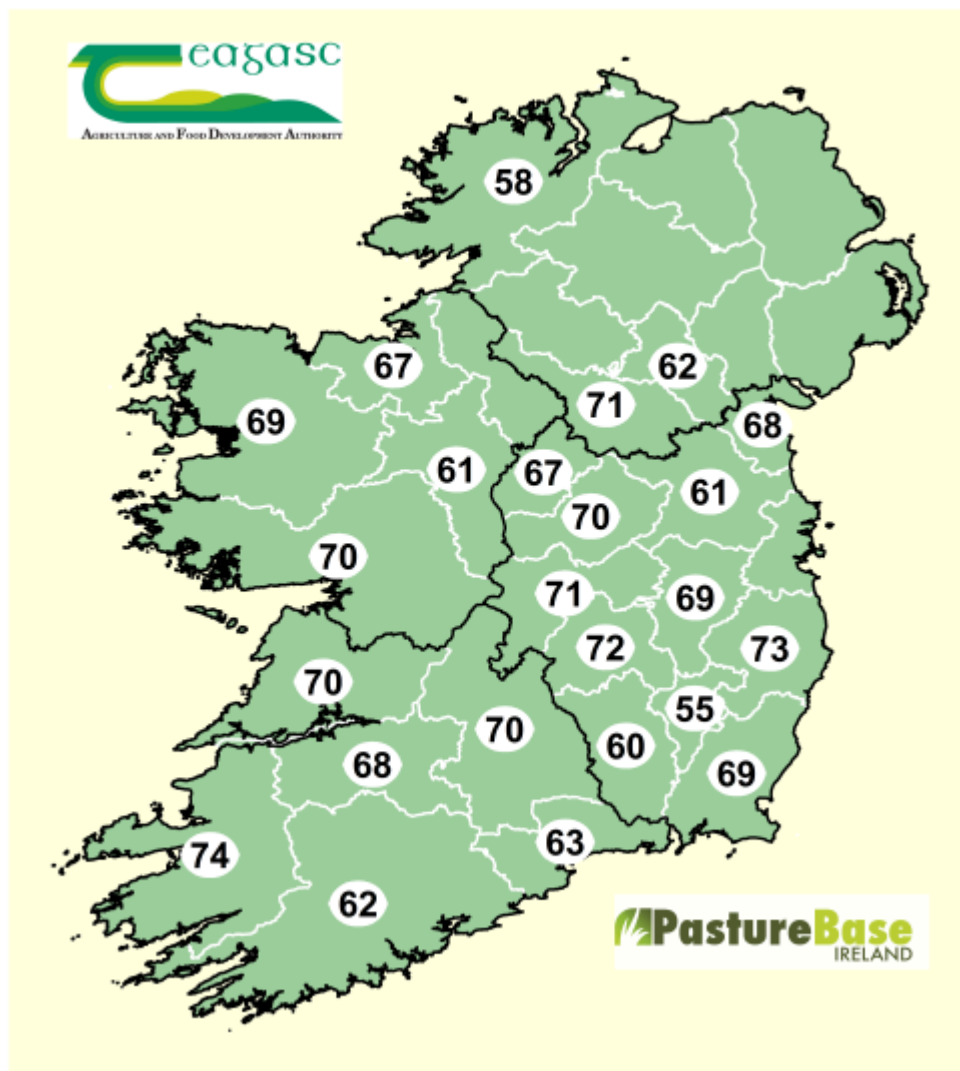


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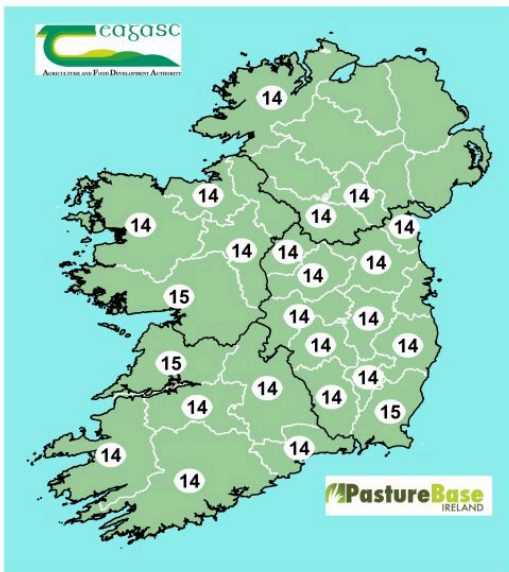
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## Soil temperature, rainfall & grass growth predictions for the next 7 days

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



Average soil temperature  
Next week (C)



Predicted rainfall  
Next week (mm)

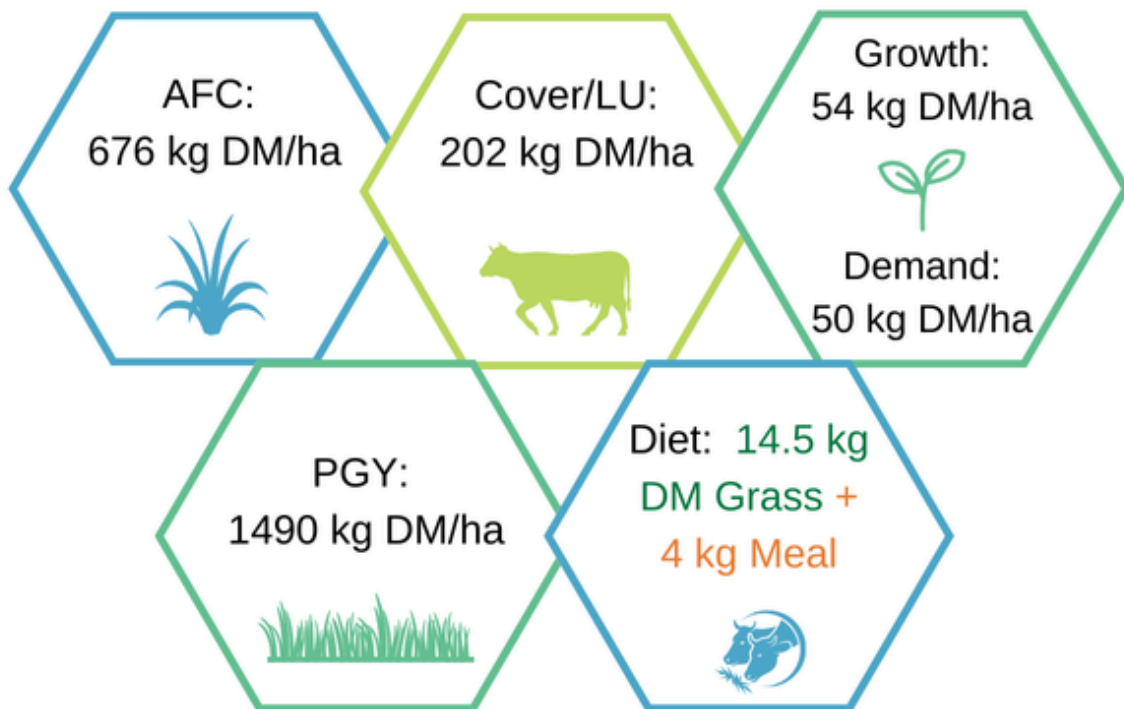


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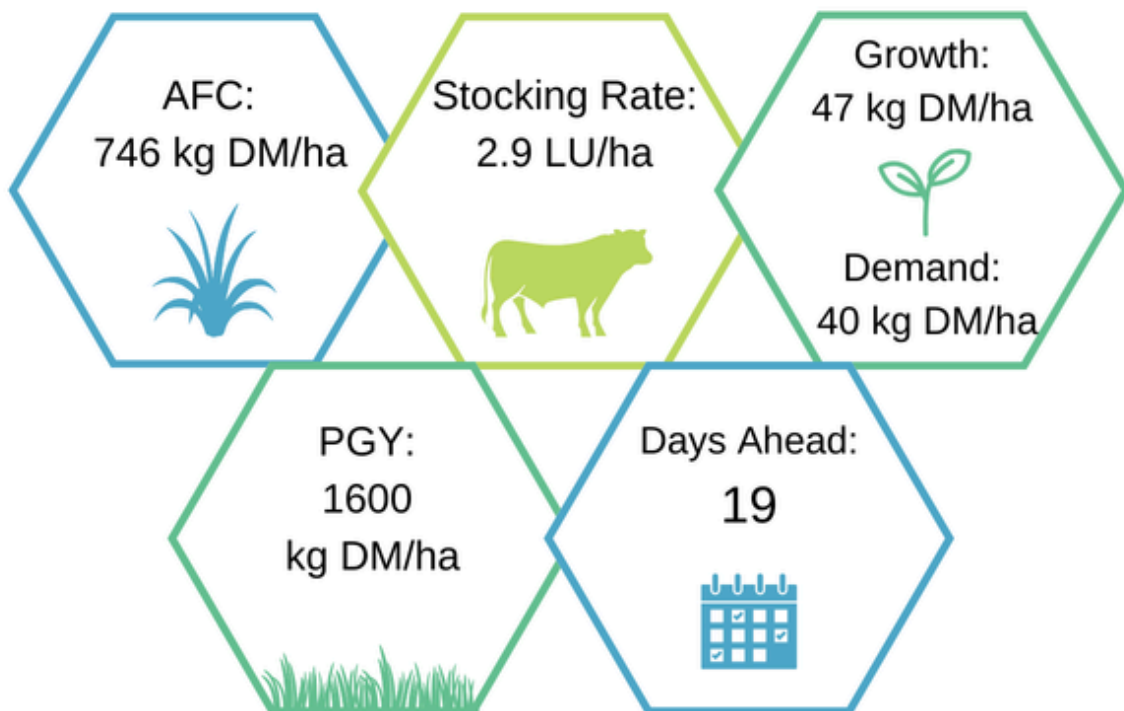
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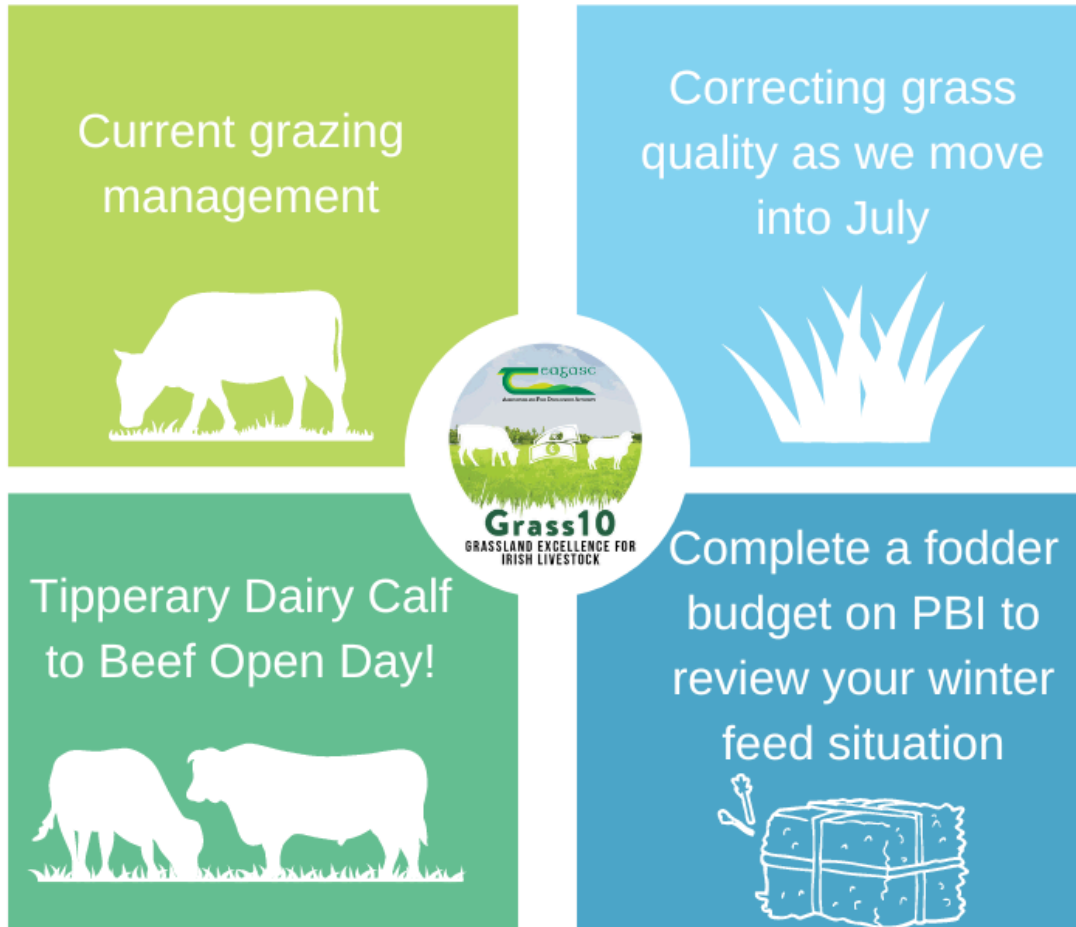
**Dairy Farms** - PastureBase Data



### Drystock Farms - PastureBase Data



# Grass10 Weekly Checklist



## Current grazing management

- There is an improvement in grass supply on Irish farms over the past 7 days. Silage has come out of the diet and Cover/LU is over 200 on average.
- Growth rates remain moderate for this time of the year at 54 kg and 47 kg DM/Ha respectively on Irish dairy and drystock farms. Demand is at 50 kg with a stocking rate at 3.35 LU/ha on dairy farms
- There is a level of surplus on drystock farms. PGY has increased to 1600 kg DM/ha
- Where silage stock is tight, surplus grass should be converted into winter feed
- With recent rain fall and high pressure forecast towards the end of the week, growth rate should improve. Continue to walk your farm and reduce supplement when Cover/LU is greater than 200
- Mid- Season Targets:
  - Farm cover >600kg DM/Ha (170kg 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

## Correcting grass quality as we move into July

- Grass quality remains a challenge on many farms with alot of stem/seed heads present in grazing swards
- Paddocks will need corrective action this rotation in order to provide quality pasture for the remainder of the grazing season
- High PGY (>1500 kg DM/ha & Cover/LU >200) are starting to appear on some farms

- If no surplus are appearing on farm, this may need to be done with a mower post grazing or removed as surplus bales if the farm has surplus grass

## **Tipperary Dairy Calf to Beef Open Day**

- The Tipperary Dairy Calf to Beef Open day will take place tomorrow (Wednesday 10th of July) at 11am in Ballyvadin, Fethard, Co. Tipperary
- The focus of the day is 'Dairy-Beef Integration'. There will be live demos on the day of grass clover, grazing, selecting animals for finishing, genetics, roadways and much more
- Make sure to visit us at our grazing demo and PastureBase Ireland stand

## **Complete a fodder budget on PBI to review your winter feed situation**

- The first half of 2024 will be remembered for both poor grass growth rates and poor grass quality
- Projected quantity of silage made so far is below target
- A fodder survey completed by Teagasc, has revealed that fodder stocks after the first cut stand at 60% of requirements for dairy farms and 64% for drystock farms, against target levels of 70% and 77%, respectively for this stage of the year
- It is important to review where your winter feed situation is at by completing a fodder budget now, especially farms that have been feeding silage over the past 3-4 weeks
- See video link below for tips to complete a fodder budget on PBI

[Completing Fodder Budget on PBI](#)



# DAIRY CALF TO BEEF *Open Day*



WEDNESDAY

**10 July**

11AM - 4PM

Live Forum  
@ 2PM

**'Dairy-Beef Integration'**



**Ballyvadin, Co. Tipperary Eircode: E91 E0X3**

**Grass10- Featured Farmer**

**Jack Spillane**  
**Farm Manager, Ballyvadin Farm, Co. Tipperary**



**AFC**  
482 kg DM/ha  
**Days Ahead**  
13 days  
**Growth**  
38 kg DM/ha/day  
**Demand**  
40 kg DM/ha/day

### Grazing Mgmt

The groups of cattle are on 36 hour breaks currently. Grass is tight but we should have some silage ground coming back in which will help the situation

### Average Daily Gain

Heifers: 377kg 0.91kg  
ADG  
Steers: 394kg 0.80kg  
ADG  
Bull calves: 126kg  
@108 days old 0.71kg  
ADG since arrival

### Current N app

Clover paddocks are getting 8 units/ac every 3 weeks and grass only paddocks are getting 21 units/ac

### Open day

We are delighted to open the gates of the farm tomorrow, Wednesday the 10th of July and you are all welcome



Yearling heifers grazing the Grass10 grazing demo for the Tipperary Dairy Calf to Beef Open day



2024 born calves grazing at Ballyvadin farm

**2024 SGFOY Events off to a successful start!**



A great day was had last Thursday on Michael Carroll's farm. Michael was the nutrient management category joint winner of the SGFOY competition for 2023. Michael will continue to focus on grass production to maintain 13 T DM/Ha of grass grown each year with lower fertiliser N. He plans to have 100% of the farm in clover by 2030. We would like to thank the Teagasc local advisory team, Teagasc joint programme staff and our Teagasc Grass10 sponsors AIB, FBD, Farmers Journal, Grassland Agro, Department Agriculture Food & Marine in organising such a brilliant day. Pictured above is John Maher (Grass10), PJ O'Connor (Grassland Agro) and Michael Carroll discussing soil compaction.

## White Clover Content Scorecard



Clover content 10%



Clover content 25%



Clover content 15%



Clover content 30%



Clover content 20%



Clover content 35%





# Sustainable Grassland Farmer of the Year

## Upcoming Farm Walks

<p><b>JUNE 28 11am</b></p> <p><b>Overall &amp; Dairy Category Winner</b></p> <p>Patrick O'Neill, Mostrim, Co. Longford N39 Y899</p>	<p><b>JULY 04 11am</b></p> <p><b>Nutrient Management Category Joint Winner</b></p> <p>Michael Carroll, Bruree, Co. Limerick V35 EP29</p>
<p><b>AUG 27 6.30pm</b></p> <p><b>Drystock Category Winner</b></p> <p>Billy Gilmore, Tuam, Co. Galway H54 AP28</p>	<p><b>SEPT 04 11am</b></p> <p><b>Nutrient Management Category Joint Winner</b></p> <p>Killian Brennan, Kilcogy Upper, Co. Cavan N39 YY81</p>
<p><b>SEPT 11 11am</b></p> <p><b>Organic Farming Category Winner</b></p> <p>Kevin O'Hanlon, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford Y21 Y659</p>	<p><b>SEPT 25 11am</b></p> <p><b>Young Farmer Category Winner</b></p> <p>Evan Hunt, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo F91 WF21</p>



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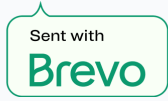


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