

Teagasc Heavy Soils Programme Update May 3 2016

Grass Summary

Farmer	Grass Date	Cover	Cover/LU	Pre Graze	Post Graze	Demand	Growth Rate	Rotate Now
Rossmore	29/04/2016	788	249.4	1500	150	41.1	25.4	21
Castleisland	28/04/2016	674	306.4	2100	50	30.8	16.6	21
Doonbeg	26/04/2016	655	246.2	2000	50	37.7	64.4	21
Athea	26/04/2016	514	181.6	2200	50	36.9	34	26
Macroom	26/04/2016	873	294.9	1300	200	41.4	34.4	25
Kiskeam	24/04/2016	617	257.1	1500	50	33.6	12.5	22
Average		687	255.9	1767	92	36.9	31.2	23

Milk Summary

Farmer	Milk Date	Ltr/Cow	Fat %	Prot %	kgMS/Cow	SR	kgMS/Ha	Meal Kg	Silage Kg
Rossmore	29/04/2016	26.92	4.08	3.27	2.04	3.16	6.44	4	0
Castleisland	30/04/2016	24.54	3.87	3.12	1.77	2.2	4.55	3	0
Doonbeg	01/05/2016	30.6	3.4	3.45	2.16	2.66	4.96	5	0
Athea	01/05/2016	24.73	4.03	3.17	1.83	2.83	3.07	4	0
Macroom	01/05/2016	29.41	3.91	3.41	2.22	2.96	4.86	5	0
Kiskeam	02/05/2016	24.79	4.07	3.35	1.89	2.4	4.54	3.5	0
Average		26.8	3.89	3.3	1.99	2.7	4.74	4.1	0

Comment

Silage out of diet. Growth slowed past week. Protein % improving on all farms

High pregrazings associated with last paddocks in first rotation

NW winds improved ground conditions and allowed fertiliser applications to be brought up to date