



# Fodder Census Results November 2018

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Overall Deficit	-1%
% with a deficit	33%
Average Deficit	c.15%
% with a deficit greater than 10%	22%

# Breakdown of Deficits

Deficit Range	% of respondents
1-10%	42%
10-20%	33%
20-30%	15%
Greater than 30%	10%

# Deficit over 10% by Region

	<b>% of farmers</b>
South East	35
South / South West	22
North East	18
Midlands	19
West	18
North West	12

# Length of Winter

Average	145 days
Dairy	143
Suckler	154
Young stock	142

# Enterprise

Of the farms that had a deficit  
40% were dairy  
60% were drystock

On farms with a deficit the deficit was on average.....

Drystock

15% feed deficit

Dairy

15% feed deficit

# Did you or will you sell a surplus of feed?

22% of farmers said yes they had sold

25% of farmers said they would sell stock  
....to alleviate a fodder problem

Register established by Teagasc

# Finances

## Cash flow situation?

Very good

7%

Good

71%

Poor

20%

Very poor

2%



# Key Messages to Farmers

1. We need to avoid complacency as we face into the winter
2. Fodder budgeting
  1. Do a fodder budget at the beginning of house
  2. Repeat budget in early January
3. Allow a reserve of 3-4 weeks for a late Spring
4. If there is a deficit on the farm, budget forage and feed additional meals to fill the gap
  1. Get the additional work associated with this out of the way before the busy Spring
5. Put a plan in place to deal with the financial cost of 2018