

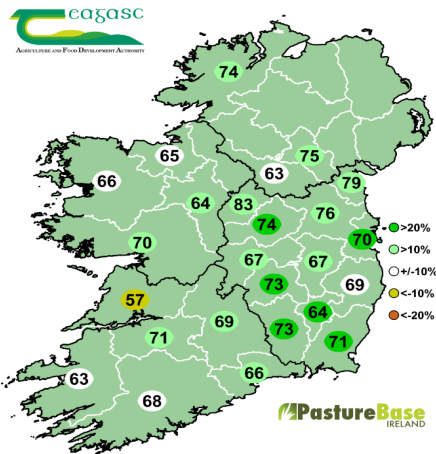
11th August 2020

PastureBase Ireland Current Performance (Last 7 Days):



AFC	Stocking Rate	Cover/Cow	Growth	Demand	Pregrazing Yield
787 kg DM/ha	3.3 LU/ha	238kg DM/ha	69 kg DM/ha	52kg DM/ha	1,630 kg DM/ha

Grass growth measurement  
Today's grass growth (kg DM/ha/day)



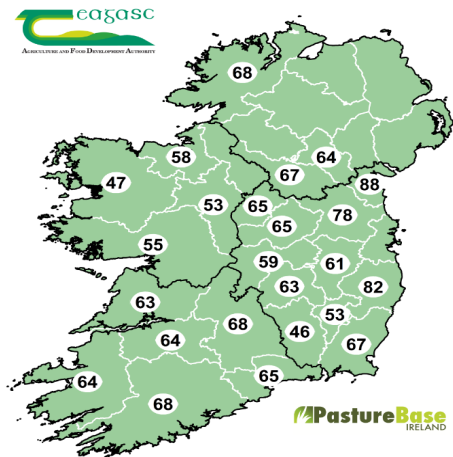
On the left: counties map showing **current** grass growth rates over the last week.

On the right: counties map showing **predicted** grass growth over the next 7 days from farms involved in Elodie Ruelle's MoSt grass growth model (55 farms).

**Predicted Growth Rate:**

- Ballyhaise 63kg DM/ha
- South Wexford 50 kg DM/ha
- Athenry 51 kg DM/ha
- Clonakilty 72kg DM/ha

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



## Building grass for the Autumn– What are your plans?

**Dara Killeen–Eyrecourt, Co.Galway**

AFC– 623 SR– 3.95 Growth– 99

“Grass growth still flying here at the minute, last of bales cut today so building for 1st September target cover of 950. Stocking rate will be high at 3.6 until reseeded ground comes back in mid September. I will use high quality baled silage to build AFC if needed. Paddocks cut for silage have received Protected N+ K”



**Jim White– Clonmel, Co. Tipperary**

AFC– 714 SR– 3.2 Growth– 60

“My stocking rate will drop to 2.65 before 1st Sept as silage ground comes back in which will reduce demand to 45 kg/DM/ ha. My target average farm cover is 800 on the 1st September. 2 paddocks to bale this week and then my attention turns to building grass. I have 9.8 tonne of grass grown per ha so far in 2020”



**Autumn targets on Beef, Sheep and Drystock farms**

“I'm extending the rotation to 25 days by the end of August. I'm currently working at 14 days of grass ahead and will extend this to 18 days by the end of the month. Cows are calving at the minute and I want good grass ahead of cows and calves in September”

**Trevor Boland**  
**Skreen,**  
**Co.Sligo**



Date	Cover/Cow (Kg DM)	Average Farm Cover (Kg DM/ha)	Rotation Length
<b>STOCKING RATE OF 2.5 LU/HA</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> August	180	450	20 Days
Mid - August	200	500	25 Days
1 <sup>st</sup> September	300	750	30 Days
Mid-September	400-450	1,000-1,100	35 Days
1 <sup>st</sup> October	400	1,000	40 Days
1 <sup>st</sup> November	60% of your grazing platform should be closed for Spring at this stage		
Fully Housed		550-600	
<b>STOCKING RATE OF 3.0 LU/HA</b>			
Mid - August	250	750	25 Days
1 <sup>st</sup> September	330	990	30 Days
Mid-September	370	1100	35 Days
1 <sup>st</sup> October	380	1150	40 Days
1 <sup>st</sup> November	60% of your grazing platform should be closed for Spring at this stage		
Fully Housed		600-650	
<b>STOCKING RATE OF 3.5 LU/HA</b>			
Mid - August	220	770	25 Days
1 <sup>st</sup> September	280	980	30 Days
Mid-September	340	1200	35 Days
1 <sup>st</sup> October	335	1175	40 Days
1 <sup>st</sup> November	70% of your grazing platform should be closed for Spring at this stage		
Fully Housed		700-750	

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## Grassland Farmer of the Year 2020

The Grassland Farmer of the Year competition for 2020 was officially launched by the Minister of for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Dara Calleary TD, last week.

The aim of the competition is to recognize and acknowledge Irish farmers who are achieving high levels of grass utilisation in a sustainable manner.

Click the link below for more information on the competition and for the entry form.

<https://bit.ly/GFOY2020>



**Stock details**


Dairy cows	
Suckler cows	
0-1 Year females (dairy)	
1-2 Year females (dairy)	
0-1 Year females (beef)	
1-2 Year females (beef)	
0-1 Year males (beef)	
1-2 Year males (beef)	
2+ Years males (beef)	
Sheep (ewe/s)	
Hogs/s	
Rams	

**Grassland performance**

Average Grass DM production/ha for 2019	
Number of grass walks completed/yr on average	
Method of measurement (plate meter or eyeballing or other)	


Declaration: I agree to abide by the terms and conditions as set out in the application form and by the judge's decision in all circumstances. I agree to grant access to my farm to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine datasets.

Entrainer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**Terms and Conditions of the Grassland Farmer of the Year Competition 2020**

- The competition is open to all livestock farmers in the Republic of Ireland.
- Preliminary judging will be based on the information submitted on the application form and information from Teagasc, Bord Bia & Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine systems.
- Final judging will involve a panel of judges visiting farms.
- In the event of winning, the winning farmer are obliged to allow reasonable media coverage, to participate in the awards ceremony, host an Open Day on their farm to demonstrate the high levels of grass production and utilization achieved in a sustainable manner, and participate in relevant promotional activity.
- The winners of the competition from previous years may enter the competition in 2020.



**Grassland Farmer of Year Entry Form 2020**

**Farmer details**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Herd number #: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel no: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile no: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor/Consultant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor/Consultant email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Farms site (ha): \_\_\_\_\_

Grassing platform size (ha): \_\_\_\_\_

Enterprise and category (tick)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Maximising Days at Grass this Autumn Using the Pasturebase Grass Budget

Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August | 8pm

with Micheál O'Leary, PastureBase Ireland  
Donal Patton, Teagasc Specialist



