

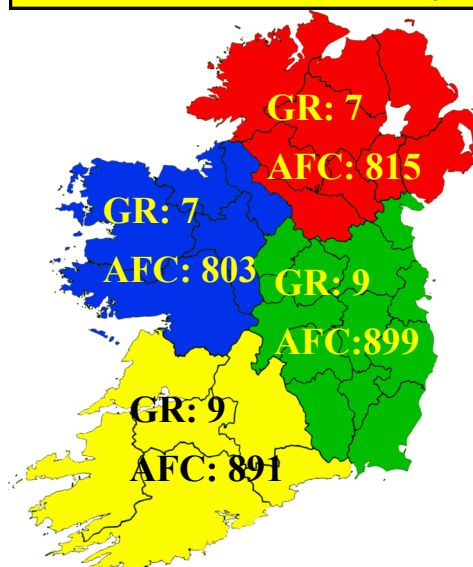
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PastureBase Ireland Current Performance:

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AFC	Growth	DM% Curtins Co. Cork:
872	8	14%

Below: Covers in the Last 7 Days



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Predicted Growth Elodie Ruelle: (Kg DM/ha/day)

Ballyhaise: 7 kg, Johnstown: 9 kg, Moorepark: 12 kg,
Clonakilty 13 kg.

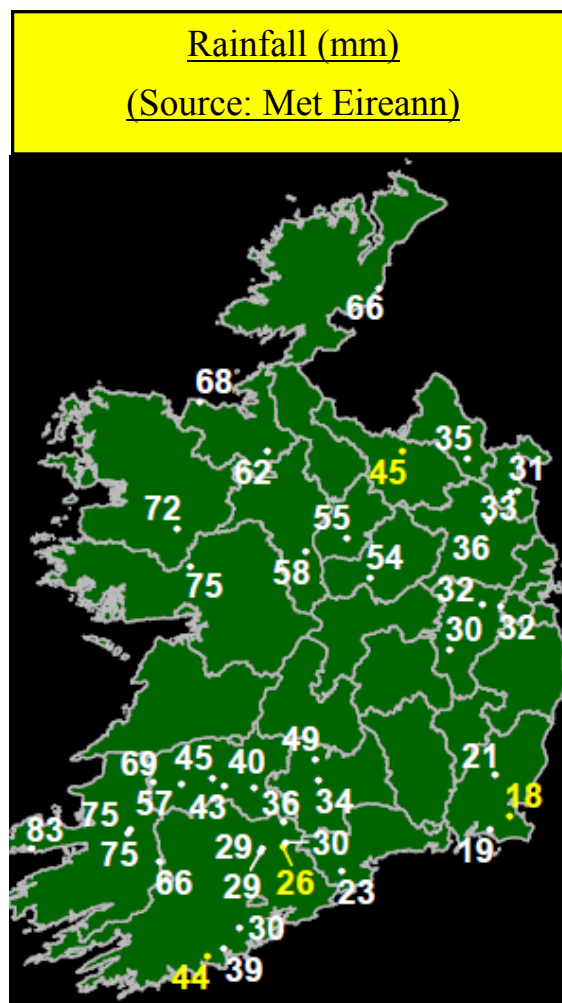
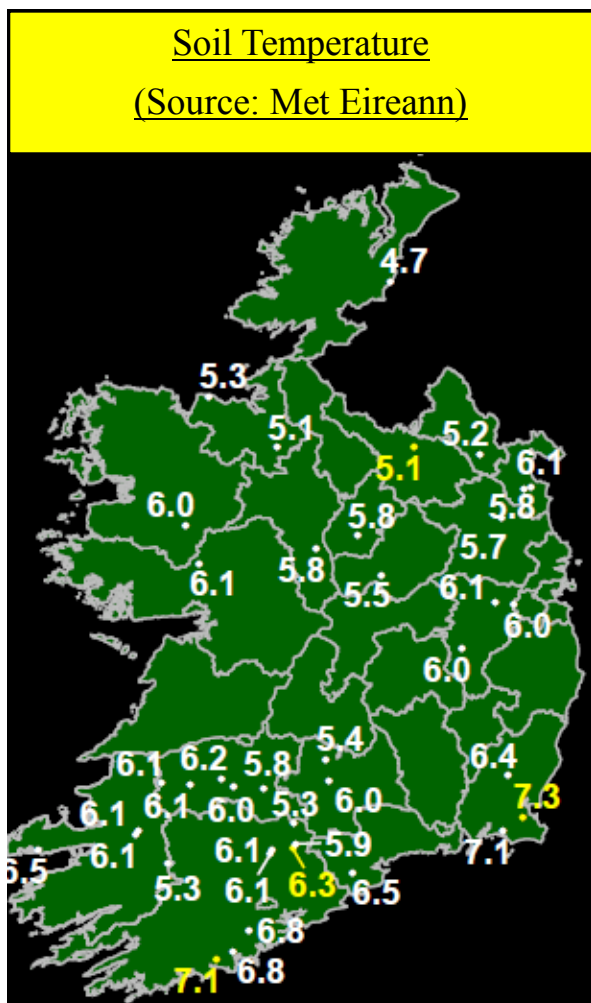
Difficult Grazing Conditions– Don't Give Up

- The 3 objectives daily for grazing in wet weather are:
1. Feed the cow
 2. Minimise damage
 3. Residuals (if possible)
- Grazing has been challenging on all farms since last weekend and WILL be challenging for the next few days too.
 - The only way a farmer knows if a paddock is fit for grazing is to walk it. If there are 30 paddocks on the farm and 29 are waterlogged, we should expect cows to be grazing the 1 paddock that's fit for grazing. That's the lengths we need to go to the achieve days at grass this spring.
 - Farmers should stay focused & alert to weather. Take opportunities when they present themselves. If 30% grazed in February is not achievable, get as close to it as you possibly can!
 - Make an effort to get cows out with an appetite. Take cows off the paddock if they are finished grazing or if they are poaching
 - Hold cows in the shed/yard after milking time with no access to silage. Cows need to be miked at 3pm for a farmer to have any chance of achieving a 2nd grazing bout following evening milking.
 - If grazing, the paddock should be very dry, have multiple access points, low cover (allocate larger area than heavy cover), ideally the paddock to be reseeded this year/ underperforming paddock
 - If feeding silage by night, make sure that it has ran out by the following morning if planning to put cows out grazing the next day. Silage is a bulky feed and will inhibit grass intake
 - If you walk the farm and there are no paddocks available for grazing (waterlogged/snow etc.), unfortunately cows will have to be housed.
 - Make sure to get cows out grazing at the 1st opportunity again!**



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Predicted Rainfall & Soil Temperatures for the Next 7 Days:



- Where there are large volumes of rainfall, and where soils are saturated, no fertiliser should be spread on farms
- The weather forecast suggests that there will be high levels rainfall for the remainder of the week
- Soil temperatures are currently optimum for spreading fertiliser. Unfortunately rainfall is the issue.



Left: Jim White
Co. Tipperary

Jim has moved cows to the driest paddock on the farm and currently has cows out grazing for 3 hrs per day. Cows are let out with an edge and are removed from the paddock when finished grazing or if doing damage