

Teagasc Johnstown Castle
Teagasc/ABP Dairy Beef Research Programme

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Animal Performance:

Older cattle

- The 17/18 month old cattle were weighed on the 4th September. They averaged 439 kg.
- The heifers averaged 421 kg while the steers averaged 457 kg.
- The cattle are slightly ahead of last year (~8kg), which is excellent considering the set-back they had as calves.
- The heifers are being fed 4.1 kg concentrate/head/day at grass.

	Live-weight (kg)	ADG 2nd Season at grass
High	433	0.88
Medium	441	0.95
Low	444	1.09

- The mediums are becoming very tight on grass. Some paddocks that were set aside for silage have been released back for grazing.

Calves

- The calves are still receiving ~2.2 kg/head/day at grass.
- The calves were dosed for worms, given pour on for flies, weighed and divided into their stocking density groups on the 6th September.
- The calves averaged 185 kg, gaining 0.78kg/day.

Grass Management:

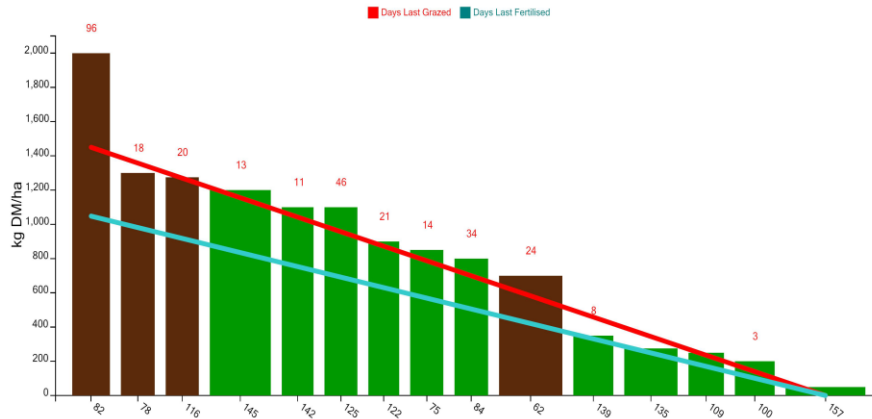
- Grass growth for the week averaged 44 kg DM/ha/day across the three farmlets.
- Grass DM is around 19.1%. Pre-grazing yields are ~1150 kg Dm/ha.
- Silage will be cut within the next ten days, weather depending.

	Growth/ha (kg DM/ha/day)	Demand/ha (kg DM/ha/day)	Farm Cover (kg DM/ha)	LU/ha	Days Ahead
High	52	41	755	5.19	18
Medium	38	38	666	4.86	18
Low	42	37	705	4.70	19

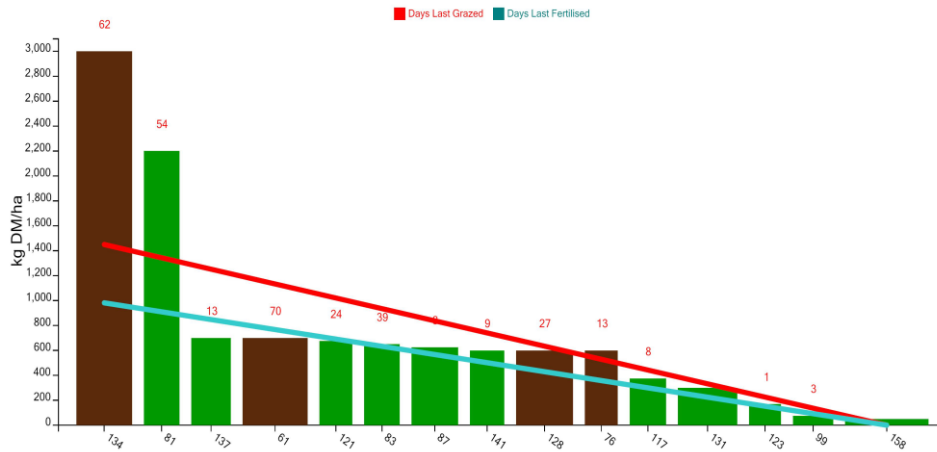
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High stocking density



Medium stocking density



Low stocking density

