



Grass Summary

Farm	Cover Date	Farm Cover (kg DM/ha)	Cover/LU (kg DM/LU)	Stocking Rate (LU/ha)	Growth/ha (kg DM /ha/day)	Demand/ha (kg DM /ha/day)	Pre Grazing Yield	Grass Intake/Cow (kg DM/cow)	Meal Intake (kg/cow)	Silage Intake (kg DM /cow)
Alex McCarthy	20/04	645	163	3.96	90	46	1600	12.0	5	0.0
Andrew Killeen	20/04	855	277	3.09	28	37	2350	12.0	6	0.0
David O'Leary	22/04	1007	308	3.27	90	43	1700	13.0	4	0.0
Dermot Kavanagh	21/04	739	140	5.26	76	63	1850	12.0	7	0.0
Dooncaha Dairy	17/04	551	190	2.90	18	35	2150	12.0	5	0.0
Joe Carroll	19/04	782	185	4.23	70	62	1800	15.0	3	0.0
John Casey	23/04	780	196	3.97	71	57	1600	15.0	3	0.0
John Galvin	21/04	671	196	3.42	35	55	1550	16.0	2	0.0
Kieran Murphy	22/04	751	212	3.55	54	50	1400	14.0	5	0.0
Niall Moloney	18/04	723	165	4.39	39	61	1600	14.0	4	0.0
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	17/04	599	198	3.02	40	39	1368	14.0	3	0.0
Stephen McAuliffe	22/04	488	150	3.26	36	42	1200	13.0	5	0.0
William Daly	10/04	830	390	2.13	24	32	1200	15.0	3	0.0
William Dennehy	22/04	891	195	4.58	82	60	1900	13.0	4.4	0.0
Average		729	210	3.64	50	49	1658	13.6	4	0

Milk production:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Alex McCarthy	21/04	29.46	3.69	3.5	2.18	88
Andrew Killeen	20/04	30.28	4.49	3.44	2.47	72
David O'Leary	20/04	27.8	4.16	3.5	2.19	64
Dermot Kavanagh	20/04	33.49	3.47	3.49	2.40	176
Dooncaha Dairy	21/04	25.22	3.96	3.37	1.90	44
Joe Carroll	21/04	26.42	4.23	3.68	2.09	95
John Casey	21/04	27.52	3.9	3.53	2.11	43
John Galvin	21/04	27.87	3.56	3.19	1.94	84
Kieran Murphy	21/04	32.0	3.63	3.47	2.27	72
Niall Moloney	21/04	27.53	3.81	3.54	2.08	90
Sean and Diarmaid Fitzgerald	20/04	23.69	3.9	3.41	1.76	106
Stephen McAuliffe	20/04	24.99	4.06	3.52	1.95	109
William Daly	20/04	32.88	3.92	3.55	2.53	75
William Dennehy	20/04	26.81	4.11	3.68	2.15	187
Average		28.8	3.92	3.49	2.21	93

Demonstration farm update from Michael & Alex McCarthy, Feenagh, Co. Limerick: average farm cover increased from 142 to 163 kg DM per cow. Three acres are out for reseeded. We started breeding on the 20th of April and 40 sexed straws were bought for this breeding season. Half of the heifers will be bred next week to fixed time AI and the remainder will get Angus. We are following the cows with 20 units of protected urea at the moment.

Where growth has not met demand the rotation needs to be stretched. Covers per LU need to be kept between 160 and 180 kg DM/ LU. Options are to increase concentrate supplementation for the cows, include some silage ground into the grazing rotation and/or put heifers on silage to increase the grazing platform for the cows. Grass dry matters are high at the moment so you may not be as tight as you think. **Do not let pre-grazing covers drop below 1200 kg DM/ha.**

Growth rate has increased this week so walk the farm every 5 days.