



Grass Summary for week ending September 17

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	Rotation Length Now(days)	Grass Intake/Cow (kg DM/cow)	Meal Intake (kg/cow)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	19/09	1088	390	2.79	96	42	2500	27	15.0	3.5
Andrew Killeen	22/09	895	311	2.88	67	52	1800	25	18.0	2.0
Dermot Kavanagh	13/09	1151	361	3.19	71	50	2000	31	15.6	3.4
Pa O'Hanlon	14/09	916	354	2.59	66	41	2200	21	16.0	2.0
Joe Carroll	15/09	823	231	3.57	56	56	1600	24	16.0	2.0
Michael & John Casey	13/09	1118	402	2.78	57	44	2000	30	16.0	2.0
John Galvin	16/09	747	218	3.42	42	48	1900	35	14.0	4.0
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	19/09	1168	423	2.76	62	44	2200	30	16.0	4.0
Gerry & Niall Moloney	15/09	977	298	3.28	70	49	1800	20	15.0	3.0
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	11/09	875	324	2.70	50	38	2100	30	15.0	3.0
Stephen McAuliffe	14/09	885	353	2.51	43	43	1750	30	17.0	1.0
William Daly	17/09	1160	468	2.48	46	45	2500	28	18.0	2.0
William Dennehy	17/09	1283	406	3.16	63	54	2200	35	17.2	1.8
Average		1007	349	2.93	61	47	2042	28	16.1	3

Milk Summary:

Farm	Milk Date	Litres /Cow	Fat%	Protein%	Kg MS /cow	SCC
Michael & Alex McCarthy	22/09	19.11	4.43	3.81	1.62	113
Andrew Killeen	20/09	18.52	4.89	3.97	1.69	102
Dermot Kavanagh	20/09	20.79	4.37	3.86	1.76	167
Pa O'Hanlon	21/09		4.79	3.92		79
Joe Carroll	21/09	15.76	5.27	4.26	1.55	113
Michael & John Casey	21/09	18.48	4.98	4.04	1.72	55
John Galvin	21/09	20.26	4.01	3.54	1.58	172
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	22/09	18.16	4.49	3.86	1.56	105
Gerry & Niall Moloney	20/09	18.59	4.59	3.75	1.60	129
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	21/09	16.61	5.22	3.96	1.57	84
Stephen McAuliffe	21/09		4.71	3.89		172
William Daly	22/09	19.53	4.51	3.88	1.69	248
William Dennehy	21/09	16.58	4.89	4.11	1.54	91

Average **18.4** **4.7** **3.91** **1.67** **125**

Demonstration farmer update from Andrew Killeen: I am happy with the grass situation at the moment. Yield is dropping slightly but I am very happy with the fat and protein percentages. SCC is also good. I am going to be vaccinating the cows against Salmonella this week.

Comment from Ger Courtney: Now is the time to review potassium status of paddocks, especially those that have had surplus silage harvested this year. If soil test results showed that a top up of Potassium is required, from now on is a good time to act. For example, a 25 units of a K fertilizer per acre in two split applications if paddocks tested low for K. Likewise ground conditions remain very good for applying lime if soil tests showed a lime requirement. Order and apply Now.

Finally a huge congratulations to Michael, Mary Ita and Alex Mccarthy on winning the NDC and Kerrygold milk quality awards at Moorepark.