



## Grass Summary for week ending October 8

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)	Grass Intake/Cow (kg DM/cow)	Meal Intake (kg/cow)	Silage Intake (kg DM /cow)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	15/11	741	380	1.95	22	16	8.0	3.5	6.5
Pa O'Hanlon	04/11	406	157	2.59	13	41	16.0	2	0
Joe Carroll	01/11	694	211	3.29	26	30	9.0	3	7
John Casey	08/11	767	304	2.52	17	18	7.0	3	9
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	25/10	697	253	2.76	7	44	16.0	4	0
Gerry & Niall Moloney	05/11	674	217	3.11	28	19	6.0	4	8
William Daly	23/10	855	356	2.40	28	24	10.0	4	6
William Dennehy	22/11	761	241	3.16	16	35	11.0	4.8	4
<b>Average</b>		<b>699</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>2.72</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>6</b>

Demonstration farmer comment from Micheal Kavanagh: we are supplementing with 4 kg of concentrate at the moment. I am happy with production at the moment; 1.36 kg milk solids per cow. They are doing just over 14 litres with 4.97% fat and 3.84% protein. SCC at the moment is 185.

Advisor comment from Robert Prendiville: it is very important to watch body condition now; particularly the first calvers. If the condition score has gone below 2.75 they should be dried off irrespective of calving date. Do sensitivity tests on milk before drying off. If you are considering selective dry cow target an average SCC less than 50 for 2020 and 2021 and less than 100 SCC for each individual test.



