



## Closing farm cover for Demonstration farmers 2021

Farm	Cover Date	Farm Cover (kg DM/ha)	Growth/ha (kg DM /ha/day)
Michael & Alex McCarthy	03-Dec	801	9
Andrew Killeen	14-Nov	529	16
Dermot & Micheal Kavanagh	08-Dec	552	3
Pa O'Hanlon	03-Dec	518	8
Joe Carroll	11-Dec	811	10
Michael & John Casey	02-Dec	748	6
John Galvin	28-Nov	709	8
Declan, Eileen & Kieran Murphy	04-Dec	507	14
Gerry & Niall Moloney	06-Dec	731	7
Sean and Diarmuid Fitzgerald	30-Nov	643	9
Stephen McAuliffe	14-Dec	657	4
William Daly	10-Dec	658	6
William Dennehy	06-Dec	965	15
<b>Average</b>		<b>681</b>	<b>9</b>

### Comment from John Maher:

There are three things to be aware of for your closing cover:

1. Stocking rate: higher stocking rate will have a high demand for grass
2. Wet/ dry farm: wetter/ mixed farms may find it difficult to graze some paddocks in spring. A slightly lower cover is 500 to 600 kg DM/ha is acceptable for these farms.
3. Calving date but more importantly calving rate: having a high calving rate will require large amount of grass in spring.

