

Shinagh Farm Update 16-07-2021

Grass: Farm cover is 639kg/ha, Cover per cow is 195. Demand is 49kg/ha at a stocking rate of 3.28cows/ha feeding 2kg of ration per cow per day. Grass growth 63kg/ha. Coming off feeding silage to cows for 6 days to slow the rotation, until the rain came. The herd is off silage now, and ration will be cut out.

Milk: 255 cows milking at 17.5 litres at 4.58% fat, 3.50% protein, 1.55kg milk solids per cow per day. SCC 173,000 and TBC 8,000. The herd has supplied 208kg of milk solids per cow to the end of June 2021.

Breeding: On week 10 of breeding, low level of repeats, AA stock bulls running with the herd.

The 2021 paddocks reseeded with multi species have got their first grazing. There is no spray that can be used on multispecies and there is lot of various weeds coming in one of these reseeds, unlike the very clean paddock that was reseeded to multispecies in 2020.

The total bag fertiliser used up to the 1st of July was 150kg/ha nitrogen, 2kg/ha phosphorus, 15kg/ha potash. Total grass growth to July 1st this year has been 5.73 tonnes of drymatter per hectare which is down 250kg compared to the same period in 2020. The range in paddock growths is from 5 to 8 tonnes per hectare