

Week Beginning 12th June 2023



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

• Grass growth rates are forecast to drop further before bouncing back in 14 days, with the promise of some rain in the forecast to restore soil moisture.

• Measure 3 times in 2 weeks to budget demand with growth, especially if feeding supplement. Hold rotation length > 21 days & AFC > 2100 kg DM/ha.

• Complete a winter fodder budget now. For many a late spring turnout will have depleted forage reserves. It is important to know early how much forage you still need to make to be self-sufficient and what you can afford to feed now in the dry spell or if alternative feed stocks should be considered.

• Applying fertiliser will have little effect until rain comes and there is also an increased risk of fertiliser running off hard ground in heavy downpour events.

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Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy – maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	17.8	DM (%)	22.2
Growing animals – daily live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.99	CP (% DM)	13.1
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 15 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk **Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		WSC (% DM)	18.5
		ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.3

