

Week Beginning 9th August 2021



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Growth rates are continuing to recover and soil moisture is no longer a limiting factor in most areas. Forecasting models are predicting growth to bounce back to the seasonal average during the next two weeks.
- The focus now should be on building covers for the latter part of the grazing season. Introduce silage aftermath, if available, to slow the rotation length.
- Paddocks which have gone stemmy, due to drought stress, should be topped or cleaned-out with dry stock, to encourage good quality regrowth.
- Spring-calved suckler cows should have passed peak lactation, therefore it is increasingly important to ensure calves have access to high quality grass, for example, by creep grazing calves ahead of cows.

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Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy – maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	15.1	DM (%)	19.2
Growing animals – daily live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.02	CP (% DM)	18.1
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 13.5 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)	12.4
		ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.5

