

Week Beginning 27th September 2021



⁰¹⁻Mar 01-Apr 01-May 01-Jun 01-Jul 01-Aug 01-Sep 01-Oct 01-Nov MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- September grass growth on farm is slightly ahead of the LT average, ٠ due to good weather conditions. Grass growth is predicted to reduce this week due to lower temperatures and less daylight hours.
- Peak AFC should have been hit over the past 10 days. High covers ٠ (3,500 – 4,000 kg DM/ha) present challenges as rainfall increases, however they are a necessary evil to extend grass into Oct and Nov.
- Avoid grazing heavy covers on wet days and use strip wires for 12 ٠ hour allocations to avoid cattle travelling over and dirtying excess grass.
- The start of Oct should see the rotation length increase from 35 to 40 ٠







Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy – maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	10.5	DM (%)	14.7
Growing animals – daily live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.92	CP (% DM)	19.0
*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)	9.5
		ME (MJ/kg DM)	10.9

