

Week Beginning 5th June 2023



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

Grass growth has remained close to the LT av. however it is predicted to dramatically decrease over the next 14 days due to decreasing soil moisture.
Ideally measure grass twice per week or at least 3 times in 2 weeks in these conditions to know what grass you have, as there will be a lot of variation.

• To manage through the current dry period, increase supplement feed and/or buffer feed to maintain rotation length at a minimum of 21 days and keep the AFC above 2,100 kg DM/ha. Remove additional stock from the grazing platform and bring in extra areas if possible. Avoid pre-mowing to correct grass quality as this will further depress growth. Animals should be content and grazing well as grass dry matter % is high, however CP % is low.

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Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy – maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	18.1	DM (%)	21.9
Growing animals – daily live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.01	CP (% DM)	13.2
*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)	18.6
		ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.4

