

Week beginning 27th May 2024





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MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth remains close to the LT average however it is predicted to drop significantly over the next 14 days.
- Differences in growth across the province have been recorded, with changes in average rainfall and soil moisture contributing to the variation.
- Ideally measure grass twice per week (or 3 times in 2 weeks) in these conditions to know what grass you have on your own platform.
- Some parts of the province will see growth fall below demand in the next few weeks, take early action in decreasing stocking rate or increasing supplementation, do not let AFC drop below 2,100kgDM/ha

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	18.1	DM (%)	19.1
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.99	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.4
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 15 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk		CP (% DM)	16.4
**Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		WSC (% DM)	13.9







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