

Week beginning 29th April 2024





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MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Last weeks more settled weather has seen a significant amount of 'catching up' on farm done, with fertiliser sown, surplus paddocks baled and a grazing wedge established.
- Growth has been less than the LT avg. but is expected to make a sharp increase in the next fortnight. Understanding grazing demand and supply on your own platform will be crucial make a grass walk a priority.
- Continue to review and cut surplus grass weekly to get heavy-covered paddocks back into the rotation as soon as possible this will help maintain grass quality.
- Where heavy covers have been grazed in the first rotation and a significant residual was left to avoid damage, focus on getting these grazed again (even at a lower cover) to enable a better clean out in the second rotation.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	18.1	DM (%)	21.7
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.01	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)	15.5
**Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		WSC (% DM)	17.4







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