

## Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

2023 recap





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## **MANAGEMENT NOTES:**

- There is no doubt 2024 has been very challenging so far, with saturated ground conditions making grazing and field operations difficult and extending the winter.
- Walk the grazing platform to allow you to measure grass covers and identify where the drier areas are with suitable infrastructure that would allow livestock out to graze.
- Identify priority livestock for grazing, starting with smaller groups and building up.
- Use on-off grazing as a first step, turning stock out to graze for 2-3 hours if possible, ideally onto lower grass covers, into square shaped areas to avoid excessive walking, via a good lane network with multiple entry and exit points and water access.
- Have a nutrient management plan prepared and in place in line with soil analysis.

Grass Quality			
DM (%)	21.1	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.9
CP (% DM)	19.6	WSC (% DM)	14.8
DM: dry matter content. ME: metabolisable energy. CP: crude protein. WSC: water-soluble carbohydrate (sugar).			





