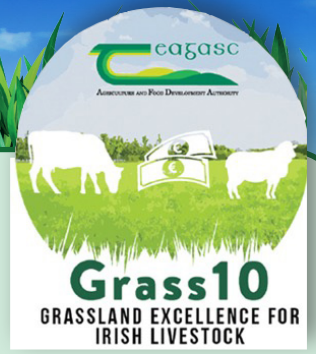


GRASS TIPS



Getting one grazing allocation per day

- Start grazing in grass covers of 700-1000 kg DM/ha
- This week will be slightly more challenging weather wise, however take the opportunity to graze between the showers
- You should aim for at least one grazing per day currently
- Restrict access to silage after morning milking so cows have keen appetite to graze by 10am. With predicted weather forecast on/off grazing may be needed
- Allocate 6-7kg DM of grass by day to calved cows & increase allocation twice per week if clean outs are good

Using your nutrients efficiently this Spring

- If spreading fertiliser, apply 16-20 units/ac of a urea based product (preferable protected urea) on trafficable paddocks, that haven't received slurry
- Adhere to buffer zones, soil temperatures and rainfall warnings in advance of spreading fertiliser (weather forecast this week is to be poor)
- Spread slurry at a rate of max. 2000 gal/acre of dilute cattle slurry on grazed ground
- Standard cattle slurry is worth €28 per 1,000 gallons so use it wisely
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Use the grazing calculator on the PBI app to help you allocate grass

- Grazing calculator can be used to allocate grass this spring
- It can be found on the PBI app under "Cover data" and "Grazing calculator"
- Become familiar with the grazing calculator on your PBI app
- When setting up an allocation input number of animals and planned intakes
- Select paddock and the current cover, the app will tell you what grazing area to allocate i.e. how many grazings per paddock

See tutorial below on how to use the calculator

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Grazing Calculator

Paddock:

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Cover (kg DM / ha):

900

Residual (cm):

4

Area (ha):

1.5

No of LU:

60

Daily Grass Intake (kg DM/LU):

7

Interval:

12 hours

6.4 grazings - 0.23 ha/grazing - 39 m²/LU/grazing

Area (ha):

0.23

Primary length (m):

Secondary length (m):