



## Grazing advice during mid-September

- AFC & Cover/LU has increased slightly this week with growth rates of 47 kg DM/ha and 45 kg DM/ha on dairy and drystock farms respectively. There is a considerable amount of supplement in the diet especially on dairy farms to build grass cover currently
- Some farms are struggling with growth rates less than 40 kg DM/ha/day due to soil moisture deficits
- This week's forecast is positive for farms who have received adequate rainfall with high temperatures and sunshine which should boost growth rates
- There is the potential that some of these farms will grow in the region of 55-60 kg DM/ha/day this week. So continue to focus on keeping 15-20 kg DM/ha/day difference between growth and demand to build AFC
- The farm must be set up for a minimum of a 30 day rotation in the month of September. It is important to fill the feed gap with meal and/or silage to hold this rotation at 30 days
- 30 ha farm - 1 ha per day grazing
- It is important to assess where you are in terms of the autumn grazing targets. For farmers stocked at 3.0 LU/ha, the target is 300-330 kg DM/LU with a 30 day rotation
- Continue to walk the farm weekly to allow for decisions

## Advice on remaining nutrient application

- Chemical N & P fertiliser application date has passed
- There is still an opportunity to apply K & lime with the current excellent ground conditions on farm
- There is still some slurry remaining in tanks on some farms, dilute down and spread now with LESS at a rate of 1500-2000 gal/ac
- Soiled water/collecting yard tank should be spread between now and the 1st October on grazed ground

## Autumn Grazing Targets

Date	Cover/Cow (Kg DM)	Average Farm Cover (Kg DM/Ha)	Rotation Length
STOCKING RATE OF 2.5 LU/HA			
1 <sup>st</sup> September	300	750	30 Days
Mid-September	400-450	1000-1100	35 Days
1 <sup>st</sup> October	400	1000	40 Days
1 <sup>st</sup> November	60% of your grazing platform should be closed		
1 <sup>st</sup> December	600 kg DM/ha AFC depending on spring demand		
STOCKING RATE OF 3.0 LU/HA			
1 <sup>st</sup> September	330	1000	30 Days
Mid-September	350	1050	35 Days
1 <sup>st</sup> October	370	1100	40 Days
1 <sup>st</sup> November	65%+ of your grazing platform should be closed		
1 <sup>st</sup> December	650-800 kg DM/ha AFC depending on spring demand		
STOCKING RATE OF 3.5 LU/HA			
1 <sup>st</sup> September	300	1050	30 Days
Mid-September	340	1200	35 Days
1 <sup>st</sup> October	335	1175	40 Days
1 <sup>st</sup> November	75% of your grazing platform should be closed		
1 <sup>st</sup> December	700-750 kg DM/ha AFC depending on spring demand		

## CLOSING DATES

- Slurry 1st October
- Farm Yard Manure 1st November
- Soiled Water 1st December