

## Arrabawn Signpost Farms Update - Week of the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2023

		Litres/		Kg/MS			Average		Pre-	Growth		
Farmer	County	Cow	Fat %	Protein %	SCC	/Cow	Meal Kg	Farm Cover	grazing	Demand/	Rate	
								Cover / LU	Yield	Ha	/Ha	
Conor Camon	Ofally	24.1	4.34	3.72	81	2	3	885	254	1700	62	68
Ned Kelly	Tipperary	26.5	4.08	3.58	146	2.09	4	773	224	1600	46	59
Conor O'Brien	Galway	22	4.36	3.52	57	1.78	2	677	206	1450	54	54
Gurteen Ag. College	Tipperary	22.5	4.37	3.65	84	1.86	3	675	223	1600	44	56
<b>Average</b>		<b>23.8</b>	<b>4.29</b>	<b>3.62</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1.93</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>1587</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>59</b>

### Comments:

- Strong Paddocks on Signpost farms have been baled as silage where weather has allowed.
- Paddocks have been topped where necessary to remove stem.
- Cleanout on paddocks is priority now to maintain quality in the swards before building grass covers.
- Focus is now turning to building grass cover on Signpost farms depending on stocking rate (*Table 1*)
- Every additional week at grass will reduce total GHG emissions by 1%
- Every day at grass is worth approximately €2/head in the Autumn.

Stocking Rate	Date
2.5 LU/Ha	3 <sup>rd</sup> week of August
3 LU/Ha	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of August
3.5 LU/Ha	1 <sup>st</sup> week of August

*Table 1: Date to start building cover.*

- Ground conditions are holding on Signpost farms, but dry weather is needed to achieve cleanouts.
- Where ground conditions become difficult:
  - ✓ 12-hour grass allocations will be used
  - ✓ A back fence will be used where necessary.
  - ✓ All efforts will be made to maintain pre-grazing covers of 1300-1500 Kg/DM/Ha

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