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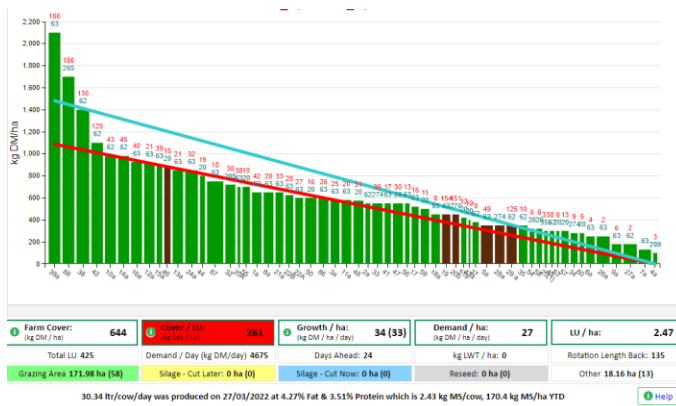
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Welcome to our weekly newsletter where we give an overview of college and farm activities. More detailed information on any aspect of the newsletter may be obtained by contacting us directly by phone or email.

Grass

A grass cover was taken on March 27th. The average farm cover is 644 Kgs DM / Ha with a daily growth rate of 27 Kgs DM / Ha. We are starting the second rotation this week and cows will be grazing a cover of 1,200 Kgs DM / Ha.



Dairy Herd

Ninety two percent of the cows have now calved. Cows are averaging 4.00% butterfat and 3.52% protein. Cows will be observed for signs of heat over the coming weeks ahead of the breeding season which commences in early May. Replacement heifer calves are now being reared by our contract rearer and any surplus heifer calves are being sold at a rate of €2 for every €1 EBI.



Drystock Enterprise

Eighty five percent of the mid-season lambing flock have now lambed. The recent fine weather has allowed ewes and newborn lambs to be let out to grass within 24 hours of being born. Ewes have access to mineral licks to protect against grass tetany. All lambing details are recorded on Sheep Ireland for farm management and teaching purposes.

All beef cattle have now been sent to the factory. They were finished at between 22 and 24 months of age. Fat scores of 3's and 4's were achieved with conformation grades of R and O. The top price paid was €5.10 per Kg including bonuses.

Yearling cattle are out at grass. They will be weighed on a regular basis to monitor performance.



College & Student Activities

The last few weeks were very busy in the college. An important feature of our college calendar is welcoming visiting schools to our college and farm. Students get to learn about the courses we offer. They also learn and see our sheep, beef and dairy enterprises. Recently students from Newport, Newcastlewest, Rosbrien, Shannon, Laurel Hill, Rathkeale and Ennistymon visited the college farm.

Students from Shannon Comprehensive School met with Minister for Agriculture Charlie McConalogue on the morning of their visit.



On Saturday, March 26th we held our College & Careers Open Day. Great crowds attended from all over the country and visitors got the opportunity to speak with college staff and take a tour of the college and farm facilities.



On Wednesday March 16th the Limerick Farmers Grass Discussion Group held their meeting on the college farm. Given the current global situation the importance of maximising production from grass cannot be overstated. Work is continuing on the construction of our new silage pits and they will be ready for first cut silage at the end of May.

Photo of the Week



Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue cuts the ribbon to officially open the colleges new 50 unit rotary milking parlour.

Dates for Your Diary

Applications are now open for our full time Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture course and our Level 6 Dairy Herd Management, Drystock Management and Mechanisation courses that commence in September 2022. Visit our website for more details.

Group Visits

We are now open to accepting visiting groups, be that schools, groups of farmers or individuals. Contact Mary in admin at 061-393100 and we will be happy to tailor a package to suit your needs.

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