

Gurteen Dairy Herd Report

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Farm Profile

Group	Gurteen College Dairy Herd
Farm: Gurteen Farm	Gurteen College Farm
Month	September

Milk Production

Cows Milking into tank	235
Yield (l/cow/day) based on milk supplied	20.09
Average Fat%	4.51
Average Protein %	3.80
Milk solids (kg/cow/day) based on milk supplied	1.71
Average SCC	72
TBC	8
Average supplement fed (kg/cow/day)	3
Grass fed (kgDM/cow/day)	14

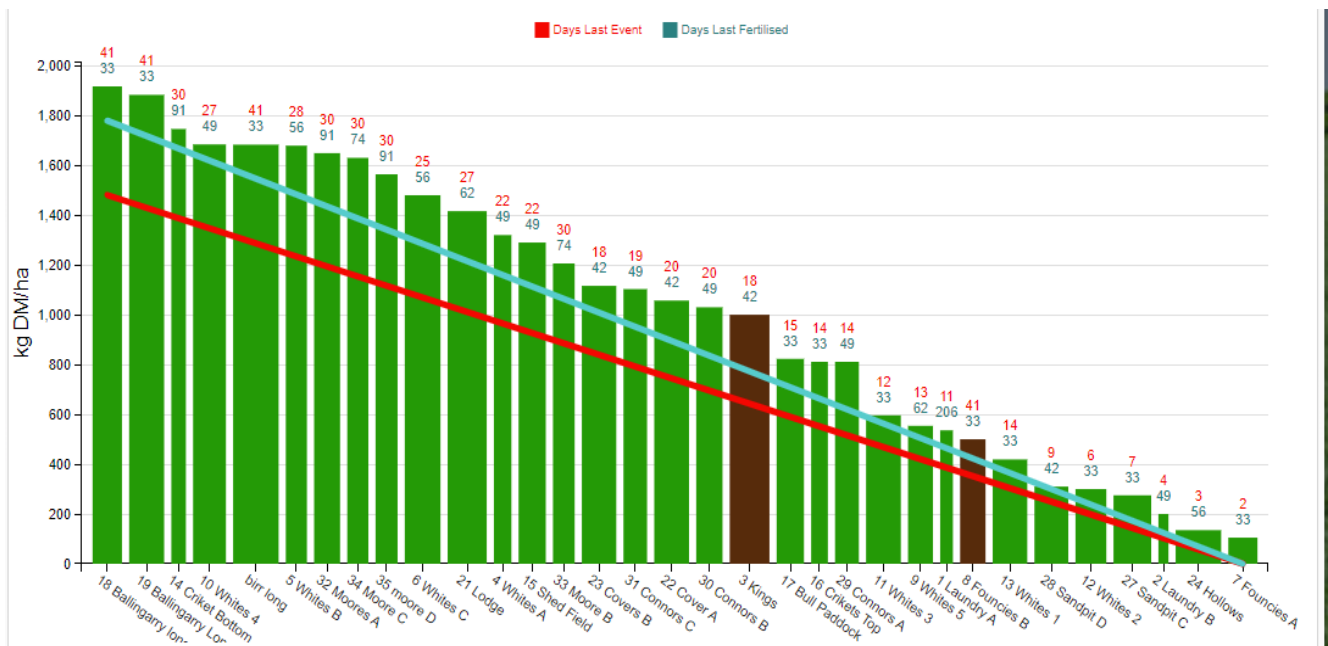
Management Decisions

Rotation length (days)	35
Target per grazing (kg DM/ha)	1481
Residual height (cm)	3.5

Grass Cover Parameters Walk date: 11th September 2023

Farm cover (kg DM/ha)	1019	<u>Total LU</u>	235
Cover /LU (kgDM/LU)	359	<u>LU/ ha</u>	2.84
Growth /ha (kgDM/ha/day)	49	<u>Grazing area</u>	82.81
Demand / ha (kgDM/ha/day)	42	<u>Silage- cut later</u>	0
Demand / day (kgDM/day)	3513	<u>Silage - Cut now</u>	0
<u>Days ahead</u>	24	<u>Reseed</u>	0
<u>Kg LWT / ha</u>	27	<u>Other</u>	0

Grass wedge 11th September 2023



Notes form the Dairy Team

- All cows and heifers were scanned on 17th August 2023
- We were very happy with how the cows scanned with a total of 10% empty rate.
- The heifers didn't scan as well as we would have liked with a total of 10/70 heifers empty.
- Based on the scanning dates and AI dates, we will have 84% of the herd calving within the first 6 weeks of Spring 2023.
- Grass growth has been good, and covers have been building up ahead of closing paddocks for next Spring.