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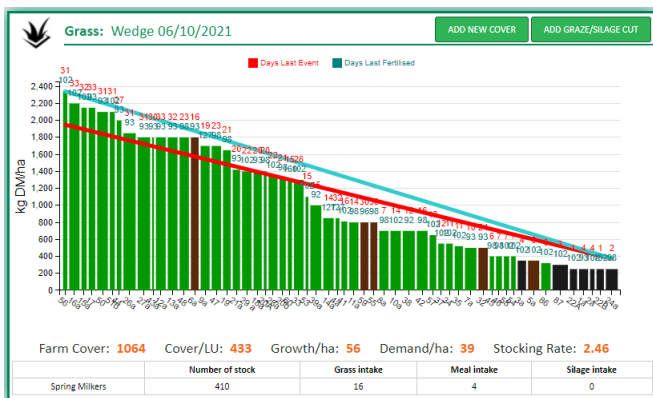
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Welcome to our weekly newsletter for October where we give an overview of college and farm activities. More detailed information on any aspect of the newsletter may be obtained by contacting us directly by phone or email.

Grass

We are now in our final grazing rotation of the year on both the dairy and drystock platforms. Paddocks grazed last week will not be grazed again until the spring of 2022.

A grass cover was taken on Wednesday last, October 6th. Average farm cover was 1064 Kgs DM / ha with a cover / LU of 433 Kgs DM. Last weeks grass growth rate was 56 Kgs of DM / Ha with a Demand / Ha of 39Kgs.



Strip wires will continue to be used in paddocks to ensure that good graze outs are achieved in 12 hour allocations. The target is to have 60% of the farm grazed by 01st November, to date 22% is grazed.

Lambs & Ewes

Rams were introduced to the paddock next to the ewes for 36 hours last week to take advantage of the “ram effect”. The ram effect is a natural method of bringing ewes

cycling at the beginning of their natural breeding season. Ewes will go to the rams on October 19th. A pre breeding check on ewes was carried out on Thursday by our Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture students. Six ewes were identified as not being suitable for breeding. Five ewes had mastitis and one ewe had a difficult lambing. These six ewes will be culled and will go to Kildare Chilling shortly along with the last of the lambs who continue to receive 300g of ration/head/day.

Empty Cows

Empty dairy cows were sold in both Listowel and Gortatlea marts over the last ten days. Average price, weight and euro per kilo are shown in the table below. Cows sold in Gortatlea were older lactation cows and not suitable for breeding.

Empty Cow Sales 2021				
Mart	Date	Average Wt. (Kgs)	Average Price (€)	€/Kg
Listowel	30th Sept	514	629	1.22
Listowel	07th Oct	466	656	1.35
Gortatlea	08th Oct	513	543	1.06

Herd Health

The dairy herd will be vaccinated against IBR this week by the Advanced Dairy Herd Management students while the ewes will be Body Condition Scored by the Drystock Management students in advance of the breeding season. A faecal sample was taken from the lambs on Wednesday. Results from this sample will determine which dose if any is required.

Mental Health & Farm Safety

One of the first people on the scene at a farm accident is often the local garda.

Sadly, they too often give evidence at an inquest a few months later. To try and prevent tragic incidents occurring, Garda Enda Moroney recently organised a farm safety display and talk on mental health last for future and current farmers. It was well attended by TY students in the Newcastle West garda district, local farmers and our students.

Held here in the college, Pallaskenry, Garda Moroney had lined up a superb array of speakers. Michael Murray and Emer Murphy, ESB; Peter Gohery, Embrace Farm; George Graham, Awareness Head to Toe; Pat Blackwell, Teagasc; Pat Griffin, Health and Safety Authority all shared their expertise.



Amputees Cllr. Gabe Cronnelly and Peter Gohery, Health and Safety Advisor to ESB Networks, with Pat Griffin, Health and Safety Authority who were speakers at the Farm Safety Day.

Open Day



This will be an opportunity to come and view the college and farm facilities, meet with staff and students and get all the information about developing a career in the agriculture industry.

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. This week will see the return of discussion groups to the college farm since Covid19 began in March 2020.

Social Media

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Insatgram and TikTok for daily updates on college and farm activities.

Photo of the Week



The Agricultural Colleges GAA season resumed in Kilcormac, Co. Offaly last Wednesday after an absence of almost two years due to Covid19. Level 5 students from Clare, Kerry, Limerick, Cork, Meath, Offaly and Wicklow represented our college on the day.

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