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Welcome to the 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.

Careers & College Open Day



This will be our first face to face Open Day since October 2019, its great to be back and we look forward to meeting you. Come along and learn about the many exciting career opportunities available in agriculture.

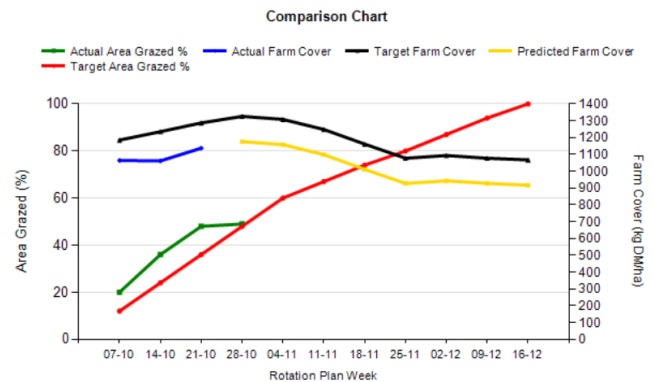
Tours ongoing from 10.00am to 1.00pm, no need to register in advance. Eircode is V94V8N3.

At 2.00pm a milking demonstration will take place in the rotary parlour.

Grass

The 39th grass cover of the year was completed on Thursday last by the dairy herd management and drystock management students. Growth rate was 38 Kgs DM/Ha/day and the demand is 22 Kgs DM / LU/Day.

47% of the platform is grazed to date, with at target of 48% to be grazed by 28th October and 60% by 04th November.



Dairy Herd

Cows are now housed at night in order to maintain grass in the diet throughout the month of November. Milk butterfat is at 5.23% and 4.11% protein. On Saturday vet Robert Flahive hoof trimmed cows which were identified as needing attention following Thursdays locomotion scoring. Our dairy herd management students vaccinated the entire dairy herd on Monday and Wednesday with Bovilis Bovipast RSP.



Beef Enterprise

Store cattle are now housed and are beginning their finishing programme.



Farm Machinery in Tuam and Malone Machinery in Claremorris.

On Tuesday Dairy Herd Management students had an excellent discussion on the farm of John McNamara while Drystock Management students had a very informative visit to JH Livestock Exports.

On Wednesday Teagasc Organic Farming Specialist Joe Kelleher facilitated a very informative discussion group meeting with students, highlighting the opportunities in organics.

On Thursday our drystock management students dosed the weanling calves with Albex to treat for worms. They were also vaccinated with Bovilis Bovipast RSP and will receive a booster shot in 4 weeks times before housing.

Farm & Farmyard

An additional 20 cubicle beds are currently being installed while gravel hardcore was spread around the new rotary milking parlour. On Friday we took delivery of a new JCB 320TM from ECI JCB.

Sheep Enterprise

Our Drystock Management students applied raddle to our four breeding rams on Monday before they joined the ewes. A total of 111 ewes/ewe lambs have now gone to the rams. Ewe lambs are being bred to Charolais and all mature ewes are being bred to Belclare.



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. On Thursday we welcomed farmers from North Cork Creameries who visited the college farm for training with Teagasc.

Photo of the Week



Mechanisation students visiting TFM on Monday.

Student Visits & Activities

It was yet another busy week for our students. On Monday our Higher Certificate in Agriculture – Mechanisation year 1 students and B. Eng students visited Templetuohy

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