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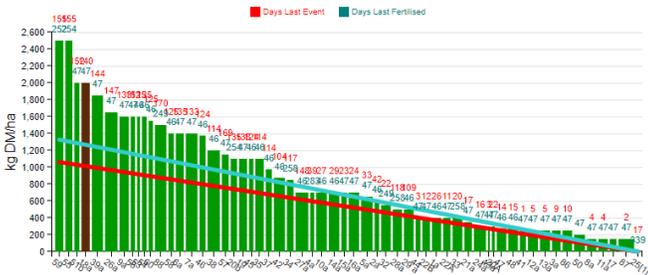
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Welcome to our weekly newsletter where we give an overview of college and farm activities. More detailed information on any aspect of the newsletter may be obtained by contacting us directly by phone or email.

Grass

A grass cover was completed on Friday. With a growth rate of 12 Kgs DM/Ha/Day the average farm cover is 832 Kgs per hectare. Fifty percent of the farm has now been grazed in the first rotation.

Grass: Wedge 11/03/2022 ADD NEW COVER ADD GRAZE/SILAGE CUT



Farm Cover: 832 Cover/LU: 376 Growth/ha: 12 Demand/ha: 27 Stocking Rate: 2.21

	Number of stock	Grass intake	Meal intake	Silage intake	Mob
Spring Milkers	380	12	3	0	1

Dairy Herd

Eighty percent of the cows have now calved. All calved cows are at grass both night and day with a daily feed allowance of 13Kgs grass dry matter and 3Kgs of concentrates. Cows are averaging 26 litres of milk, 2.1Kgs milk solids with 3.52% protein and 4.29% fat. Our heifer calves have settled in very well at their contract rearing farm in Co. Roscommon. Surplus heifer calves were sold during the week for an average price of €469 or €2 for every €1 of EBI. A friesian bull calf with an EBI of €354 was purchased by NCBC and hopefully he will be another college bred bull available for AI and following in the footsteps of Pallaskenry Arco. Over the weekend a 5th lactation cow calved down producing triplet calves to AI bull LM5413.



Drystock Enterprise

Yearling cattle are now at grass. With the recent wet weather, cattle are being allocated new grass every 12 hours with back fencing being used to prevent damage to grazed areas. Ewes that have lambed are also out at grass. Triplet rearing ewes and all ewe lambs will graze together and get concentrate supplementation for the first six weeks.



College & Student Activities

Last week was 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. On Monday last, 5th year Agricultural Science students from St. Johns the Baptist school in Hospital, Co. Limerick visited us while on

Tuesday their 6th year students paid us a visit. We also visited Gaelscoil Luimnigh during the week to speak at their careers event.



We held our Agri Aware event on Thursday. A total of 14 schools and 250 students from 5 counties visited the college farm. Students got the opportunity to participate in various practical activities such as testing the quality of colostrum and silage. Also, on Thursday we attended the careers event in Mitchelstown, Co. Cork while the Teagasc Limerick Ladies Discussion Group held their March meeting on the college farm. Our Higher Cert mechanisation students displayed their finished fabrication and engine overhaul projects to their families and friends on Thursday afternoon.



Photo of the Week



The next phase in the redevelopment of the farmyard sees the silage bases being upgraded.

Dates for Your Diary



Our new Distance Education and Part-Time “Green Cert” courses will commence on April 2nd 2022. Visit our website www.salesianag.ie for further details.

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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