

## Target Pasture Herbage Mass (farm cover) for a Spring-Calving Herd Stocked at 2.5 cow/ha\*

Month	Stocking Rate (on grazing area) (cow/ha)	Growth (kg DM/day)	Target Average Farm Cover kg DM/ha	Target Cover per Cow kg DM/cow	Event
Feb 15	2.5	9.0	798	338	Cows out to grass by day
Mar 15	2.5	37.6	568	243	Cows out fulltime
May 10	4.2	88.2	840	200	Supply exceeds demand

From May to August, use the Grass Wedge (farm cover should be maintained at 140<sup>†</sup> – 190 kg DM per cow)

Aug 15	2.5	65.0	848	342	
Sept 15	2.5	37.1	1130	450	Peak cover achieved
Oct 15	2.5	26.8	1050	424	First paddock closed
Nov 15	2.5	8.5	650	262	Supplement introduced
Nov 22	2.5	2.7	560	224	House by day and night

\*These figures will have to be adjusted if the farm is not stocked at 2.5 cow/ha

<sup>†</sup><150 kg DM per cow from May to August is dependant on responsive perennial ryegrass pastures and stocking rate