

Rotation length – field cover assessment

Estimate your grazing rotation length from calculations of field cover as set out in **Section 5 (Example 5.2)** using field cover assessments made visually or with a rising plate meter (**Section 3**).

PHOTOCOPY THIS SHEET TO ALLOW REPEATED USE.

Field Name or Number and Area (ha)	Estimated Cover A	Sward Growth Rate (kg DM/day)* B	Days to Reach Target Field Cover** $(2800 - A) \div B$
Example: Home field (4.1 ha)	1500	90	14.4
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Average Rotation Length			

* Sward growth rates should be obtained from individual farm sward growth curves (Worksheet 2) or typical figures (Section 4; Figure 4.2).

** Target pre-graze field cover should be 3000kg DM/ha.