



HOW MUCH LIFE IS THERE IN SOIL?

In a handful of arable soil (around 200g), there will be approximately 0.5 g of living matter, most of which will be too small to be seen with the naked eye (i.e. micro organisms).

This ratio works out at 5 tonnes per hectare.

This is the equivalent of 100 sheep on one hectare!

The usual stocking rates for sheep on rough pasture is around 20 per hectare!



On grassland, the amount of soil biota is about 20 times greater
= 2000 sheep per hectare!

