

Shinagh 13-04-2018

249 cows milking, 20litres at 4.28% fat and 3.23% protein, 1.61 kg of milk solids per day. Protein went as low as 3.0% for one milk collection, when housed on silage full time due to weather.

Cows are out day and night now plus getting 6 kg of a 16% ration

Farm cover is 834kg/ha and there are 6 grazings left in the first round.

Paddocks grazed in early Feb have covers of 1200kg at this stage but are extremely tender.

90 units of nitrogen per acre in the form of urea or slurry is out on all ground.

256 cows have calved, 3 cows have died and 4 cows have “gone wrong” which will have to be sold as culls this spring.

16 cows being milked once a day because body condition is less than 2.75, to help them be ready for breeding in early May.

The first of the heifer calves will be weaned next week

John & Kevin