

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 01/06/2015

General Details

- No major issues to report
- Ground conditions greatly improved and grass growth has increased
- 16 U16 bulls killed last Friday 29th May and averaged 382kg carcass weight- more details next week
- **Grassland Details**
 - Average growth this week 72kg/DM/day
 - Average farm demand 62kg/DM/day
 - Average farm cover 881kg DM/Ha
 - Stocking rate: 3093 kg/Ha
 - A7 groups of Stock currently grazing
 - Currently 95 cows and calves at grass (3 groups)
 - 28 breeding heifers
 - 73 weanlings (49 heifers and 24 steers)
 - Demand has increased with taking out 6 paddocks with main cut silage, these paddocks have covers of 2500kgs+ and are too heavy for grazing
 - Silage due to be mowed on Wednesday and picked up on Thursday
 - Sugars at 4% on Wednesday morning and no nitrogen present
 - Growth has taken off this week and more paddocks will be taken out of the rotation next week to maintain pre grazing covers at 1500-1600 Kgs/DM/Ha
 - 4 paddocks due to be reseeded on Thursday morning with a min till machine, these paddocks were grazed off bare last week

Breeding Details

- Breeding period is 7th May- 17th July
- 16 repeats to date out of 62 cows synchronized
- AA and CH bulls now running with cows
- The herd is split between early maturing sires (AA) and late maturing sires(CH and LM)
- AI Sires used on the main herd were **CH**: FSZ,FWO, **AA**: FPI,ZFL
- Heifers are being inseminated to **AA**: RGZ and **LM**: EBY
- Bulls (AA and LM) turned out with maiden heifers

Key recommendations

- Silage to be mowed Wed 3rd and picked up Thursday 4th
- Cows to eat headlands for 5 days and slurry to be spread on all silage ground for second cut (2500 gallons/acre)
- Sheds continue to be power washed and disinfected
- Fences in paddocks 119,120,121,122 to be re-erected once silage is cut
- Paddocks 147,148,149,150: (3.54 Ha) being reseeded on Thursday 4th June
 - Gran lime to be spread on these paddocks: 3 bags/acre
 - Slug pellets also to be applied (3lbs/acre)
- Paddocks 116,119,120,154,169,185 to be skipped and put in with main crop silage
- Docks in poaching fields(177,178,179,180) to be sprayed
- Faecal samples due back on Wednesday 3rd from calves and yearlings and will be dosed accordingly