

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 02/11/2015

General Details

- 13 CH heifers, 2 CH Steers, 2 AA heifers, 2 LM heifers, 7 AA Steers and 7 cull cows slaughtered on Wednesday 28th October, details will follow next week
- Male Calves gaining 1.26kg/day since birth (Average weight: 307kg on 27/09/2015)
- Female Calves gaining 1.12kg/day since birth (Average weight: 279kg on 27/09/2015)
- Average cow weight on 26th August was 735kg
- All weaning completed on Friday 16th October

Animal type	Weight						
	(kg)	Confirmation	Fat	Carcass	Kill out %	Euro/kg	Value (€)
Cull cows (20)	805	R=	4-	430	53.4	3.79	1633
AA bulls (10)	665	R+	3=	380	57.2	4.35	1655
CH bulls (13)	664	U-	3-	395	59.5	4.41	1741
AA steers (7)	644	R=	3+	360	55.9	4.17	1501
AA heifers (20)	569	R-	4-	309	54.2	4.20	1296

AA=Aberdeen Angus; CH=Charolais

Grassland Details

- Average growth last week 18kg/DM/day
- Average farm demand 10kg/DM/day
- Average farm cover 621 kg DM/Ha
- Stocking rate: 1242 kg/Ha
- Stocking Rate: .50 L.U./Ha
- Cleaning out paddocks and currently have 77% of area closed
- Target is 66% closed by 1st November and 100% closed by 1st December
- Need to graze .82Ha/day for November

Breeding Details

- Breeding period is 7th May- 17th July
- 61 cows synchronized (31 cows held to first service)
- Scanning rate was 83% in calf for first six weeks of calving 2016
- AI Sires used on the main herd were CH: FSZ,FWO, AA: FPI,ZFL
- Scanning completed, 2 cows not in calf out of 74 and 2 heifers not in calf out of 28
- 96% in calf rate after 11 weeks breeding

Key recommendations

- House cows to be housed this week
- Remaining cull cows (n=5) to be also housed
- Cattle indoors to receive ad-lib baled silage and 6kg concentrates/day
- Finishing cattle to be clipped this week (backs and tails)
- Weanlings to be weighed and valued on Monday 2nd November
- In-calf heifers to receive Salmonella booster on Monday 9th November
- Plan to house cows week beginning Monday 9th November