

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 05/07/2015

General Details

- Reseeded paddocks have been grazed to 4cm in ideal conditions last week
- 4 paddocks 115-118 (3.6Ha) sprayed off last week with roundup and are being grazed out this week and plan is to reseed early next week
- All cattle weighed last week. Calves gaining 1.19kg/day
- Steers gaining 1.53 kg/day since 18th May (Average weight: 504kg)
- Heifers gaining 1.27 kg/day since 18th May (Average weight: 563kg)
- Calves gaining 1.2kg/day since birth (Average weight: 226kg)
- Average cow weight on 30th July was 704kg
- **Grassland Details**
 - Average growth this week 49kg/DM/day
 - Average farm demand 62kg/DM/day
 - Average farm cover 755kg DM/Ha
 - Stocking rate: 3117 kg/Ha
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 - 7 groups of Stock currently grazing
 - Currently 95 cows and calves at grass (3 groups)
 - 28 breeding heifers
 - 73 weanlings (49 heifers and 24 steers)
 - 2nd cut silage was cut on Monday 4th and picked up on Tuesday 5th August in ideal conditions. Yields are in the region 8-10 tonne
 - Paddocks 115-118 (3.6Ha) sprayed off last week with roundup, and the plan is to reseed the first early next week with one pass system
 - Silage paddocks to receive 1 bag/acre 27.5 CAN Wednesday 5th

Breeding Details

- Breeding period is 7th May- 17th July
- 61 cows synchronized (31 cows held to first service)
- Scanned last week and 83% in calf for first six weeks of calving 2016
- Next scan to take place in early September
- 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

- Sheds continue to be power washed and disinfected
- Weeds along roadways continue to be sprayed with Roundup
- Faecal sampling to take place in 3 weeks
- Slurry to be applied with trailing show to Paddocks 115-118 that are being reseeded next week