

# Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 04/04/2016

## General Details

- Ground conditions poor and growth is very slow to pick up
- Calving started on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb with 83 cows calved by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April and 79 live calves and 8 cows left to calve
- Currently 62 cows and calves at grass
- Housed 45 weanling heifers and 24 weanling steers on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April due to ground conditions

## Grassland Details

- Soil temperatures currently 7.5 degrees
- Average growth of 17 kg/DM/
- Average farm cover on 05/04/2015 was 952 kg/DM/Ha.
- Spread ½ bag UREA (23 units) across 50% of farm on 25/2/16
- Spread 2/3 bag UREA (30 units) across remaining 50% on 15/3/16
- Spread 2000 gallons slurry/acre on 9 grazed paddocks low in Phosphorus on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March
- Currently 62 cows and calves out grazing
- Need to be off silage ground by 12<sup>th</sup> April and fully finished first rotation by 16<sup>th</sup> April

## Housing Details

- All steers and heifers turned rehoused
- Weanling bulls(U16) are currently on ad-lib ration
- Cows housed on slats and pre calving cows over BCS 3 receiving 18kgs silage and 10kg straw
- Re housed weanling steers and heifers being fed ad-lib silage

## Key recommendations

- Clean out calving pens this week
- Finish repairing fences in paddocks where fence damaged with water installation
- U16 bulls to be foot-bathed with copper sulphate this week
- Dry cow minerals continue to be fed at a rate of 100 grams/head/day
- All calves indoors getting 7 day treatment for cryptosporidium
- All calves to be treated for coccidiosis at turnout
- Cows to continue magnesium supplementation through water system

