

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 05/10/2015

General Details

- Steers gaining 1.58 kg/day since 18th May (Average weight: 610kg on 27/08/2015)
- Late Maturing Heifers gaining 1.23 kg/day since 18th May (Average weight: 522kg on 27/08/2015)
- Early Maturing Heifers gaining 1.23 kg/day since 18th May (Average weight: 553kg on 27/08/2015)
- Male Calves gaining 1.24kg/day since birth (Average weight: 276kg on 26/08/2015)
- Female Calves gaining 1.09kg/day since birth (Average weight: 242kg on 26/08/2015)
- Replacement heifers weight was 512kg on 26/08/2015
- Average cow weight on 26th August was 735kg
- 6 AA heifers slaughtered at 313kg carcass at €1321 on Tuesday 8th September
- 4 AA steers slaughtered at 346kg at €1452 on Tuesday 8th September
- Bull calves castrated on Wednesday 30th September

• Grassland Details

- Average growth this week 28kg/DM/day
- Average farm demand 42kg/DM/day
- Average farm cover 1094 kg DM/Ha
- Stocking rate: 2099 kg/Ha
- Stocking Rate: 2.54 L.U./Ha
- 7 groups of Stock currently grazing
- AFC is on target
- Ground conditions are quite good

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
- Next scan to take place on Friday 4th 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
- 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

- Heifer calves to receive Bovipast and IBR boosters this Friday 9th October
- Cattle for slaughter off grass to be fed 4kgs/head/day
- Decision will be made next week on housing late maturing heifers
- Paddocks to be chosen for FYM application this week to be spread by 30th October after last round of grazing on some paddocks. Paddocks low in P and K will be targeted