

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 07/12/2015

General Details

- 99% of Early maturing cattle slaughtered and 55% of Late maturing cattle slaughtered
- Male Calves gaining 1.27kg/day since birth (Average weight: 362kg on 02/11/2015)
- Female Calves gaining 1.08kg/day since birth (Average weight: 308kg on 02/11/2015)
- Average cow weight on 26th August was 735kg
- All weaning completed on Friday 16th October

Animal Type	Weight	Conf	Fat	Carcass kg	Kill out %	Euro/kg	Total Value €
Cull Cows (20)	805.10	R=	4-	430.33	53.4	3.79	1633.07
AA Bulls (10)	664.61	R+	3=	379.99	57.16	4.35	1655.01
CH Bulls (13)	664.20	U-	3-	394.84	59.49	4.41	1740.77
AA Steers (12)	644.29	R-	3+	359.12	55.76	4.14	1492.89
AA Heifers (20)	569.45	R-	4-	308.62	54.18	4.20	1296.12
CH Heifers (12)	596.12	R+	3+	335.01	56.20	4.26	1427.14
CH Steers (4)	645.23	R+	3+	371.47	57.57	4.07	1511.88

• Grassland Details

- All animals housed on Monday 9th November due to ground conditions
- Average farm cover 650 kg DM/Ha
- Target was 66% closed by 1st November and 100% closed by 1st December
- Soil samples will be taken at the end of December

Housing Details

- Finishing heifers housed on straw and getting 6kg concentrates and ad-lib first cut 78DMD silage
- Finishing steers housed on slats and getting 7kg concentrates and ad-lib first cut silage
- Male weanlings housed on slats and getting 2kg concentrates and ad-lib first cut silage
- Female weanlings housed on slats and getting 1.5kg concentrates and ad-lib first cut silage
- Cows housed on slats and receiving ad-lib first cut silage for first 2-3 weeks and will be changed to lesser quality second cut silage depending on condition score
- Remaining cull cows receiving 7kg concentrates and ad-lib first cut silage

• Key recommendations

- Monitor weanlings closely for any signs of pneumonia in sheds
- Finishing cattle to be clipped this week (backs and tails)
- Meeting about water supply to paddocks and upgrading required
- Three cows to be foot trimmed this week
- Draft of finishing cattle to take place on Tuesday 8th December