

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 08/06/2015

General Details

- No major issues to report
- Silage cut on Wednesday 3rd June
- Slurry and fertiliser will go out for 2nd cut this week
- 2nd batch of U16 month bulls due to be killed on week beginning Monday 22nd June
- **Grassland Details**
 - Average growth this week 82kg/DM/day
 - Average farm demand 58kg/DM/day
 - Average farm cover 814kg DM/Ha
 - Stocking rate: 2897 kg/Ha
 - 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)
 - 4 paddocks reseeded on Thursday 4th June with a min till machine, these paddocks were grazed off bare last week. They received slurry prior to spraying off, 3 bags granlime/acre and slug pellets
 - More paddocks need to come out this week as some pre grazing covers pushing over 2000kgs. Taking out 6 paddocks to correct the wedge (see wedge)

Breeding Details

- Breeding period is 7th May- 17th July
- 62 cows synchronized
- First 60 day scan due on 7th July
- AA and CH bulls now running with cows
- Charolais and Angus bulls will be switched this week to avoid any fertility problems
- 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

- Paddocks 113,153,154,169,171,185 to be mowed on Tuesday 9th and baled on Thursday 11th June
- Slurry to be finished on all silage paddocks today Monday 8th June (2000 gallons/acre)
- All silage paddocks to receive 2.5 bags CAN/acre this Friday 12th June
- Paddocks 155,156,158,151,152,114,131,132 to get 1 bag/acre 27.5 units CAN/acre on Monday 8th
- Paddocks 113,153,154,169,171,185 to get 1 bag/27.5 CAN /acre once silage is cut
- Sheds continue to be power washed and disinfected
- Fences in paddocks 119,120,121,122 to be re-erected once silage is cut
- Docks in poaching fields(177,178,179,180) to be sprayed
- Some cows that are lame to be foot trimmed this week
- Weeds along roadways continue to be sprayed with Roundup