

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 09/05/2016

General Details

- Calving started on Sunday 14th Feb with 90 cows calved by Sunday 24th April and 85 live calves
- Currently 86 cows and at grass with 85 calves
- Currently 6 groups of cattle at grass, 2 groups breeding cows, 1 group of cull cows, a group beef heifers, 1 group steers, 1 group replacement heifers

Grassland Details

- Soil temperatures currently 13 degrees
- Average growth of 68 kg/DM/Ha/day
- Farm demand is 46 kg/DM/Ha/day
- Average farm cover on 09/05/2015 was 1030 kg/DM/Ha.
- Average stocking rate on grazing block 2300kg/Ha
- Average stocking rate: 3.56 L.U/Ha
- With strong growth decision taken to mow 8 paddocks with covers in excess of 1700kg/dm/ha
- These paddocks will be mowed on Monday and baled on Thursday

Breeding Details

- Teaser bulls turned out with cows on Friday 29th April
- Cows tailpainted on Monday 18th and will be topped up regularly
- Breeding in 27 heifers commenced on Friday 29th April (6/27 bred on Tuesday 10th May)
 - Easy calving AA and LM bulls are being used on heifers
- Breeding in 73 cows commenced on Tuesday 3rd May (21/73 bred on Tuesday 10th May)
 - High Replacement Index LM and AA bulls are being used on the mature cows
- Cows in heat in am/AI pm and cows in heat pm/AI am following day

Key recommendations

- Heat check cows and heifers 5 times daily at 20 mins each time
- Slatted sheds and calving pens being power washed this week
- Top up tail paint every time cows are in yard and top up chin ball harness paint
- Cows to continue magnesium supplementation through water system
- Reseeding plots marked out and sprayed on Monday 9th May

