

# Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 11/04/2016

## General Details

- Ground conditions poor but forecast is good and growth has increased in the past 7 days
- Calving started on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb with 88 cows calved by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April and 83 live calves and 2 cows left to calve
- Currently 62 cows and calves at grass
- Plan is to turn all stock back out on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April
- Herd is currently being TB Tested
- Pre breeding scan taking place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April

## Grassland Details

- Soil temperatures currently 9.3 degrees
- Average growth of 28 kg/DM/
- Average farm cover on 05/04/2015 was 983 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
- Plan to spread slurry on silage fields on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. 2000 gallons/acre via trailing shoe
- Currently 62 cows and calves out grazing

## Housing Details

- Weanling bulls(U16) are currently on ad-lib ration
- 2 pre calving cows over receiving silage and straw TMR
- Re housed weanling steers and heifers being fed ad-lib silage

## Key recommendations

- 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
- Spread slurry on paddocks 159,160,161,162,163,164,165, 139-146
- Spread 3 bags/acre CAN 27.5 N on all silage fields on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- Spread 1 bag/acre Muriate of Potash on all silage fields on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April
- Spread 30 units UREA/acre on all grazing paddocks in Derrypatrick next week

