

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 11/08/2015

General Details

- 4 paddocks 115-118 (3.6Ha) being reseeded on Wednesday 12th with 14kg/acre Aberchoice (D)
- Steers gaining 1.53 kg/day since 18th May (Average weight: 563kg)
- Heifers gaining 1.27 kg/day since 18th May (Average weight: 504kg)
- Calves gaining 1.2kg/day since birth (Average weight: 226kg)
- Average cow weight on 30th July was 704kg
- **Grassland Details**
 - Average growth this week 80kg/DM/day
 - Average farm demand 47kg/DM/day
 - Average farm cover 706kg DM/Ha
 - Stocking rate: 2370 kg/Ha
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 - 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)
 - Paddocks 115-118 (3.6Ha) reseeded this week
 - Grass growth has risen a lot in week with warm and damp conditions
 - Demand has dropped significantly with 2nd cut back in being measured
 - While there are some heavy covers they are good quality and will be grazed by cows. Rather than take them out we may opt to spray off another 4 paddocks for reseeding
 - No fertiliser spread this week

Breeding Details

- Breeding period is 7th May- 17th July
- 61 cows synchronized (31 cows held to first service)
- Scanned last week and 83% in calf for first six weeks of calving 2016
- Next scan to take place in early 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
- Bulls (AA and LM) turned out with maiden heifers

Key recommendations

- Sheds continue to be power washed and disinfected
- Weeds along roadways continue to be sprayed with Roundup
- Faecal sampling to take place in 2 weeks
- Paddocks 127-130 to be sprayed off at the end of this week with Roundup for reseeding
- Paddocks 147 -150 to be over-sowed with chieftain clover at 4kgs/acre when grazed this week