

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 13/04/2015

Calving Details

- Cows started calving 26th January
- 99 cows calved (94 live calves; mortality: 6.0%)
 - 2 born without back passage
 - 2 born dead (1 abortion)
 - 1 dead at 10 days old (twin)
 - 1 put down at 6 weeks with nerve damage
- 3 C sections and 1 veterinary assist (malpresentation)
- 4 cows left to calve
- 3 incidences of cryptosporidium in last week, last 4 cows to be turned outdoors to paddock to calve

Grassland Details

- Average growth this week 48kg/DM/day
- Average farm demand 45kg/DM/day
- Average farm cover 658kg DM/Ha
- Stocking rate: 2230 kg/Ha
- Ground conditions are improving well
- 7 groups of Stock currently grazing
 - Currently 85 cows and calves at grass
 - 73 weanlings (49 heifers and 24 steers)
 - 28 breeding heifers
- High Mag licks currently with cows
- 46 units N has been spread on grazing paddocks
- 92 units N spread on silage fields (20 Ha)

Breeding Details

- Cows tail painted and Body condition scored on Tuesday 14th April
- All cows received 2 mineral boluses on Tuesday 14th April
- Cull cows picked out this week for culling based on past performance, poor udders, poor feet, poor calves, docility etc
- 65 cows being kept for 2015 breeding + 28 additional maiden heifers
- Bulls fertility tested and Charolais bull has only 60% motility and will be tested again

Key recommendations

- Cows to receive BVD and Lepto vaccine this week
- Next batch of calves to get Bovipast and Tribovax 10
- Docks to be sprayed in 152,153,154,155,144,145,146
- Chickweed to be sprayed in 156,157,158,159
- Drinkers in paddocks to be cleaned out and limed
- Fertiliser to be finished on 2 paddocks for silage
- All calves to get Vecoxan any sick calves to be treated with Primidoxine