

# Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 18/04/2016

## General Details

- Calving started on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb with 89 cows calved by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April and 84 live calves and 1 cow left to calve
- Currently 74 cows and calves at grass
- All weanlings turned back out on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April

## Grassland Details

- Soil temperatures currently 8.7 degrees
- Average growth of 39 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
- Spread 1/2 bag UREA (30 units) across 80% of farm on 18/04/15
- Spread slurry on silage fields on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. 2000 gallons/acre via trailing shoe
- Currently 74 cows and calves out grazing

## Breeding Details

- Three teaser bulls purchased to aid in heat detection (fitted with chin ball harness)
- Cows tailpainted on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and will be topped up regularly
- Cows being heat checked and heats recorded in advance of start of breeding
- 10 cows blood sampled for mineral analysis this week pre breeding
- Heifers will start AI on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April
- Cows will start AI on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May
- Cows scanned last week for pre breeding scan and 3/58 cows required wash out

## Key recommendations

- 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

