

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 19/10/2015

General Details

- Steers gaining 1.58 kg/day since 18th May (Average weight: 610kg on 27/08/2015)
- Late Maturing Heifers gaining 1.23 kg/day since 18th May (Average weight: 522kg on 27/08/2015)
- Early Maturing Heifers gaining 1.23 kg/day since 18th May (Average weight: 553kg on 27/08/2015)
- Male Calves gaining 1.26kg/day since birth (Average weight: 307kg on 27/09/2015)
- Female Calves gaining 1.12kg/day since birth (Average weight: 279kg on 27/09/2015)
- Replacement heifers weight was 512kg on 26/08/2015
- Average cow weight on 26th August was 735kg
- Bull calves castrated on Wednesday 30th September
- All weaning completed on Friday 16th October

Animal type	Weight						
(kg)	Confirmation	Fat	Carcass	Kill out %	Euro/kg	Value	
(€)							
Cull cows (20)	805	R=	4-	430	53.4	3.79	1633
AA bulls (10)	665	R+	3=	380	57.2	4.35	1655
CH bulls (13)	664	U-	3-	395	59.5	4.41	1741
AA steers (7)	644	R=	3+	360	55.9	4.17	1501
AA heifers (20)	569	R-	4-	309	54.2	4.20	1296
AA=Aberdeen Angus; CH=Charolais							

Grassland Details

- Average growth last week 21kg/DM/day
- Average farm demand 43kg/DM/day
- Average farm cover 896 kg DM/Ha
- Stocking rate: 2.137 kg/Ha
- Stocking Rate: 2.54 L.U./Ha

Breeding Details

- Breeding period is 7th May- 17th July
- 61 cows synchronized (31 cows held to first service)
- Scanning rate was 83% in calf for first six weeks of calving 2016
- AI Sires used on the main herd were **CH**: FSZ,FWO, **AA**: FPI,ZFL
- Heifers are being inseminated to **AA**: RGZ and **LM**: EBY
- Scanning completed, 2 cows not in calf out of 74 and 2 heifers not in calf out of 28
- 96% in calf rate after 11 weeks breeding

Key recommendations

- Weigh late maturing heifers and early maturing seers to draft for slaughter
- Cattle for slaughter off grass to be fed 5kgs/head/day
- Reseed to be grazed this week with weanlings