

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 20/04/2015

Calving Details

- 100 cows calved (95 live calves; mortality: 5.0%)
 - 2 born without back passage
 - 2 born dead (1 abortion)
 - 1 dead at 10 days old (twin)
 - 1 euthanized at 6 weeks with nerve damage
- 3 C sections and 1 veterinary assist (malpresentation)
- 3 cows left to calve
- 3 incidences of cryptosporidium , last 4 cows to be turned outdoors to paddock to calve
- All calves got vecoxan for coccidiosis on Wednesday 15th April

Grassland Details

- Average growth this week 41kg/DM/day
- Average farm demand 46kg/DM/day
- Average farm cover 574kg DM/Ha
- Stocking rate: 2303 kg/Ha
- 7 groups of Stock currently grazing
 - Currently 90 cows and calves at grass
 - 73 weanlings (49 heifers and 24 steers)
 - 28 breeding heifers
- High Mag licks currently with cows
- 60 units N has been spread on grazing paddocks
- 92 units N spread on silage fields (20 Ha)
- Silage fields being rolled this week

Breeding Details

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

Key recommendations

- Cows to receive BVD and Lepto vaccine on Friday 24th April
- Next batch of calves to get Bovipast on Friday 24th April
- Chickweed to be sprayed in 163,164,165,166
- Drinkers in paddocks to be cleaned out and limed
- Fertiliser spread on remaining paddocks this week (30 units N /acre)
- Slurry to be applied with trailing shoe to paddocks
127,130,131,134,119,120,121,122,167,173,171,170,112 and 114