

## Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 22/02/2016

### General Details

- All 2014 progeny now slaughtered (see details below)
- Calving started on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb with 26 cows calved by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 23 cows calved unassisted
- As calving unit becomes full cows and calves are moving back to slatted creep areas

		Kill Date	Age (Days)	Weight	Confirmation	Fat	Carcass	kill out %	Euro/kg	Value
AA Steers		09/10/2015	585.08	648.77	7.69	9.46	360.63	55.59	4.15	1495.32
CH-LM Steers		19/12/2015	663.00	667.64	8.45	8.09	383.13	57.43	4.05	1552.73
AA Heifers		25/09/2015	570.41	573.86	7.82	10.64	311.28	54.22	4.19	1302.08
CH-LM Heifers		23/11/2015	627.04	595.60	8.60	8.48	338.88	56.95	4.24	1438.04
AA U16 Bulls		07/06/2015	465.00	664.62	9.38	8.85	379.99	57.16	4.35	1655.01
CH-LM U16 Bulls		05/06/2015	469.80	664.20	10.30	7.20	394.84	59.49	4.41	1740.77

### Grassland Details

- Soil temperatures currently 5 degrees
- Slurry tanks becoming full, with heavy covers we will have problems identifying paddocks for slurry, we will spread minimum until we get some covers grazed
- Average farm cover on 11/02/2015 was 870kg/DM/Ha.
- Soil samples taken 3 weeks ago and expecting results soon
- Will spread ½ bag UREA (23 units) across 40% of farm by end of this week
- Hope to get weanling heifers out grazing by end of this week
- Aim to get 40% of farm grazed by 20<sup>th</sup> March

### Housing Details

- All steers and heifers stopped concentrates on 01/02/15
- Weanling bulls(U16) are currently on ad-lib ration
- Cows housed on slats and cows over BCS 3 receiving 32kgs silage and 3kg straw
- Cattle weights on 27/01/2015

	Steers	Heifers	U16 Bulls
ADG since 7/12/15	.64	.71	1.21
27/01/2016	405kg	363kg	448kg

### Key recommendations

- Spread ½ bag UREA across 40% of farm this week
- Clean out calving pens this week
- Preparations for Farm walk next week on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 11am-12.30pm
- Installing new water system due to be finished this week
- U16 bulls to be foot-bathed with copper sulphate this week
- Dry cow minerals continue to be fed at a rate of 100 grams/head/day