

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 22/09/2015

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 1.24kg/day since birth (Average weight: 276kg on 26/08/2015)
- Female Calves gaining 1.09kg/day since birth (Average weight: 242kg on 26/08/2015)
- Replacement heifers weight was 512kg on 26/08/2015
- Average cow weight on 26th August was 735kg
- 6 AA heifers slaughtered at 313kg carcass at €1321 on Tuesday 8th September
- 4 AA steers slaughtered at 346kg at €1452 on Tuesday 8th September

• Grassland Details

- Average growth this week 63kg/DM/day
- Average farm demand 44kg/DM/day
- Average farm cover 968 kg DM/Ha
- Stocking rate: 2176 kg/Ha
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- 7 groups of Stock currently grazing
 - Currently 95 cows and calves at grass (3 groups)
 - 28 breeding heifers
 - 73 weanlings (49 heifers and 24 steers)
- AFC is building and should build more with more cattle to be slaughtered this week
- Ground conditions have deteriorated after heavy rain on Sunday and Monday (22mm)

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
- Next scan to take place on Friday 4th September
- The herd is split between early maturing sires (AA) and late maturing sires(CH and LM)
- 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

- Bull calves to be weighed on Tuesday 23rd
- Cattle for slaughter off grass to be fed 4kgs/head/day
- Decision to be made next week on housing continental heifers
- 30 cattle drafted for slaughter to be killed on Friday 25th September
 - 14 AA heifers
 - 3 AA Steers
 - 13 Cull Cows