

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 23/05/2016

General Details

- Currently 6 groups of cattle at grass, 2 groups breeding cows, 1 group of cull cows, a group beef heifers, 1 group steers, 1 group replacement heifers
- Bulls to be weighed this week
- First scan of cows booked for 15th June

Grassland Details

- Soil temperatures currently 13 degrees
- Average growth of 105 kg/DM/Ha/day
- Farm demand is 58 kg/DM/Ha/day
- Average farm cover on 23/05/2015 was 936 kg/DM/Ha.
- Average stocking rate on grazing block 2900kg/Ha
- Average stocking rate: 4.72 L.U/Ha
- 6 paddocks to be taken out as bales this week

Breeding Details

- Teaser bulls turned out with cows on Friday 29th April
- Cows tailpainted on Monday 18th and will be topped up regularly
- Breeding in 27 heifers commenced on Friday 29th April (17/27 bred on Thursday 26th May)
 - Easy calving AA and LM bulls are being used on heifers
- Breeding in 73 cows commenced on Tuesday 3rd May (59/73 bred on Thursday 26th May)
 - High Replacement Index LM and AA bulls are being used on the mature cows
- Cows in heat in am/AI pm and cows in heat pm/AI am following day

Key recommendations

- Heat check cows and heifers 5 times daily at 20 mins each time
- Slatted sheds and calving pens being power washed this week
- Top up tail paint every time cows are in yard and top up chin ball harness paint
- Get silage pits ready for silage on Monday 30th May
- Top 3 paddocks with high residuals grazed during wet weekend

