

# Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 26/08/2015

## General Details

- Steers gaining 1.53 kg/day since 18<sup>th</sup> May (Average weight: 563kg on 30/07/2015)
- Heifers gaining 1.27 kg/day since 18<sup>th</sup> May (Average weight: 504kg on 30/07/2015)
- Calves gaining 1.2kg/day since birth (Average weight: 226kg on 30/07/2015)
- Average cow weight on 30<sup>th</sup> July was 704kg
- Last faecal samples were clear and no dosing required
  
- **Grassland Details**
- Average growth this week 52kg/DM/day
- Average farm demand 50kg/DM/day
- Average farm cover 816 kg DM/Ha
- Stocking rate: 2488 kg/Ha
- Stocking Rate: 3.22 L.U./Ha
- 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)
- Demand has dropped significantly with 2<sup>nd</sup> cut back in being measured
- Grazing conditions deteriorated with 28mm of rain falling on Sunday last. Grazing out to 4cm proving more difficult this week
- Average farm cover is 816kg and is building slowly

## Breeding Details

- Breeding period is 7<sup>th</sup> May- 17<sup>th</sup> July
- 61 cows synchronized (31 cows held to first service)
- Scanned last week and 83% in calf for first six weeks of calving 2016
- Next scan to take place in early 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

## Key recommendations

- Faecal sampling to take place next week
- Paddocks 147 -150 to be over-sowed with chieftain clover at 4kgs/acre last week
- Weighing of all stock to take place on Wednesday and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August
- Reseeding paddocks 127,128,129,130 will take place next Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, All paddocks to be sown with Aberchoice at 14kgs/acre
- Decision will be made after weighing on feeding cattle concentrates for slaughter off grass
- Last round of fertiliser will be spread next week at 27.5 units /acre