

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 25/01/2016

General Details

- All 2014 progeny now slaughtered (see details below)
- First cows due to calve 14th February
- First cows to calve received Scour vaccine 2 weeks ago and all cows also received IBR vaccine
- Calving pens all washed last week in preparation for calving
- No results back from abortion incidence

		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

**Confirmation and fat scores are based on a 1-15 scale(E.g. 9=R+ or 3+)*

• Grassland Details

- Soil temperatures currently 8 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
- May look at some on-off grazing from mid-Feb to get covers grazed off if ground conditions allow
- Average farm cover on 7/12/2015 was 1197kg/DM/Ha. This a little too heavy and we will struggle to get land for slurry.
- Soil samples taken 3 weeks ago and expecting results next week

Housing Details

- Weanling steers housed on slats and getting 2kg concentrates and ad-lib first cut silage
- Weanling bulls(U16) are currently on ad-lib ration
- Female weanlings housed on slats and getting 1.5kg concentrates and ad-lib first cut silage
- Cows housed on slats and cows over BCS 3 receiving 32kgs silage and 3kg straw with remainder on baled silage

• Key recommendations

- Monitor weanlings closely for any signs of pneumonia in sheds
- Installing new water system due to proceed next week
- U16 bulls to be foot-bathed with copper sulphate this week
- Concentrate feeding to weanling steers and heifers to cease next week
- Prepare calving materials (lube,gloves etc) in preparation for calving
- Dry cow minerals continue to be fed at a rate of 100 grams/head/day