

# Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 25/05/2015

## General Details

- Calving period was 26<sup>th</sup> Jan-29<sup>th</sup> April (13.5 weeks)
- No major issues to report, 1 calf with chill treated with antibiotics
- Ground conditions greatly improved and grass growth has improved
  
- **Grassland Details**
- Average growth this week 64kg/DM/day
- Average farm demand 56kg/DM/day
- Average farm cover 893kg DM/Ha
- Stocking rate: 2820 kg/Ha
- A7 groups of Stock currently grazing
  - Currently 95 cows and calves at grass (3 groups)
  - 28 breeding heifers
  - 73 weanlings (49 heifers and 24 steers)
- High Mag licks still with cows
- 3 paddocks to get slurry this week (173,174,175,176)
- One paddock skipped, cover too strong at 2000kgs, will be taken out with silage
- Maintaining pre grazing covers at 1500kgs and achieving good clean outs with dry conditions
- Silage due to be cut next week if weather conditions allow

## Breeding Details

- Breeding period is 7<sup>th</sup> May- 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Cows will be AI'ed to first repeat for 2 days this week and bulls will be turned back out on Saturday. Charolais bull with Group 1 and angus with Group 2
- 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
- Bulls turned out with maiden heifers

## Key recommendations

- Sheds continue to be power washed and disinfected
- Fences in paddocks 119,120,121,122 to be re-erected once silage is cut
- Waiting on weather window to reseed paddocks 147,148,149,150: (3.54 Ha)
- Paddock to be skipped and put in with main crop silage
- Paddocks 173,174,175 and 176 to get slurry this week
- Docks in poaching fields(177,178,179,180) to be sprayed this week
- First of under 16 month bulls reaching 16 months at end of May. Bulls to be slaughtered in 2 batches with first group due for slaughter on 29<sup>th</sup> May. 15 bulls to be killed in first batch
- Calves and yearlings to be faecal sampled this week to determine worm burdens