

# Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 27/04/2015

## Calving Details

- 102 cows calved (97 live calves; mortality: 5.0%)
  - 2 born without back passage (genetic deformity)
  - 2 born dead (1 abortion)
  - 1 dead at 10 days old (twin)
  - 1 euthanized at 6 weeks with nerve damage
- 3 C sections and 1 veterinary assist (malpresentation)
- 1 cow left to calve
- All calves got vecoxxan for coccidiosis on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

## Grassland Details

- Average growth this week 57kg/DM/day
- Average farm demand 48kg/DM/day
- Average farm cover 695kg DM/Ha
- Stocking rate: 2419 kg/Ha/3.53L.U/Ha
- Utilisation very good, grazing to 3.5-4cm
- 7 groups of Stock currently grazing
  - Currently 90 cows and calves at grass
  - 73 weanlings (49 heifers and 24 steers)
  - 28 breeding heifers
- High Mag licks currently with cows
- 60 units N has been spread on grazing paddocks
- 92 units N spread on silage fields (20 Ha)
- Silage fields rolled last week
- Some damaged paddocks also being rolled
- 14 grazed paddocks that are deficient in P and K received 2000 gallons/acre slurry this week
- Chickweed sprayed in 163,164,165,166 with Allistell

## Breeding Details

- Cows tail painted and Body condition scored
- All cows received 2 mineral boluses
- Cull cows picked out for culling based on past performance, poor udders, poor feet, poor calves,
- 65 cows being kept for 2015 breeding + 28 additional maiden heifers
- 62 cows got CIDRs on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April to start synchronisation programme
- Charolais bull fertility tested again and has excellent motility
- AI bulls (50% Charolais and 50% Angus) will be finalised for herd on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

## Key recommendations

- Maiden heifers that have cycled will be synchronisation programme on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May (2cc estrumate), lighter heifers will be left for 2 weeks to start programme
- Drinkers in paddocks to be cleaned out and limed
- 27.5 units CAN to be spread on 5 grazed paddocks this week (27.5 units N /acre)
- Weighing of cows and calves to take place next week