

# Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 31/05/2016

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> June

## Grassland Details

- Soil temperatures currently 13 degrees
- Average growth of 79 kg/DM/Ha/day
- Farm demand is 68 kg/DM/Ha/day
- Average farm cover on 31/05/2015 was 917 kg/DM/Ha.
- Average stocking rate on grazing block 3400kg/Ha
- Average stocking rate: 5.51 L.U/Ha
- 7 paddocks to be taken out as bales this week

## Breeding Details

- Teaser bulls turned out with cows on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April
- Cows tailpainted on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and will be topped up regularly
- Breeding in 27 heifers commenced on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April (20/27 bred on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June)
  - Easy calving AA and LM bulls are being used on heifers
- Breeding in 73 cows commenced on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (65/73 bred on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June)
  - 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
- First batch of Under 16 bulls to be killed on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- Keep close eye on pre grazing covers as average farm cover is still above target

