

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 13/06/2016

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
- 11 under 16 month bulls slaughtered on 3/6/16, average 386kg carcass and graded R+ 3=
- Average kill out for young bulls was 57.8%
- First scan of cows booked for 15th June
- 2nd half of first cut silage was cut on Wed 8th and picked up on Thursday 9th
- This silage will be fed to in-calf cows over the winter period

Grassland Details

- Soil temperatures currently 16 degrees
- Average growth of 56 kg/DM/Ha/day
- Farm demand is 55 kg/DM/Ha/day
- Average farm cover on 31/05/2015 was 793 kg/DM/Ha.
- Average stocking rate on grazing block 3000kg/Ha
- Average stocking rate: 4.47 L.U/Ha
- 9 paddocks to be taken out this week and baled to ensure pre grazing covers remain at 1500kg/ha.

Breeding Details

- Teaser bulls turned out with cows on Friday 29th April
- Cows continue to be tail painted regularly
- Breeding of 27 heifers commenced on Friday 29th April (24/27 bred up to 13th June)
 - Easy calving AA and LM bulls are being used on heifers
- Breeding in 73 cows commenced on Tuesday 3rd May (71/73 bred up to 13th 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
- Keep close eye on pre grazing covers as average farm cover is still above target
- Paddocks receiving 1 bag CAN/acre after grazing.

