

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 20/06/2016

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
- Cows pregnancy scanned on 15th June
- Grass growth has been excellent following recent rainfall

Grassland Details

- Soil temperatures currently 16 degrees
- Average growth of 90 kg/DM/Ha/day
- Farm demand is 52 kg/DM/Ha/day
- Average farm cover on 21/06/2015 was 682kg/DM/Ha.
- Average stocking rate on grazing block 2621kg/Ha
- Average stocking rate: 4.25 L.U/Ha
- 6 paddocks to be taken out this week and put in along with 2nd half of first cut silage

Breeding Details

- Teaser bulls turned out with cows on Friday 29th April
- Breeding in 27 heifers commenced on Friday 29th April (25/27 bred on Thursday 9th June)
 - Easy calving AA and LM bulls are being used on heifers
- Breeding in 73 cows commenced on Tuesday 3rd May (71/73 bred on 15th June)
 - High Replacement Index LM and AA bulls are being used on the mature cows
- 2 cows not bred were scanned, both had cysts and have had CIDR's inserted
- Of the 2 heifers not bred, one was pre pubertal and the other has had a missed/silent heat.
- 23 of first 30 cows bred were scanned in-calf (77% conception rate)
- 6 of the first 8 heifers bred were scanned in-calf (75% conception rate)

Key recommendations

- Heat check cows and heifers 5 times daily at 20 mins each time
- 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
- All stock to be weighed next week
- Further 8 Under 16 month bulls to be slaughtered on 22/6/16

