

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 20/07/2015

General Details

- No major issues to report
- Growth just under demand
- Reseed progressing well and will be grazed this week
- Faecal samples from all groups came back clear and we will sample again in 2 weeks
- Paddocks 115-118 (3.6Ha) to be sprayed off this week with roundup weather permitting and planned to reseed first week of August with one pass system

• Grassland Details

- Average growth this week 51kg/DM/day
- Average farm demand 60kg/DM/day
- Average farm cover 575kg DM/Ha
- Stocking rate: 3018 kg/Ha
- 7 groups of Stock currently grazing
 - Currently 95 cows and calves at grass (3 groups)
 - 28 breeding heifers
 - 73 weanlings (49 heifers and 24 steers)
- Grass growth expected to increase after rain and fertiliser spread
- Wedge a little deficient for next 5-7 days but should be ok after this
- Pre-grazing covers being maintained at 1200kg
- 2nd cut silage will be planned to be cut last week July/first week August
- Paddocks 115-118 (3.6Ha) to be sprayed off this week with roundup weather permitting and planned to reseed first week of August with one pass system
- Paddocks 157,169 to be sprayed this week with Forefront

Breeding Details

- Breeding period is 7th May- 17th July
- Bulls removed from cows on Friday 17th July after 11 weeks breeding
- 61 cows synchronized (31 cows held to first service)
- Scanning taking place on Wednesday 22nd July
- 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 (AA and LM) turned out with maiden heifers

Key recommendations

- Sheds continue to be power washed and disinfected
- Weeds along roadways continue to be sprayed with Roundup
- Reseed to be sprayed this week
- Foot paring of lame cows to take place this Thursday 23rd
- Weighing to take place next week
- Scanning to take place on Wednesday 22nd July