

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 27/06/2016

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
- 8 under 16 month bulls slaughtered on 22/6/16, average 391kg carcass and graded U- 2+
- Average kill out for young bulls was 60.3%
- All stock weighed last week Male calves are gaining 1.27kg/day and Heifer calves are gaining 1.14kg/day
- Steers are gaining 1kg/day and heifers are gaining 1.1kg/day since turnout.
- Grass growth and quality remains excellent

Grassland Details

- Soil temperatures currently 14 degrees
- Average growth of 80 kg/DM/Ha/day
- Farm demand is 58 kg/DM/Ha/day
- Average farm cover on 27/06/2015 was 712 kg/DM/Ha.
- Average stocking rate on grazing block 2882kg/Ha
- Average stocking rate: 4.25 L.U/Ha

Breeding Details

- Breeding in 27 heifers commenced on Friday 29th April (26/27 bred on 27th June)
 - Easy calving AA and LM bulls are being used on heifers
- Breeding in 73 cows commenced on Tuesday 3rd May (73/73 bred on Thursday 9th June)
 - High Replacement Index LM and AA bulls are being used on the mature cows
- AI has now finished on the herd, stock bulls have been turned out
- Two cows had CIDR's removed and were served over the weekend.
- Very few repeats are been observed.

Key recommendations

- Keep close eye on pre grazing covers to ensure quality remains excellent
- Cows still been checked regularly to detect any heats

