

# Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 27/07/2015

## General Details

- Growth just under demand
- Reseed is being grazed this week and has grown exceptionally well over the past 10 days
- Faecal samples from all groups came back clear and we will sample again next week
- 4 paddocks 115-118 (3.6Ha) sprayed off this week with roundup and planned to reseed first week of August with one pass system. Dunluce (T), Abergreen (D), Clanrye (D) and Abergain (T)

### • Grassland Details

- Average growth this week 54kg/DM/day
- Average farm demand 58kg/DM/day
- Average farm cover 700kg DM/Ha
- Stocking rate: 2881 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)
- Wedge has recovered from last week's small deficit
- Currently grazing reseeded paddocks. These have covers in excess of 1200kg
- We have grazed two 2<sup>nd</sup> cut silage paddocks (1.9Ha) that had low covers to allow covers on grazing area to hit target of 1200kg pre grazing cover.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> cut silage will be planned to be cut first week August
- Paddocks 115-118 (3.6Ha) sprayed off last week with roundup, will be grazed off this weekend and the plan is to reseed the first week of August with one pass system
- Paddocks 157,169 sprayed last week with Forefront

## Breeding Details

- Breeding period is 7<sup>th</sup> May- 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Bulls removed from cows on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July after 11 weeks breeding
- 61 cows synchronized (31 cows held to first service)
- Scanned this week and 83% in calf for first six weeks of calving 2016
- 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
- Foot paring of lame cows took place last week
- Weighing and Condition scoring to take place this week
- Decision will be made next week after weighing on feeding meal to Angus heifers at grass to be killed shortly