

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 06/07/2015

General Details

- No major issues to report
- Growth has picked up again
- Reseed progressing well
- Calves weighed and performance good with male calves gaining 1.24kg/day and females gaining 1.07 kg/day
- Faecal samples from all groups came back clear and we will sample again in 3 weeks

- **Grassland Details**
- Average growth this week 66kg/DM/day
- Average farm demand 67kg/DM/day
- Average farm cover 710kg DM/Ha
- Stocking rate: 3348 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)
- Topping some paddocks that are not being cleaned out fully
- Grass growth has picked up again
- Paddock 113A and 156 along with 119,120,121 and 122 to be cut on Wednesday and baled Thursday

Breeding Details

- Breeding period is 7th May- 17th July (3 weeks breeding left)
- 61 cows synchronized (31 cows held to first service)
- First 60 day scan due on 7th July
- AA and CH bulls now running with cows
- 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
- Stock bulls will be removed form heifers on Monday 29th June (7 weeks breeding)

Key recommendations

- Sheds continue to be power washed and disinfected
- Topping to continue on grazed paddocks
- Weeds along roadways continue to be sprayed with Roundup
- Reseed to be sprayed next week