

# Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 13/07/2015

## General Details

- No major issues to report
- Growth just under demand
- Reseed progressing well
- Faecal samples from all groups came back clear and we will sample again in 3 weeks
- **Grassland Details**
  - Average growth this week 53kg/DM/day
  - Average farm demand 57kg/DM/day
  - Average farm cover 520kg DM/Ha
  - Stocking rate: 2846 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 expected to increase after rain and fertiliser spread
  - 27.5 units Nitrogen/acre being spread on grazed paddocks and mowed paddocks this week
  - 62 bales made last week off strong paddocks
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> cut silage will be planned to be cut last week July/first week August
  - Decision to be made next week on spraying off Paddocks 115,116,117 and 118 for reseeding

## Breeding Details

- Breeding period is 7<sup>th</sup> May- 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Bulls being removed from the herd on Friday 17th
- 61 cows synchronized (31 cows held to first service)
- Scanning taking place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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 this week with High load Miracam (.75litre/Ha/200 litres water)
- Foot paring of lame cows to take place this week