

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 15/06/2015

General Details

- No major issues to report
- Growth has eased with very dry conditions and very little rain forecast
- One calf brought in today Monday with slight bloat for veterinary treatment
- 2nd batch of U16 month bulls due to be killed on week beginning Monday 22nd June
- **Grassland Details**
 - Average growth this week 70kg/DM/day
 - Average farm demand 58kg/DM/day
 - Average farm cover 788kg DM/Ha
 - Stocking rate: 2990 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)
 - 4 paddocks reseeded on Thursday 4th June with a min till machine, these paddocks were grazed off bare last week. They received slurry prior to spraying off, 3 bags granlime/acre and slug pellets
 - Grass growth has dropped back, need rain especially on the reseeded paddocks
 - Some paddocks that may have needed topping won't be topped as conditions are too dry and regrowths would be delayed by topping

Breeding Details

- Breeding period is 7th May- 17th July
- 61 cows synchronized
- First 60 day scan due on 7th July
- AA and CH bulls now running with cows
- Charolais and Angus bulls will be switched this week to avoid any fertility problems
- 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

- Fertiliser and slurry to be finished on silage paddocks this week
- Sheds continue to be power washed and disinfected
- Fences in paddocks 119,120,121,122 to be re-erected once silage is cut
- Some cows that are lame to be foot trimmed this week
- Weeds along roadways continue to be sprayed with Roundup
- Remainder of U16 month bulls to be slaughtered on Tuesday 23rd June
- Cull cows also to be slaughtered on Tuesday 23rd June