

# Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 22/06/2015

## 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
- 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of U16 month bulls are being killed tomorrow Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- 6 cull cows to be killed along with bulls on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

### • Grassland Details

- Average growth this week 95kg/DM/day
- Average farm demand 59kg/DM/day
- Average farm cover 989kg DM/Ha
- Stocking rate: 3047 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
- Pre grazing covers getting a little strong at 1700kg
- Grass growth has dropped back, need rain especially on the reseeded paddocks

## Breeding Details

- Breeding period is 7<sup>th</sup> May- 17<sup>th</sup> July
- 61 cows synchronized (31 cows held to first service)
- First 60 day scan due on 7<sup>th</sup> 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
- Paddock 172 too strong and will be mowed and baled this week
- Weeds along roadways continue to be sprayed with Roundup
- Remainder of U16 month bulls to be slaughtered on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- Cull cows also to be slaughtered on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June