

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 29/06/2015

General Details

- No major issues to report
- Growth has eased with very dry conditions and very little rain forecast
- One cow with slight hurt from bull mounting
- Growth has dropped off with dry conditions
- Reseed has struck but needs rain
- **Grassland Details**
 - Average growth this week 43kg/DM/day
 - Average farm demand 67kg/DM/day
 - Average farm cover 821kg DM/Ha
 - Stocking rate: 3343 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 dropped back, need rain especially on the reseeded paddocks
 - 2 more paddocks that have got strong are being taken out for silage next week
 - Last of strong paddocks will be finished on Wednesday

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

- Fertiliser to be spread on 128,129,130,118,186,184,182,181,172,171,168,167,173,176,180
- Sheds continue to be power washed and disinfected
- Topping to continue on grazed paddocks
- Weeds along roadways continue to be sprayed with Roundup
- All stock to be weighed this week in Derrypatrick
- Calves and yearlings to be faecal sampled for worm burdens this week