

Derrypatrick Farm Notes Week beginning 04/05/2015

Calving Details

- 103 cows calved (98 live calves; mortality @ birth: 1.9% mortality @ 28 days: 4.9%)
- 3 C sections and 1 veterinary assist (mal-presentation)
- All cows calved, last cow calved 29th April
- Calving period was 26th Jan-29th April (13.5 weeks)

Grassland Details

- Average growth this week 45kg/DM/day
- Average farm demand 48kg/DM/day
- Average farm cover 602kg DM/Ha
- Stocking rate: 2419 kg/Ha
- Ground conditions very difficult, water lying on many paddocks and utilisation deteriorating
- With poor weather forecast we will stand cows off paddocks on roadways for a few hours each day until weather improves to prevent poaching
- 7 groups of Stock currently grazing
 - Currently 94 cows and calves at grass (3 groups)
 - 73 weanlings (49 heifers(2 groups) and 24 steers)
 - 28 breeding heifers
- High Mag licks currently with cows
- 60 units N has been spread on grazing paddocks
- 92 units N spread on silage fields (20 Ha)
- Some paddocks damaged in first rotation rolled last week

Breeding Details

- Cows tail painted and Body condition scored
- All cows received 2 mineral boluses
- Cull cows picked out for culling based on past performance, poor udders, poor feet, poor calves,
- 65 cows being kept for 2015 breeding + 28 additional maiden heifers
- CIDR's being removed from cows on Tuesday 5th May
- AI Sires being used on the main herd are **CH**: FSZ,FWO, **AA**: FPI,ZFL
- Heifers are being inseminated to **AA**: RGZ and **LM**: EBY

Key recommendations

- House group of cull cows and calves
- Stand-off cows and calves off paddocks on roadways for a few hours each day
- 62 cows due for AI on Friday 8th May
- Cows and calves to be weighed on Tuesday 5th May
- Move cattle on quicker to avoid damage to paddocks this week
- Weigh Under 16 months bulls on Wednesday 6th May