

Teagasc Johnstown Castle
Teagasc/ABP Dairy Beef Research Programme

Update: 23-10-2018

Animal Performance:

Older cattle

- The heifers were weighed today on the 18th Oct and Body Condition Scored.
- The heifers averaged 471 kg. Of the 106 heifers, 22 had a BCS of 3.6/3.7, 13 of which were from the low stocking density group.
- The 22 heifers were killed on the 22nd Oct (8 AA, 13 HE and 1LM) and averaged 258 kg CW, with an O= conformation and 3+ fat score.
- The heifers are being fed 7kg conc./head /day. The remainder of the heifers, along with the steers, will be housed in the next number of days.

	Heifer LW	ADG second season
High	459	0.85
Medium	459	0.84
Low	494	1.01

Calves

- The calves are being supplemented with 2.4kg conc./head/day.
- The calves were weighed and dosed on the 16th October and averaged 223 kg.
- The calves will be kept out for as long as conditions and grass allows.

	Live weight	ADG second season
High	223	0.81
Medium	224	0.81
Low	222	0.80

Grass Management:

- Grass growth for last week averaged 19 kg DM/ha/day. We are grazing silage after grass with both older cattle and calves.
- Grass DM for the last week has been 15%; pre-grazing yields are very low at ~800 kg DM/ha.

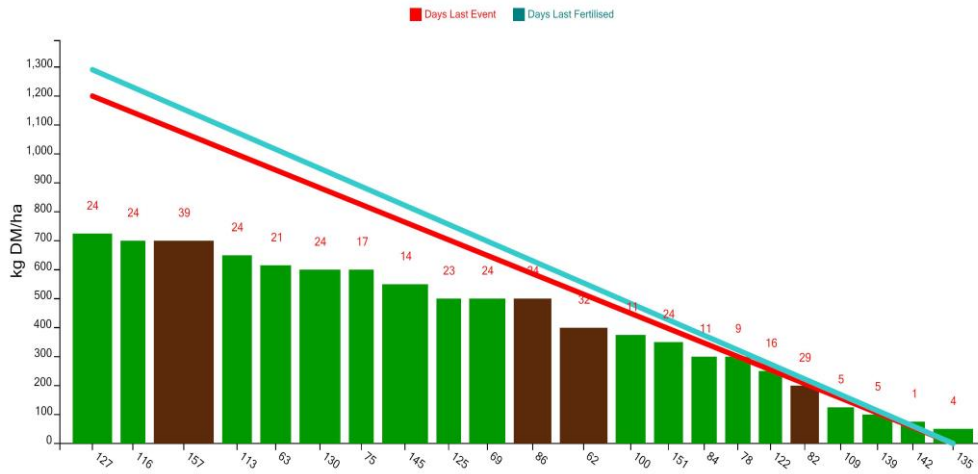
Farm cover 19/10/18

	Growth/ha (kg DM/ha/day)	Demand/ha (kg DM/ha/day)	Farm Cover (kg DM/ha)	LU/ha	Days Ahead
High	22	46	438	3.31	10
Medium	19	42	366	3.02	9
Low	16	35	439	2.51	13

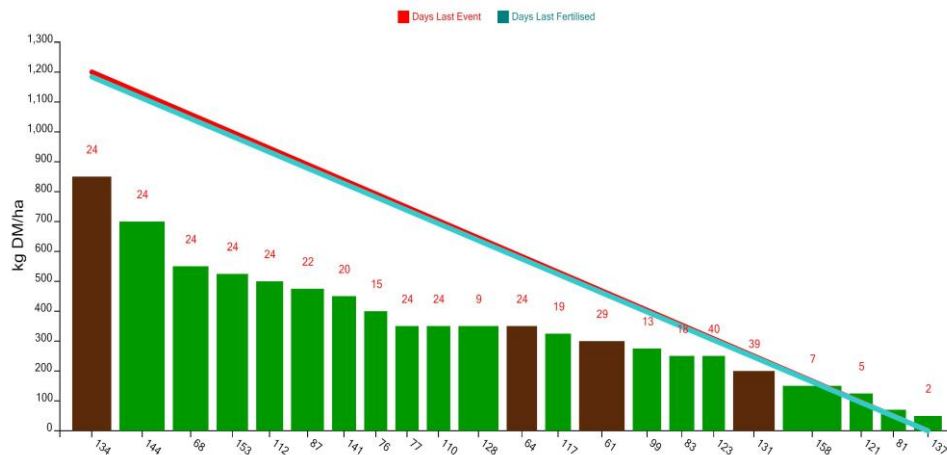
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High stocking density



Medium stocking density



Low stocking density

