

Teagasc Johnstown Castle Teagasc/ABP Dairy Beef Research Programme

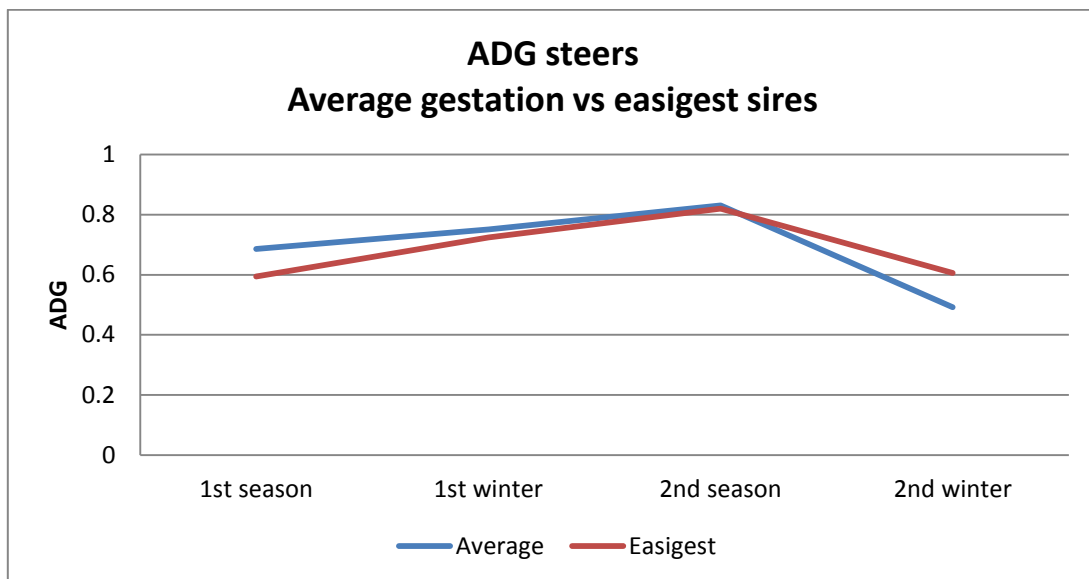
Update: 29-01-2018

Animal Performance: *Older cattle*

- January 2018 has seen 104mm of rainfall in Johnstown castle, which is 50mm greater than January 2017. Conditions will need to greatly pick up if we want an earlier turn out of cattle this spring.
- The steers are being fed ad lib silage and will be turned out to pasture as soon as conditions allow this spring, for finishing off grass in June/July.
- The steers were weighed on the 25th January, averaging 502kg.
- The last of the heifers will be killed this week.

Performance, steers

	Liveweight (kg)	ADG second winter (kg/day)
High	487	0.588
Medium	510	0.607
Low	510	0.404



Animal Performance: *Weanlings*

- Weanlings are on *ad lib* silage with ~2kg concentrate/head/day.
- Weanlings were weighed on the 25/26th January, averaging 264kg.

	Liveweight (kg)	ADG second winter (kg/day)
High	257	0.687
Medium	268	0.734
Low	267	0.773