

Johnstown Castle Winter Milk Herd- Weekly Management Notes

23/11/15

Management Comments

- 90% of the autumn calving herd are now calved. The cows have been in fulltime for approx. 2 weeks now & are well settled in on their winter diet, with a reasonable level of production.
- Our autumn bulling heifers are housed fulltime, we still have both our spring born replacement calves & spring I.C.H. at grass. Spring born calves being supplemented with 1kg beef ration.
- 40% of the spring calving herd were dried last week, leaving only 40% of the spring calvers still milking. We used a combination of dry cow tube & teat sealer on those cows, as their being dried off indoors & risk of infection is high.
- Sires have been selected & ordered for our winter breeding season which will be starting ~15th December – see below for the weighted average of our team of 8 sires.

The following is the output of Sire Advice program for your herd.

	EBI(E)	EBI Sub Index							PTA's							
		Milk (E)	Fert (E)	Calv (E)	Beef (E)	Maint (E)	Mmgt (E)	Hlth (E)	M Kg	F Kg	P Kg	F+P Kg	F %	P %	CI days	SU %
All Cows in Herd	178	55	95	28	-6	0	1	2	147	10.0	8.7	18.7	0.08	0.07	-5.3	2.5
Predicted 2016 Calves	252	87	130	35	-8	4	2	0	175	16.2	12.9	29.1	0.18	0.14	-7.2	3.4
Bulls Weighted Averages	326	119	166	41	-11	9	4	-2	202	22.3	17.2	39.4	0.27	0.20	-9.1	4.4

Winter diet for milkers

	Kgs/DM per cow	Kgs per cow As fed
In Parlour feed	6	7
Maize Silage	4.5	15.5
Grass Silage	8.5	33
Coarse blend	2.2	2.5
Total	21.2	

Milk production and feed details

	Autumn Calving Section	Spring Calving Section
<i>This Week (23/11/15) – cows in milk</i>		
Milk Kg	27.1	15.1
Fat %	4.07	4.53
Protein %	3.34	3.90
Milk Solids kg	2.07	1.26
Parlour concentrate (kgs)	1	2
Forage kg dry matter per cow	14	14
Concentrate in TMR –kgs/dm/cow	9	2
% of Herd Milking	90	40
<i>Lactation to date</i>		
Days in Milk	53	267
Milk kg	1269	6347
Milk Solids kg	104	535
Concentrate Fed	155 parlor & 83kgTMR	598kg parlor & 124kg tmr

Coarse Blend	% as fed
Barley (rolled)	25.00
Beet pulp	25.00
Maize distillers	15.00
Soyabean meal 48% CP	35.00

Parlour Con

- 18 HE
- UFL 0.95+
- PDIE 125+
- 30% Cereal
- + Mins