

Johnstown Castle Winter Milk Herd- Weekly Management Notes

30/11/15

Management Comments

- 92% of the autumn calving herd are now calved. Averaging ~30kgs milk/cow @2.1kgs/MS/cow, estimated intake of 22.8kgs/dm/cow, which is higher than expected.
- All stock have been housed as of Today.
- 40% of the spring calving herd are still milking, these being late Feb/march calving cows, we plan to dry these off ~ 20th December.
- 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						CI days	SU %
		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 %		
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 Autumn for milkers

	Kgs/DM per cow	Kgs per cow As fed
Parlour Nut	6.4	7.3
Maize Silage	4.7	15.0
Grass Silage	9.3	33
Coarse blend	2.4	2.8
Total	22.8	

Milk production and feed details

	Autumn Calving Section	Spring Calving Section
<i>This Week (30/11/15) – cows in milk</i>		
Milk Kg	30.2	18.3
Fat %	3.45	3.80
Protein %	3.46	3.95
Milk Solids kg	2.07	1.42
Parlour concentrate (kgs)/dm/cow	0.8	1.7
Forage kg dry matter per cow	14	14
Concentrate in TMR –kgs/dm/cow	7.9	1.7
% of Herd Milking	92	40
<i>Lactation to date</i>		
Days in Milk	60	267
Milk kg	1378	6347
Milk Solids kg	106	535
Concentrate Fed	150 parlor & 146kgTMR	550kg parlor & 138kg 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