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Lambing commenced on March 4th. With perfect weather conditions, freshly lambed ewes and lambs are spending 24- 36hrs inside in individual penning and are then turned out to grass. At time of writing (March 21st), progress has been good with 85% of the ewes lambed in the first 17 days. Lamb mortality is running at approximately 10% on average. Overall things have gone very smoothly although we have had some cases of joint ill in lambs which we will have to try and establish possible causes. Lamb birth weights are ranging from 5.7kg for singles, 4.9kg for twins and 4.0kg for triplets. Grass growth has responded with growth rates of 15-20kg DM/ha/day being recorded. Grass covers on the first paddocks are between 7-9cm (1000-1500kg DM/ha). Average farm cover at present is in the region of 750kg DM/ha which means we have about 20 days grazing ahead of us at our current average ewe demand of 2.5kg DM/day and average stocking rate of 12 ewes/ha. As a consequence no concentrates are being fed to ewes post turnout.