

Teagasc Johnstown Castle Teagasc/ABP Dairy Beef Research Programme

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Animal Performance:

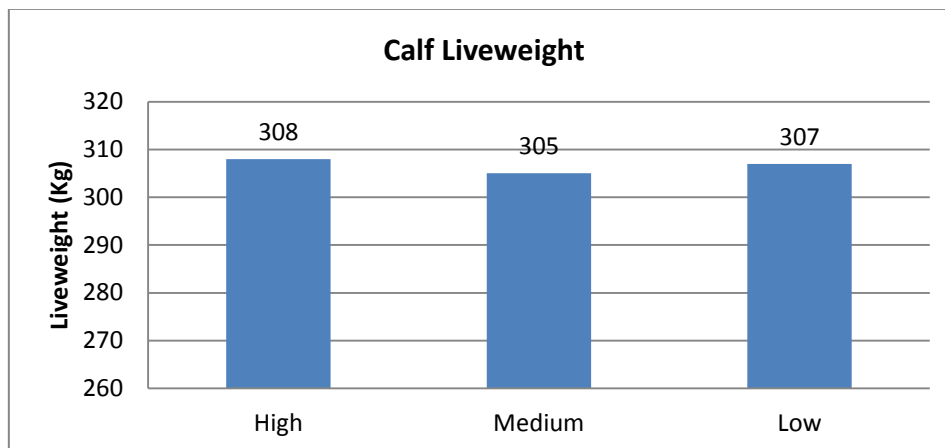
Older cattle

- The final 22 heifers on the farm will be killed on Monday 14th January. These were weighed on the 3rd January and averaged 500 kg.
- The steers were weighed on the 11th January and given Spotinor pour on. They averaged 568 kg. The steers are being fed 28 kg silage and 2 kg silage.

	Live weight (kg)	ADG (kg/day) Second Winter
High	557	0.88
Medium	569	1.05
Low	578	1.02

Calves

- The calves were weighed and given a lice (Spotinor) pour-on on the 9th December.
- Two calves were lame and were treated with penicillin. These were taken off the slats and put on a solid straw bed for a number of days.



Grassland Management:

- There has been a slight change to the experimental ground for 2019, with the exclusion of 3 former experimental paddocks (being used for environmental trial) and the inclusion of 3 other paddocks that had been used for commercial grazing.
- For the coming year, the average stocking rate will remain the same as 2018; 2.65 LU/ha for the low 2.9 LU/ha for the medium and 3.15 LU/ha for the high farmlets.
- Soil sampling of the entire farm will begin next week.