

Teagasc Johnstown Castle
Teagasc/ABP Dairy Beef Research Programme

Update: 20-12-2018

Animal Performance:

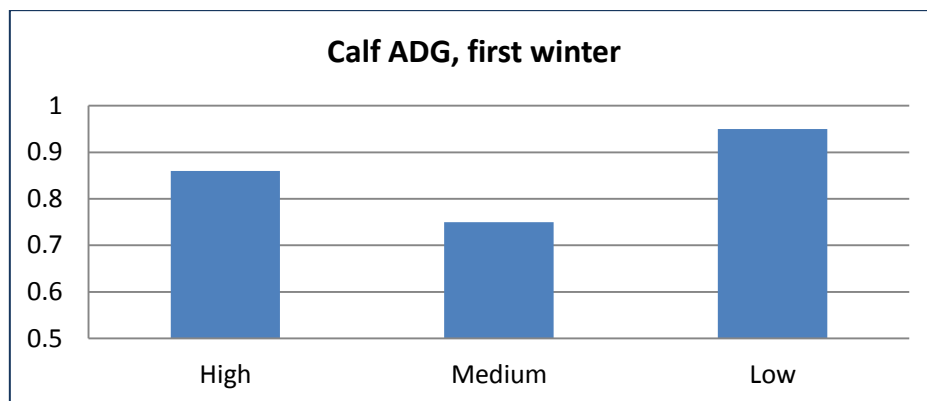
Older cattle

- The final 22 heifers on the farm are booked in to be killed on Monday 14th January; however this will depend on their BCS in January.
- The steers are doing well and remain on a restricted diet of 28kg silage and 2 kg concentrate, this will need to be amended soon as their weight increases.
- Even though conditions have been mild, the animals have escaped any major outbreaks of respiratory disease- only one heifer had to be treated for pneumonia since housing.

Calves

- The calves were weighed on the 11th December and given a fluke dose and clostridial booster vaccine on the 17th December. They are performing well.
- A few calves have become lame on the slats; these are treated and put on a straw bed until the recovered. They are then returned to their respective groups.

Liveweight (kg)	
High	286
Medium	278
Low	286



Grassland Management:

- Soil sampling will begin in January. From this a nutrient management plan will be developed and paddocks selected for re seeding.
- Conditions are wet at present in Johnstown, with storm Deirdre down pouring across Wexford. Once conditions pick up fencing and repairs will commence to get paddocks ready for turnout in the spring.