

## **Shinagh Farm Update October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020**

We are starting the last rotation on Saturday (3/Oct). Will graze 2.5% of the farm per day to achieve 70% grazed by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Currently feeding 2kg of a 13% protein ration and will be adding 3 kg of silage drymatter per cow per day next week.

Current farm cover is 1126kg/ha or 352kg/ cow.

Growth for the past week was 47kg/ha/day and demand is at 48kg/ha/day so we are maintaining our cover currently.

The farm got to a peak cover of 1150kg/ha and will be dropping from now until final close off at 700kg/ha farmcover in mid November.

The milking area stocking rate is 3.2cows/ha

The herd has been scanned and 23 cows are not in calf out of 250 (9.2% NIC). These cows are being milked on for the moment as they are returning more in milk that they are costing in feed.

All the breeding heifers are in calf (55) and have been brought home onto the leased outside silage ground from the contract rearer.

The herd is currently yielding 12.7litres/day at 5.12% fat and 4.37% protein which is 1.24 kg of milk solids per day.

SCC is 156,000 and TBC 15,000.

The herd has sold 87,250 kg of milk solids to the end of September (349kg milksolds per cow).

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