### **Teagasc Johnstown Castle**

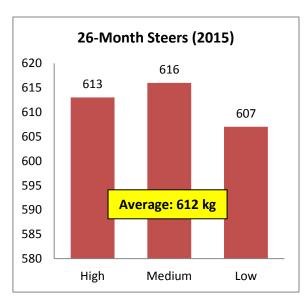
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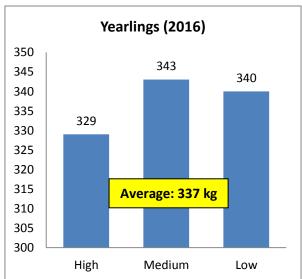
#### **Update: 16-05-2017**

- Grass growth had slowed down due to a prolonged dry spell. However, this week will see increased growth with the rain over the last number of days. Cover to be taken 18-05-17.
- 26 month steers supplemented with 2.5kg/head/day since 4<sup>th</sup> May.
- More paddocks assigned for early first cut silage.
- No health issues of animals at grass.

#### **Animal Performance**

#### 16-05-2017





	High	Medium	Low
26 Month Steer ADG (kg/day)	1.04	0.89	1.16

#### **Grassland Management**

Cover: 11-05-2017

Rotation length: 21 days

Pre-grazing yield: 1450kg DM/ha

• Livestock: 72 1-2 year old (310kg), 18 >2 year old (590kg) animals per farmlet.

• One strong paddock cut and exported to Johnstown Castle dairy farm (paddock 79, low).

	High	Medium	Low
Farm Cover (kg DM/ha)	870	887	875
Growth/ha (kg DM/ha/day)	38	40	35
Demand/ha (kg DM/ha/day)	51	51	49
Days ahead	17	17	18
Silage	6 (5.97 ha)	8 (7.57 ha)	8 (8.91 ha)

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