

Teagasc Johnstown Castle Teagasc/ABP Dairy Beef Research Programme

Update: 01-06-2017

- Conditions for May were relatively dry, with the middle of the month seeing a prolonged dry period which reduced grass growth. Grass growth has since risen with the increased rainfall.
- Yearlings continue to graze swards (~1500kgDM/ha) without concentrate supplementation.
- 26 month steers supplemented with 2.7kg concentrates at grass.

Animal Performance

- 26 month steers to be killed 6th June. Pre-slaughter back fat scanning and liveweight to be measured 2nd June.
- One yearling had to be brought to factory due to broken shoulder.
- Reared calves from ABP receiving second dose of Huskovac next week. They will come to Johnstown the middle of June.

Grassland Management

- Rotation length: 21 days
- Livestock: 72 1-2 year old (310kg), 18 >2 year old (590kg) animals per farmlet.

Date of cover: 31-05-2017	High	Medium	Low
Farm Cover (kg DM/ha)	934	1213	915
Growth/ha (kg DM/ha/day)	71	104	61
Demand/ha (kg DM/ha/day)	65	65	62
Days ahead	14	19	15
Silage	6 (5.97 ha)	8 (7.57 ha)	8 (8.91)

- Silage pre-cuts taken on the 30th May for DM and chemical analysis.
- Silage to be cut this week, weather dependent. This could move into early next week.



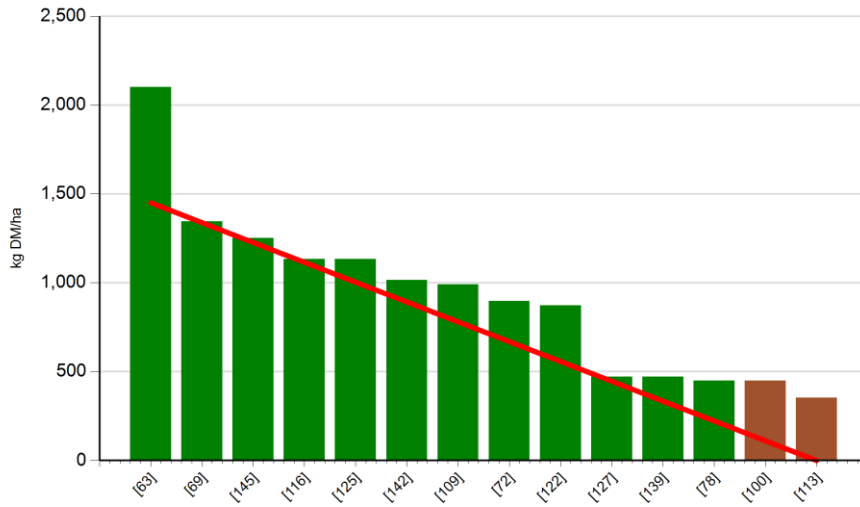
Left: Haldrup taking pre silage cuts on selected representative paddocks.

Right: A paddock set aside for silage cutting this week.

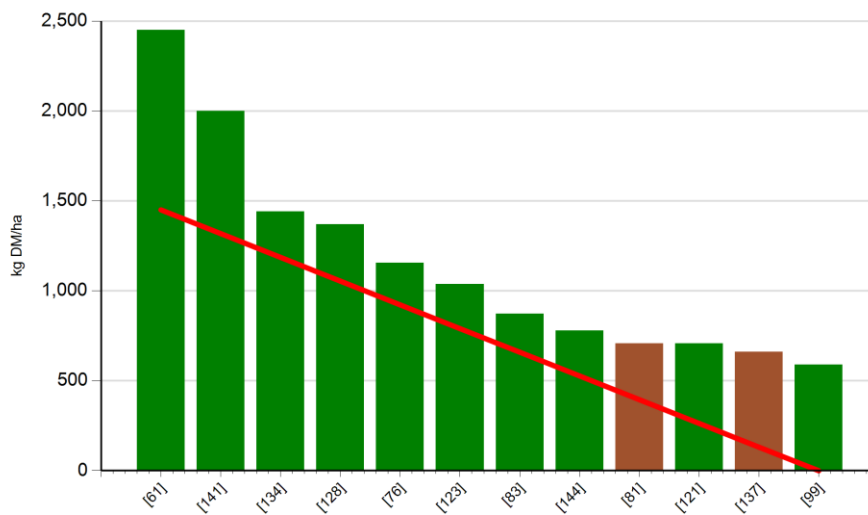
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High SD Farmlet



Medium SD Farmlet



Low SD Farmlet

