

Teagasc Johnstown Castle
Teagasc/ABP Dairy Beef Research Programme

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Animal Performance: Older cattle

- Heifers continue to be fed *ad lib* silage with 5.55 kg of concentrate (fresh weight). Steers are on *ad lib* grass silage only.
- 17 heifers (12 HEX, 5 AAX) were killed on 18th December. Heifers had good carcass weight and conformation scores, but some were over-fat.
- The next kill date is the 9th January 2018.

	Liveweight	Carcass weight	Age (months)	Conf Score	Fat Score
Heifers, 18/12/17	574 kg	282.7 kg	21.5	O+	4=

Conformation score	No. animals	Fat score	No. Animals
3=	1	O=	9
3+	1	O+	2
4-	3	R-	6
4=	6		
4+	3		
5-	2		
5=	1		



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	Heifers		Steers	
Stocking rate	LW (kg)	ADG second winter (kg/day)	LW (kg)	ADG second winter (kg/day)
High	523	1.10	481	0.588
Medium	539	1.18	501	0.607
Low	535	1.36	491	0.404

Animal Performance: Weanlings

- Weanlings are all being fed *ad lib* silage with ~2kg concentrate/head/day.
- Average daily gain for calves is 0.7 kg (including spares).
- All weanlings were weighed on the 19th and 20th of December. They averaged 233 kg.

	LW (kg)	ADG second winter (kg)
High	231	0.69
Medium	237	0.64
Low	235	0.70