

# Johnstown Castle Winter Milk Herd- Weekly Management Notes

30/01/17

- We had a great week of grazing up until Sunday (see photos below). We only went out for 3 hours yesterday, due to significant rainfall of over half an inch. Given the forecast for the next few days, I expect we'll probably be in fulltime for much of the coming week. Total rainfall for last week was 19.4mm, with an average soil temp of 6.2°C. with very little drying, this rainfall was enough to make the ground soft underfoot. Production held very steady, we wouldn't have been surprised to see a couple of kgs drop, when moving out & off full TMR.
- Our spring calving herd are slow to get going, we have only one calved & with our due start of calving date being Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, we would have expected a few more although there's a good few on the point of it.
- Seven weeks into the breeding season; we've moved to short gestation beef sires/stock bulls from this week, we had a couple of 'six week' repeats this week, but otherwise quite enough.

	<b><i>This week (30/01/17)</i></b>	<b>Autumn Calving Herd</b>	<b>Spring Calving Herd</b>
<b>Production</b>	% of Herd Milking	100%	
	Milk Kg	29.1	
	Fat %	4.16	
	Protein %	3.38	
	Milk Solids kg	2.19	
<b>Intake</b>	Grazed Grass kgs/dm/cow (estimate)	5	0
	Silage kgs/dm/cow	6.5	13
	Maize silage kgs/dm/cow	3	0
	Concentrate in TMR – kgs/dm/cow	2.0	0
	Parlour concentrate kgs/dm/cow	6.0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b><i>Lactation to date per cow</i></b>	Mean calving date 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	
	Days in Milk	112	
	Milk kg	3021	
	Milk Solids kg	230	
	Concentrate Fed	592 in parlour (683kg total)	



**Indoor diet cleaned by early morning - cows turnout with a good appetite**



**Pre-grazing cover of 1650kgs  
Closed 6th October**



**Very good clean out in good conditions, post grazing height 3.6**