

# Tipperary Dairy Calf to Beef Demonstration Farm

## Update 14/03/2024



### Grassland

Ground conditions are extremely wet on farm. We did however enjoy a few dry days at the start of March and we took this opportunity to spread 23.5kg/Ha ( $\frac{1}{2}$  a bag/ha) of protected urea + Sulphur (38-0-0-7) across 89Ha.

Grass cover on farm is 700kg/Ha and predicted growth for Tipperary is 12kg/ha for the week of the 11<sup>th</sup> of March. As soon as conditions allow – animals will be turned out to grass.



### 2024 Livestock

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of February the farm welcomed in the first load of 2024 born calves. Over the past three weeks, calves have been arriving every Tuesday and as of today, we have 149 calves. Average weight of the calves arriving is 47.5kg at an average of 20 days of age. Overall we are very pleased with the quality of the calves that arriving on farm. The aim is to take in 340 calves.



### **2023 Livestock**

We have 319 weanlings. 70 weanlings are on off grazing since mid-January as weather permits. All weanlings are on 1kg of a 21% heifer nut (Barley, Maize, Rapeseed Meal, Soya bean).

All 2023 born animals were weighed on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March –

Group	Days of Age	Weight	ADG (41 days)
Male	375 days	304kg	0.87 kg/day
Female	372 days	287kg	0.82 kg/day
Average		296kg	0.84 kg/day

### **2022 Born**

We have 11 heifers remaining on farm out of 235 animals. These heifers were averaging 470kg on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March and are doing 0.74kg/day over the past 45 days. We increased meal from 4kg to 6kg split 3kg am and pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February. They are on a 13% finishing nut (Rolled Barley, Maize, soya bean) .

To date we have 224 animals slaughtered off farm. Below is a breakdown of results;

<b>Draft</b>	<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Steers</b>
<b>Number killed</b>	101	123
<b>Kill weight</b>	510 kg	574 kg
<b>Carcass weight</b>	251 kg	290kg
<b>Kill out %</b>	49%	50%
<b>Carcass grade</b>	O=	O=
<b>Carcass Fat</b>	3=	3-
<b>Average days on meal</b>	99 days	114 days
<b>Average finishing meal</b>	350kg	416kg
<b>Age at Slaughter</b>	20.4 months	21.3 months

### **Social Media**

In late February we launched social media pages for the farm! You can now follow along with the day-to-day events on the farm and by following us on Instagram and X (formerly Twitter) - **@Tipp\_DemoFarm** and on Facebook – **Tipperary Dairy Calf to Beef Demonstration Farm**.