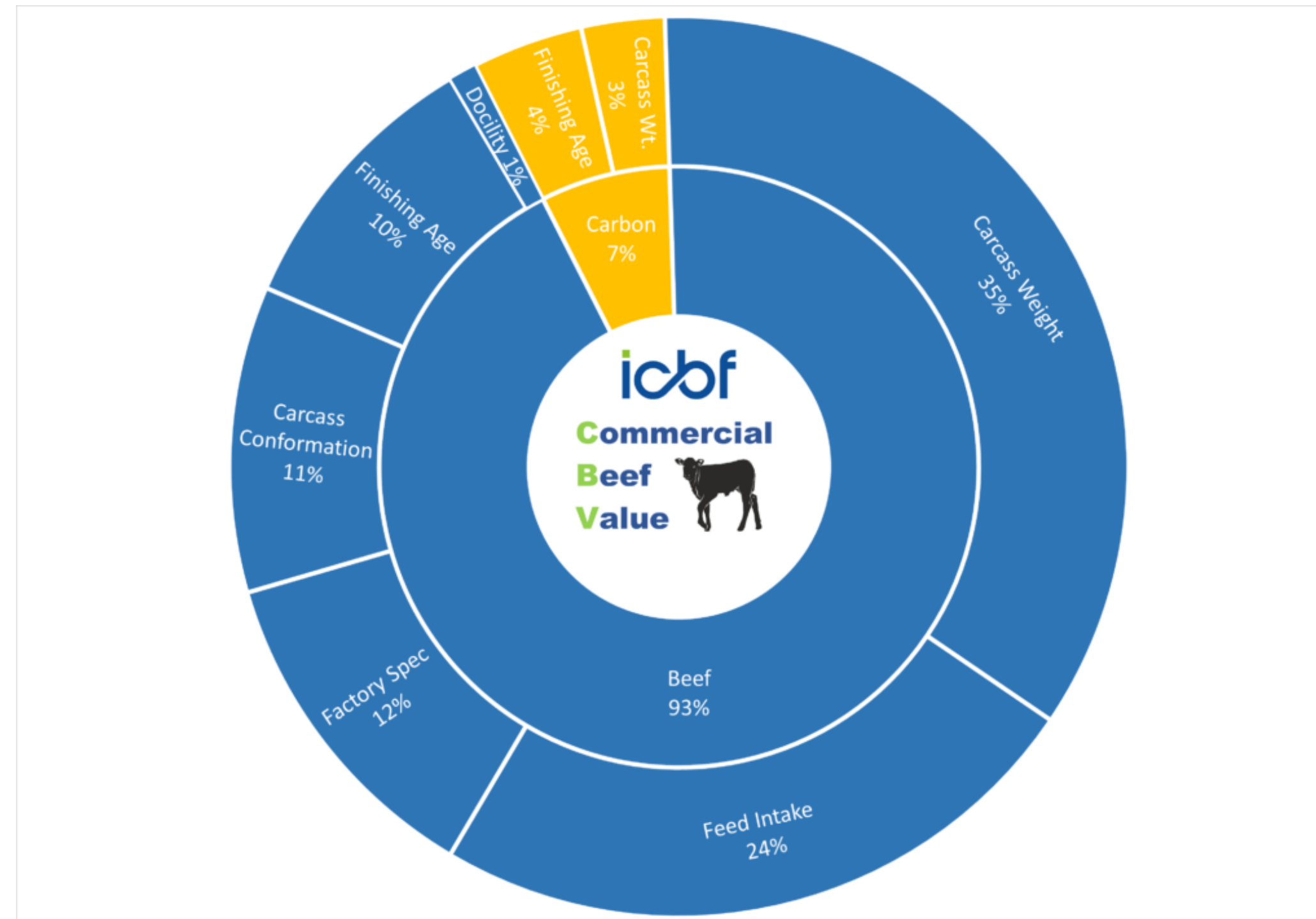


What is the CBV?

- CBV is an index for gauging the quality and expected profitability of non-breeding animals



What should I look for?

2023 Born Beef Calves from the Dairy Herd					
Sire Breed	Btm 10%	Btm 1/3	Average	Top 1/3	Top 10%
Angus	<€43	<€63	€72	>€84	>€116
Aubrac	<€102	<€122	€132	>€145	>€179
Belgian Blue	<€106	<€141	€160	>€174	>€208
Charolais	<€126	<€153	€167	>€184	>€218
Friesian	< -€25	< -€3	€6	>€15	>€36
Hereford	<€29	<€51	€61	>€75	>€107
Limousin	<€125	<€148	€159	>€175	>€209
Simmental	<€59	<€82	€97	>€116	>€150

- Look for higher CBV values when buying calves
- Use within breed ranges as a guide

Does it work?

A: Dairy steers finished in 2023

CBV Rank	Calf Price	Finishing Price	Finishing Age
Top 10%	€99	€1,538	817
Mid 50%	€78	€1,415	824
Bottom 10%	€56	€1,263	833
Difference Top & Bottom 10%	€43	€275	-16

B: AA X FR steers finished in 2023

CBV Rank	Calf Price	Finishing Price	Finishing Age
Top 10%	€249	€1,763	778
Mid 50%	€229	€1,632	788
Bottom 10%	€191	€1,490	831
Difference Top & Bottom 10%	€58	€273	-53

Take home messages

- The CBV can help beef farmers to make more informed decisions when purchasing animals
- Dairy farmers use DBI bulls with high Beef Sub-index to improve the beef quality of dairy-beef progeny

Rearer buying low CBV calves;

- More expensive,
- Losing out on finishing price and
- Taking longer to finish