

Slaughter performance - DairyBeef 500 farms in 2023

Animal type	<u>Heifers</u>	<u>Steers</u>		<u>Bulls</u>
Breed	Dairy x Beef	Dairy x Dairy	Dairy x Beef	Dairy x Dairy
Carcass weight (Kgs)	252	298	299	290
Conformation score (1-15)	5.5	4	5.5	5
Finishing age (months)	21.5	24	22.7	21.5
Carcass value (€/head)	1,310	1,440	1,510	1,360

Physical & financial performance - DairyBeef 500 farms

2023	Average	40ha farm
Area (ha)	48	40
Stocking rate (LU/ha)	2.3	92 LU's
Gross output / ha	€3,330	€133K
Variable costs / ha	€1,990	€80K
Gross margin / ha	€1,341	€53K
Fixed costs / ha	€799	€32K
Net margin / ha	€542	€21K

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- Improving genetics, animal health and grassland management improve profitability
- Require high stocking rate to achieve €500/ha net margin
- Essential to monitor and manage variable costs

