



DAIRY BEEF 500 PROGRAMME E-NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 15

View recent WEBINARS on preparing for calf rearing this spring.



The Teagasc DairyBeef 500 team, recently ran two webinars on preparing for calf rearing this spring. On these webinars, Martin Kavanagh, Munster Bovine highlighted how to prepare the calf house for optimum performance, Sarah Higgins, MSD gave excellent advice on keeping the calf healthy.

What to look for when sourcing calves and the new Commercial Beef Value, was covered by Tommy Cox, Teagasc, Liam Gannon, Volac, gave good tips on the requirements of a good milk replacer. Eric Driver, Tullow mart, gave the mart's perspective on how the new CBV would work.

Programme farmers Peter O'Hanrahan and Charlie Smyth also provided their views and experiences of calf rearing on their farms.

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Checklist when purchasing calves



In the next number of weeks many calves will be traded from dairy farms to dedicated calf to beef rearers. These calves will be sourced through marts, agents and from farm to farm. It is essential to be well prepared in advance of arrival of these calves. Read here about a quick checklist to ensure that you are well prepared in advance.

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How to source the right calf?



Starting well is half the battle when buying and rearing calves for beef. Tommy Cox, Teagasc DairyBeef500 advisor, spoke with Olivia and Keith Lowry who gave their best tips and advice for sourcing calves.

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Mapping the direction of travel of dairy beef systems



An increase in the national dairy herd since milk quota removal in 2015 has changed the dynamic within the Irish beef industry. Animals of dairy origin now account for ~60% of Ireland's beef throughput.

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Drafting cattle for slaughter



Drafting cattle for slaughter when they are actually fit to kill is a key management component of successful calf-to-beef systems.

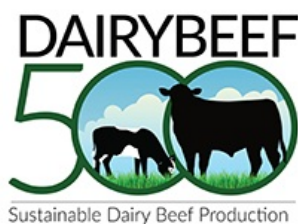
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Update from the Tipperary Dairy Calf to Beef Demonstration Farm



Read what's being happening on the calf to beef demo farm in Ballyvadin, Co. Tipperary this spring and see a report of cattle slaughtered in 2023.

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