



## DAIRY BEEF 500 PROGRAMME E-NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 8

**JOIN US ON THURSDAY, 13 JULY IN MAYO FOR  
A FARM WALK WITH JARLATH AND AUSTIN  
RUANE**

# DairyBeef 500 Farm Walk

*Thursday, 13 July | 6pm*

**Jarlath and Austin Ruane,  
Claremorris, Co. Mayo  
Eircode: F12 E928**



Register  
now!



Jarlath and Austin Ruane operate a dairy calf to beef and lowland sheep system in Corbally which is located just outside Claremorris, Co. Mayo. The farm comprises of 34Ha in total which can be described as being predominately clay type soil. The farm which would be typical of the area in that it is fragmented and divided in four blocks. Annually 80 calves are sourced locally and all are brought to slaughter. The calves that are purchased are a mixture of Holstein Friesian, Angus, Hereford and Limousin.

Jarlath is using the Commercial Beef Value (CBV) when sourcing beef bred calves to ensure that he has a calf that has the beef genetics in place to ensure that calf will leave a profit. Traditionally a higher proportion of cattle would have been killed at the end of the third grazing season on this farm. However in recent years, some of the early maturing cattle are slaughtered at 20-21 months of age following the second grazing season, the biggest batch of cattle will be then killed at 24 months of age out of the shed with the lightest cattle going back out to grass for the third grazing season and been killed at approximately 28

months. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of July, farmers will get to see what steps Jarlath and Austin have taken to reduce the numbers going back to grass for the third season and ultimately reduce the age of slaughter on the farm while improving profitability.

The upcoming farm walks is open to both dairy and beef farmers. Other topics that will be covered at the walk include calf sourcing, herd health plans, cattle housing design and Targeted Agriculture Modernisation Schemes (TAMS).

This is a free event and all are welcome to attend

[Click here to register for the farm walk](#)

## MID-SEASON PARASITE CONTROL



An important factor to achieving the desired levels of animal performance on calf-to-beef systems during the grazing season is ensuring they are free from parasites.

Parasites can have a significant impact on animal performance therefore it is imperative that stock are free from burdens to prevent any impact on thrive.

With the majority of dairy beef stock now outdoors the last number of month's burdens have started to develop therefore it is important to monitor and treat these to prevent any reduction in performance.

[Read more here!](#)

## PARASITE CONTROL IN DAIRY BEEF ANIMALS

Worms are a particular issue in dairy calf to beef systems due to the fact the majority of the animals on the farm have very little immunity to worms due to their age profile with stomach and lung worm been the main offenders. In this short clip, Teagasc Dairy Beef 500 Advisor, Tommy Cox advises on best practice when avoiding parasites



**Tommy Cox**

Dairy Beef 500 Advisor

Gareth Peoples, Teagasc Dairy Beef 500 participant advises that towards the end of May he will begin taking faecal egg samples to monitor stomach worm levels. The results of this then determines when he will dose. Hear more from him in the clip below.



**Gareth Peoples**

Dairy Beef 500 Participant - Based in Donegal

## RED CLOVER: AVAILING OF THE BENEFITS ON BEEF FARMS



As chemical fertiliser prices reached new highs last year, many beef farmers looked at ways of reducing the amount of fertiliser that they applied on their farms. In this article, DairyBeef 500 Advisor Fergal Maguire highlights the benefits of red clover.

[Read more here!](#)

## THE STORY SO FAR FOR THE TIPPERARY CALF TO BEEF DEMO FARM



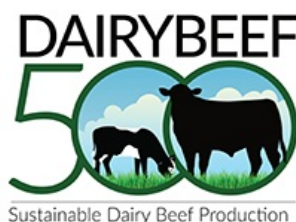


The Tipperary Calf to Beef Demonstration Farm – trading as Ballyvadin Beef Farm Ltd. – was established by Teagasc, in conjunction with Dawn Meats and Shinagh Estates Ltd., to demonstrate the best technologies for profitable and sustainable production of beef calves from the dairy herd.

After signing a 15-year lease on the 112ha farm in April 2022, it has been developed to demonstrate the use of excellent dairy-beef genetics and grassland management.

Chloe Millar, Teagasc Technician to the farm, joined Teagasc Dairy Specialist James Dunne on a recent Let's Talk Dairy webinar, where she provided a background to the farm and outlined the breeding and calf sourcing policy being implemented.

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