



DAIRY BEEF 500 PROGRAMME E-NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 7

JOIN US IN LIMERICK FOR A FARM WALK WITH CIARAN BARTLEY

The first of this year's DairyBeef 500 farm walks takes place on the farm of Ciaran Bartley who operates a Dairy calf to beef system on 74 hectares Boher, Co. Limerick. The event will take place on **Thursday the 29th of June at 6pm**. The main focus of the event will demonstrate the improvements made on the farm in recent years and how this has had a positive effect on the financial performance of his enterprise.



On the day those in attendance will get a chance to see the grassland infrastructure improvements and how land drainage, the incorporation of a paddocks system has benefited the grassland management on the farm. Other topics that will be discussed on the day include changes to the herd's calf sourcing and the implementation of a herd health programme has improved animal health and subsequently animal performance on the farm. The farm is currently expanding with plans in place to construct new slatted housing to cater for the extra stock on the day the area of shed design and location as well as the grants available (Tams III) will be discussed.

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

IMPORTANCE OF BEEF BULL SELECTION ON DAIRYBEEF FARMS



On many dairy farms, the decision of what beef bull to use on their cows is often based on having a very low calving difficulty along with having as short a gestation as possible.

While it makes sense to use these type of bulls to reduce difficult calvings and increase days in milk, Fergal Maguire, DairyBeef 500 Advisor, explains why these traits often come at the expense of beef traits such as carcass weight and live weight gain.

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A JOURNEY TO IMPROVE DAIRY BEEF PROFITS IN DONEGAL



Operating a combined dairy beef and tillage enterprise in Drumlougher, Co. Donegal, Gareth Peoples is on a journey to improve the profitability of his beef farming business.

Over the coming years, Gareth will follow a plan as part of the DairyBeef 500 Campaign to improve animal performance, increase farm output, and reduce costs per kilogram of beef sold – leading to an improvement in the financial viability of beef enterprise. In this article, Tommy Cox, DairyBeef 500 advisor to the farm, outlines some of the key measures that will be implemented over the coming years.

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GETTING CALVES READY FOR GRASS



The busy calf rearing period is coming to an end on dairy calf to beef farms around the country. In this article, Teagasc DairyBeef 500 Advisor Tommy Cox looks at how to minimise setbacks when transitioning calves from indoor to outdoor life.

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PARASITE CONTROL IN DAIRYBEEF ANIMALS



Dairy-bred calves may have been at grass for 5-6 weeks. Despite the poor weather, lungworm and gut worm exposure may result in the requirement for treatment for these animals at this stage of the year, Alan Dillon, DairyBeef 500 Campaign Co-Ordinator tells us more.

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