



## DAIRY BEEF 500 PROGRAMME E-NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 12

### Balancing silage quality and concentrate feeding on dairy calf to beef farms this winter



Grass silage is an important winter feed in calf to beef systems. Balancing this forage with the correct quantity/quality of concentrate is key to achieving the desired winter weight gains.

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## Farmer Profile - Aidan Maguire

Like the rest of the country, ground conditions have deteriorated rapidly since the middle of October on Aidan Maguire's farm in Navan, Co. Meath. In this article, Fergal Maguire, DairyBeef 500 Advisor to the farm, provides an update on grassland management, animal performance and silage quality.

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## What has been happening on the Tipperary Dairy Calf to Beef farm in Ballyvadin?



As we enter the final few weeks of 2023, we look back on a successful first year on the Tipperary Dairy Calf to Beef farm. In this update we look at the animal performance of 2022 and 2023 born animals on the farm.

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## Keeping animals healthy during the

## winter housing period



This year's wet and mild summer has resulted in higher parasitic burdens in dairy beef animals. With housing underway in many parts of the country, it is important to eliminate these burdens to ensure animals remain healthy to optimise performance during the indoor period.

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## Pat Collins - Creating a unique advantage with beef and tillage enterprises in East Cork



Located just outside Castlemartyr, Co. Cork, Pat Collins operates a sizeable calf to beef and tillage enterprise, which centres on the use of home-grown feeds - whether grazed or ensiled grass or tillage crops - to create a resilient and profitable farming business.

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# Winter Herd Management Webinar

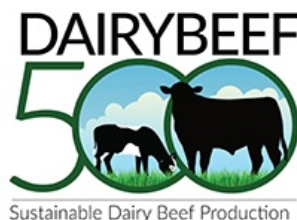
**Other Finishing Factors**

- Lying Space Allowance - slatted house 2.5m<sup>2</sup> +  
- straw bed shed 4m<sup>2</sup> +
- Meal Feeding Space Allowance - Weanlings 400-500  
- Finishing animals 600
- Water - Clean, fresh (no small nose drinkers) - 15L/
- Ventilation - Removes moisture/bugs/gases/dust
- Health - Vaccination for pneumonia/IBR  
- Dose for fluke/worms/lice
- Feed management - Waste feed removed daily

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A DairyBeef 500 'Winter Herd Management' online event took place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023, in association with AgriLand. The webinar was chaired by Briefne O'Brien, Technical Beef Specialist, AgriLand and featured Alan Dillon, Teagasc DairyBeef 500 Programme Manager; Cara Sheridan, MSD Animal Health Ireland Technical Vet; and Aidan Maguire, DairyBeef 500 programme farmer

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