



DAIRY BEEF 500 PROGRAMME E-NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 10

Join us on Tuesday, 12 September at 5pm for a Farm Walk with Pat Collins, Castlemartyr, Co. Cork

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Farm Walk
Tuesday, 12 September
@ 5pm
Pat Collins,
Castlemartyr,
Co. Cork
Eircode: P25 W892

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On Tuesday 12th September at 5pm, Pat Collins is hosting a DairyBeef 500 farm walk and Live Forum on his farm, where all are welcome to come along and see Pat's system in action on the ground where 2023 born calves and finishing bulls will be on display.

The theme of the event is 'Dairy breeding for beef feeding',

which will be of great interest to both dairy farmers and those interested in rearing dairy-bred stock. Topics on the day will include: current farming system and financial performance; grassland management, including red clover and multi-species swards; and winter feeding options for finishing and weanling animals.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in a live forum, where there is an excellent panel of key industry stakeholders lined up to give their views and opinions on current dairy calf to beef enterprises.

[Click here to read more about Pat Collin's farm](#)



Farmer Profile - Irvine Allen

It has being a tricky grass year for Dairybeef 500 farmer Irvine Allen, but performance is good

Irvine is farming in Mount Temple just outside Moate in County Westmeath. He farms 58 hectares of land in 2 blocks and purchases 120 predominantly Friesian bull calves each year. Fergal Maguire, Teagasc DairyBeef 500 Advisor, tells us more on his farming year.

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Planning now for Early Spring Grass



Where does time go? As we enter the final third of the year and the final few weeks of the grazing season, now is the ideal time to put a plan in place to have high quality grass available for your stock next spring.

It is impossible to predict what the weather and ground conditions will be like next February and early March for grazing, but the one certainty is that you will have plenty of stock available to take

advantage of high quality grass if it is available.

[Read more here!](#)

Dairy Beef 500 Farm Review from farm of Austin and Jarlath Ruane

From modest beginnings in 2016 when 10 calves were purchased, Jarlath and Austin Ruane have developed their calf-to-beef enterprise considerably over recent years.



Now purchasing ~80 calves annually - a mix of Holstein Friesian, Angus, Limousin and Hereford males - the Ruanes' journey into dairy-beef was outlined as part of a recent DairyBeef 500 Campaign farm walk.

Farming a total of 34ha today, with 28.5ha attributed to beef production, the farm is home to a dairy-beef enterprise and a lowland ewe flock. In a throwback to the previous store-to-beef production system, a small number of store cattle are purchased annually and are also finished on farm.

As one of 15 demonstration farms enrolled in the DairyBeef 500 Campaign, the Ruanes are working to improve animal health, animal performance and grassland management, with the overall aim of improving on-farm profitability. In addition to this, a central focus is placed on the sustainability credentials of the farm, as the Ruanes are also participants in the Teagasc Signpost Programme.

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Students graduate from Teagasc Dairy Calf to Beef Courses



Congratulations to the first groups of farmers who graduated this week from two Teagasc Dairy Calf to Beef courses which were run as part of the Teagasc Dairy Beef 500 programme and commenced in October last year.

There will be more regional calf to beef courses starting again shortly. If you are interested in completing a Dairy calf to beef course in the future register below or contact Fergal Maguire on 0851585993 for more info.

[Register here!](#)



In this episode of The Beef Edge Podcast, Catherine Egan interviews Pat Collins, to discuss his farming system and talk about his upcoming farm walk

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