

Tipperary dairy calf-to-beef demo farm

Farm Overview

- Established April 2022: Teagasc, Dawn Meats & Shinagh Estates
- 15 year lease: 112 ha farm, near Fethard, Co. Tipperary
- 300 dairy calves to beef, steers and heifers on grass/clover swards



Objectives of demonstration farm

To demonstrate

- Benchmarks for an efficient dairy-beef farm
- Impact of innovation on farm profitability
- Best environmental practise while remaining profitable
- Benefits of dairy & beef integration

Benefits of integrating dairy & beef farms

- **Reliable** calf outlet for dairy farmer
- Using **beef sires** to suit both dairy & beef farmer
- **Health** protocol to minimise calf stress at movement
- Calves can be valued on their **profit** potential

Take home messages

- Dairy-beef systems dependent on dairy & beef working together