

## Lynda Bolger

**FOUNDER** 

IRELANDS FIRST CRICKET FARM

#### About US

300 year old family farm, small holding of 50 acres

Dry Cattle and Sheep

Real life, all have full time jobs,

Tommy - Agri Mechanic for Kelly's of Borris

Paddy, father in law is now retired also served in KOB

Mary, my mother in law is a financial controller

I have my own company, Flag Lane Marketing, Prestigious accreditation through AIBF as an All Star Business in 2021

## Past Few Years - like every other Irish farmer with dry stock

- We have wanted to produce another alternative way of making our land, the land of our ancestors more profitable and a viable farm business for our future, for our girls' future
- We looked at many farming business options
- From Snails to alternative types of livestock
- ▶ From the Borris Ewe to growing strawberries!

Until.....

#### CHIRRPPPP CHIRRRPPPP

We discovered the house cricket

Trip to Stockholm 2018

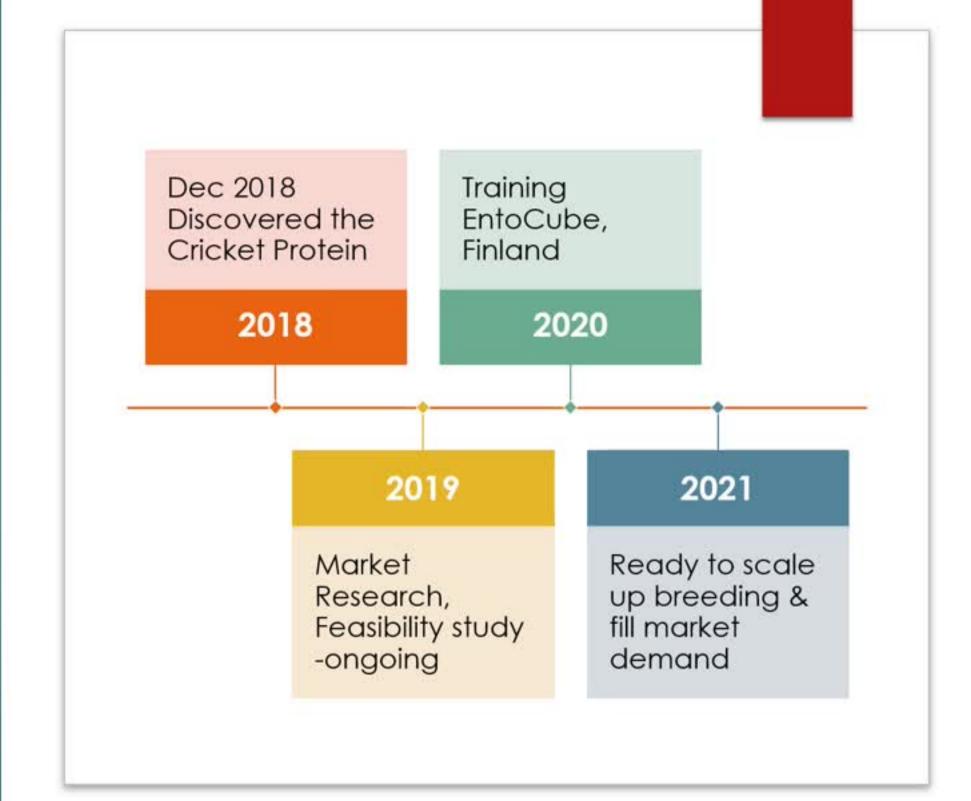
And a protein shake later and I am sold on the idea



## Returned home

AND GOT TO WORK.....

# Timeline of our our involvement with Crickets



Our vision is to diversify our family farming enterprise, introducing a new sustainable source of protein whilst keeping a blue print for our environment, farming with biodiversity at the center, mindfully reducing our carbon footprint and proudly accomplishing a complete single estate operation.

## Opportunities

NUTRITION

CLIMATE CHANGE

FEED THE GLOBAL POPULATION

SUSTAINABLE

MINIMAL DISEASE

## Challenges

7 out of 10 Irish people will not eat a cricket

To date 6,000 people asked

#1 reason they say no..

Disgusts them, regardless of the benefits just listed above

## Soya Protein

90% deforestation in Brazil is due to farming soya

Genetically modified

Only 3 countries grow soya

By 2050 there will be double the amount of feed need to feed the projected 35 billion livestock - not including domestic pets

There will HAVE to be an alternative feed protein source