

BEEF2024 at Teagasc Grange – securing your farming future



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Teagasc warmly invites all farmers and stakeholders in the Irish beef industry to BEEF2024 on Wednesday 26th June at our national beef research centre in Teagasc Grange, Dunsany Co Meath. Gates will open at 9am with visitors covering a more compact route compared to previous open days at the centre. Demonstrations and displays will be within easy walking distance. Visitors can view the new biogas plant that is starting in production this year.

The research programme at Teagasc Grange includes a 180-cow suckler herd and dairy-beef studies comprising almost 300 calves taken through to beef. A selection of these stock will be on display and the researchers will be available to chat.

Teagasc and DAFM have invested in cutting-edge technology that can accurately measure methane emissions from beef cattle both indoors and while they are grazing. You can view this equipment and meet the researchers who are at the forefront of global research in pasture-based beef systems.

There is growing interest in incorporating white clover into grazing swards and making silage from red clover swards. Multi-species swards



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are also being sown on beef farms and many farmers have questions on their potential role in reducing inputs and increasing animal performance.

A major weanling-to-beef research study on grass-clover and multi-species swards is now coming to completion and the first comprehensive set of results will be presented.

In a separate study, the establishment, harvesting and feeding of red clover silage for beef cattle has been assessed.

The researchers involved in these studies will be available to answer any questions you might have.

A new feature at this year's event will be our cow-calf simulators. These are new, life-size, practical models that simulate the calving process where different calving scenarios can be demonstrated and explained.

Grazing infrastructure

Suitable grazing infrastructure on beef farms is the first step to achieving good grassland management. Staff will demonstrate everyday fencing techniques that even the novice can immediately put into practice on their own farms.

There will also be live displays by industry experts on how to assess when cattle are fit for slaughter for traditional early-maturing or continental later-maturing beef breeds. There will be many more live demonstrations at BEEF2024; you'll find a full list of them on our website at www.teagasc.ie.

This year we are putting on two extra discussion forums – one starting at 12.30pm and the other at 1.30pm. These shorter forums will feature suckler and dairy calf-to-beef demonstration farmers from our Future Beef and DairyBeef 500 programmes.

The final forum on 'Securing your future in beef farming', will begin at 2.30pm. This forum will include high profile industry stakeholders, who will address the prospects for the beef farming sector in the coming years.

So remember the date – Wednesday 26th June in Teagasc Grange. Make sure you give yourself enough time to see all of the different talks, demonstrations and live displays. This is a free event, open to everyone to attend and Teagasc Grange is easily accessed on the Dublin-Trim R154 road at Eircode C15 PW93.