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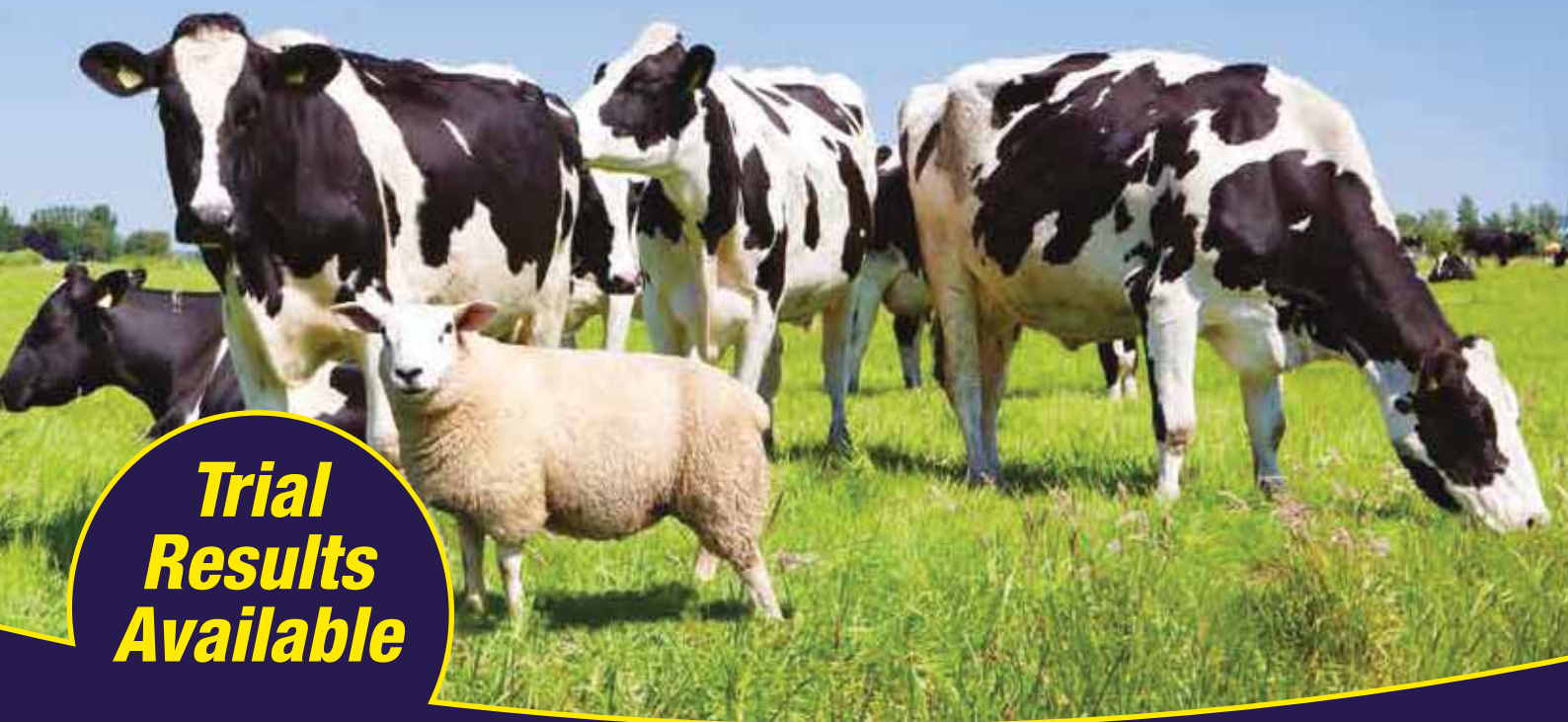
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President's address - overcoming the internal challenge but there are external challenges coming

The new year is an opportunity to put 2023 to bed and plan to ensure that the promise of 2024 is fulfilled and that it is not limited by potholes and road blocks, which are inevitable in any industry, but especially the farming industry.

The pedigree world is unique, in the fact that your future is determined by your past. The genetic decisions you make today will have ripple effects for decades. The ever-growing challenges in the modern era are that fashion, legislative, economic and environmental trends move in minutes and days, not decades.

Pedigree breeders must not be overwhelmed by external factors and misguided by commercial entities - they must stick to their morals, focus on the factors which are within their control and remember the fundamentals of the Aberdeen Angus breed.

The debate with regards to size of the perfect animal will never be resolved and, ultimately, there is no right or wrong, provided you have a market for what you breed and the environment you farm in can sustain those animals while leaving a margin.

The one thing that cannot be debated is that Aberdeen Angus needs to be easily born and needs to be easily fleshed from a predominant pasture-based diet.

The primary purpose of any society is to ensure the integrity of their herdbook by any commercially available technologies and breed societies should not combust into member banks and investment funds.

In addition, it is a key responsibility of the IAAA to ensure the futures of our verified producer groups to satisfy consumer demand for a product that meets environmental, taste, sustainability and ethical demands.

As breeders, we play an increasingly key role in these processes, as there are external challenges on the horizon, which will challenge the Aberdeen Angus breed that have never been seen before. Commercial entities - be they genetic or genomic companies - are increasingly focusing their business interests on securing direct or indirect control of the breed for commercial gain.

The level of investment and complexity varies by country, but cloning, gene editing,

patenting pedigrees, genetic contracts, genetic and index ownership all add complexities that breeders and societies have never seen before.

Commercial investment in a breed is always for commercial gain - this inevitably is a double-sided sword; huge gains can be made, but huge adverse effects could also be seen, which could affect the breed for decades.

There is an increasing trend among genetics companies to breed the next index king that will sell huge volumes of semen while attempting to limit this animal's genetics to their internal breeding programme, with no access or protected access to pedigree breeders.

Genomic companies in turn are attempting to secure their market share by attempting to sell their IVF/embryo technologies, input testing technology and index/evaluation bases.

Societies must collaborate worldwide in order to evolve, align and educate themselves to keep all breeders informed. However, breeders must be responsible and realise they are custodians of the breed. Short-term gain can ultimately lead to long-term loss - some things will lead to gain, some things will take decades to correct. However, what is lost is lost forever.

This, sadly, will be my last time addressing many of you as the president of the IAAA. When I became junior vice-president nearly six years ago, the IAAA was an entity of the Aberdeen Angus Society in the UK, with one national sale and a part-time secretary.

As I prepare to hand the reins over to the next president, the IAAA is a stand-alone society; it is the fastest-growing society in Europe, registering animals in 17 countries on a world-leading genomic platform.

We have an extensive network of sales in Ireland (with plans to extend these to Europe), an unrivalled YDP programme and the Extravaganza is the envy of all breeds. I would like to think I have played a key role in this development. However, it could not have been achieved without sponsors, council members and two of the best and most qualified staff members in the industry in technical manager Felicity McGrath and breed secretary Shane Murphy.



EUSTACE BURKE

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Breed secretary's address: step by step, progress is made

While the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association was established over a century ago, I'm delighted to say its new era as a stand-alone company, which started in 2021, has been some of its greatest to date!

Having joined this team as breed secretary one year on from the setup, I was delighted to see such an ambitious group with the sole purpose being the betterment of the breed.

With as strong a team and council in place as possible to drive the association, we adopted several key pillars of focus, which we hoped would result in increased market share for the breed both in Ireland and across Europe.

This business model and strategy has paid dividends, as the breed has flourished and, as said in the opening line, has seen the association undergo some of its best years in history.

One of these key pillars of focus was to up the marketing and promotion of the breed all through the supply chain. With detailed marketing and advertising plans, which included a blend of traditional and social campaigns over the last two years, we have drastically increased the breed and association's exposure to both the agricultural sector and consumer.

This, coupled with the association's attendance at major events such as the National Ploughing Championships, Eurotier and the World Angus Technical meeting in the Czech Republic, means more people than ever are seeing what the breed has to offer.

These events also acted as a catalyst in forming business relationships with major players from throughout the world. Ongoing talks by the association with such individuals and companies ensures that our membership will be pioneers rather than followers in years to come.

As you are aware, the Aberdeen Angus breed carries all the necessary attributes to lead the beef sector in an ever-changing and challenging world.

Sustainability continues to be the buzz word of the sector. No other breed throughout the world can offer the same balanced package of survivability, growth, early maturing and best end product as the Aberdeen Angus.

This has been proven throughout the world, with the Angus the go-to

breed no matter what the environment.

This was highlighted in 2023 with expected national figures to be close to half a million Angus calves born. This now put Angus nearly 100,000 calves ahead of its next nearest beef competitor and undeniably the Irish beef sire of choice.

The use of sexed semen in the dairy herd and their need for a profitable calf has resulted in more dairy farmers than ever using Aberdeen Angus bulls.

While not to the same scale, usage in the suckler herd has also increased, leading to a further market share in this sector also.

While these numbers are impressive, another key aspect of the association strategy was to grow the market for the resulting progeny.

We thank the producer groups for their work in this field and continue to work closely with them in ensuring all avenues are explored. These premiums set a base on all commercial Angus stock that are sold, be it three-week-old calves or factory fit.

This work all filters back to the pedigree breeders, who are, in recent years, obtaining record sale prices and averages.

Our second extravaganza sale again proved an overwhelming success. Average prices again rose on the year, with increased demand for the top tier of stock.

Even more impressively, it opened up new markets, with 40% of lots selling for export. This not only highlights the quality of our memberships' stock, but also the weighting the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association pedigree certificate now holds on an international scale.

Special credit here must go to association technical manager Dr Felicity McGrath, who continues to work diligently to ensure our membership growth across Europe.

In total, the association is now registering for a massive 18 countries, with numbers from France, which was taken on in 2023, growing by the day.

At this point, I must thank the council for its continued work and commitment to the association. It is only through the voluntary time they give that such progress can be made in such a short space of time.

SHANE MURPHY

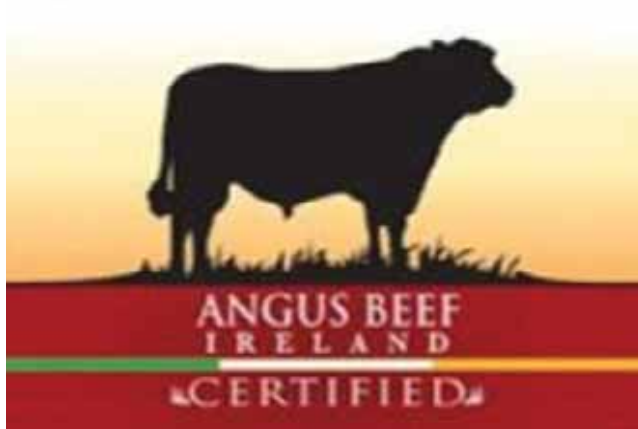


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Continued market share growth for Aberdeen Angus

The breed usage over the past 10 years has changed drastically, with the Aberdeen Angus breed being the biggest beneficiary.

Data from the Irish Cattle Breeding Federation (ICBF) shows a significant shift in the use of Aberdeen Angus sires on the national herd. This is largely down to the national dairy herd increasing in size following the abolition of milk quota in 2015.

This annual data released by the ICBF shows continued growth in the dairy sector. Cow number analysis over the past 10 years shows that dairy cow numbers have increased by 40%. With dairy cow numbers increasing, beef cow numbers have seen a drop. Over the same 10-year period, beef cow numbers have seen a drop of 18%.

BREED BREAKDOWN

The ICBF also provided figures for the makeup of the national herd by breed. This is based on sire of calves born, so total numbers are slightly less, given every cow isn't calving every 365 days and there would be a percentage of unknown sires. These figures are based on the entire year of 2022 - as this is the most recent available.

If we look at the market share of all calves born, unsurprisingly the Holstein Friesian breed comes out on top, siring over 34% of all calves born in Ireland. This increase is very much in line with the growth of the national dairy herd.

Given numbers of dairy cows in production have stabilised somewhat, the likelihood of this percentage decreasing significantly is very low, as dairy farmers aim for that 15% replacement rate. However, further advances in sex semen is helping.

If we look at the beef side of the house, we can see that the Aberdeen Angus breed continues to gain a stronger market share. If we look at Table 1, we can see that Angus represented 28.6% of all beef-sired calves. This figure is up 1.6% on 2021 figures or an extra 22,000 Angus calves born.

Overall, Angus bulls sired over 437,000 calves in 2022. This is nearly 69,000 more calves than the next-highest beef breed. This gap is up from 27,000 in 2021 and only 10,000 in 2020, highlighting the continued demand for the Aberdeen Angus breed across both beef and dairy.

If we see how these numbers have changed over the last decade, the image is even more satisfying. Annual calf births from Angus are now over 200,000 up annually compared to 2013 - an increase of nearly 88%!

Angus have also risen from the third-choice beef sire nationally in 2013 to the beef sire of choice in 2020 and is increasing the gap year on year.

This increase is largely driven by the breed's use on dairy animals. While numbers did increase slightly in the beef herd on the year, we can see the amount of calves born in the dairy herd has more than doubled.

In 2013, less than 150,000 Angus calves were born from dairy dams, while this figure now stands at just shy of 350,000.

This puts Angus as the beef breed of choice for dairy dams - siring nearly 50% of all calves. The breed saw an increased market share of 3.3% on last year, resulting in a further 20,000 calves in the sector.

A look back at previous years' data and it's clear to see that traditional breeds are performing much better than their continental counterparts. This is very much expected, given the traditional breeds' heavy usage in the dairy herd and the national dairy herd continuing to grow.

Since the abolition of milk quota in 2015, Angus-sired calf registrations have increased by nearly 115,000 in eight years. However, where we look at breeds predominantly associated with the national beef herd, numbers have dropped. Charolais-sired calves dropped from 362,000 in 2015 to just shy of 284,000 in 2022.

While calving ease and gestation length are two key factors in dairy farmers choosing the Aberdeen Angus breed, increased demand ringside and at factories is also playing a massive part. This demand is largely down to the breed's attributes for meat eating quality and marbling, which has been driven by successful marketing campaigns by producer groups both here in Ireland as well as around the world.

In less than 10 years, the landscape of cattle breed usage has changed drastically and the momentum the breed is currently showing means an even larger market share can be achieved in years to come.

Table 1: Total number of calves sired by beef bulls

| | AA | AU | BA | BB | CH |
|------------------|---------|--------|-------|--------|---------|
| Number of calves | 437,173 | 26,902 | 6,486 | 53,826 | 283,533 |
| % of total | 28.6% | 1.8% | 0.4% | 3.5% | 18.5% |



Table 2: Total number of calves out of dairy cows

| | AA | AU | BA | BB | CH | HE | LM | PT | SA | SH | SI | Total |
|------------|---------|--------|------|--------|--------|---------|--------|------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| Nbr calves | 347,909 | 16,745 | 868 | 32,703 | 15,042 | 209,039 | 55,477 | 651 | 2,715 | 6,110 | 33,348 | 720,607 |
| % of total | 48.3% | 2.3% | 0.1% | 4.5% | 2.1% | 29.0% | 7.7% | 0.1% | 0.4% | 0.8% | 4.6% | |

Table 3: Total number of calves out of beef cows

| | AA | AU | BA | BB | CH | HE | LM | PT | SA | SH | SI | Total |
|---------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Nbr of calves | 89,264 | 10,157 | 5,618 | 21,123 | 268,491 | 32,176 | 312,551 | 4,211 | 10,531 | 13,726 | 41,807 | 809,655 |
| % of total | 11.0% | 1.3% | 0.7% | 2.6% | 33.2% | 4.0% | 38.6% | 0.5% | 1.3% | 1.7% | 5.2% | |

Table 4: Breed of beef sire trends (x beef & dairy cows)

| Breed | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Angus | 232,625 | 269,098 | 321,964 | 346,772 | 387,488 | 394,690 | 395,441 | 408,283 | 415,438 | 437,173 |
| Limousin | 384,990 | 395,908 | 416,181 | 416,706 | 425,924 | 407,887 | 400,359 | 398,182 | 388,373 | 368,028 |
| Charolais | 353,346 | 357,922 | 362,268 | 344,389 | 322,185 | 303,737 | 301,349 | 304,694 | 299,511 | 283,533 |
| Hereford | 129,715 | 157,699 | 190,030 | 205,748 | 243,196 | 253,390 | 258,962 | 265,310 | 257,028 | 241,215 |
| Simmental | 62,407 | 64,173 | 67,978 | 68,144 | 70,464 | 72,719 | 72,026 | 71,440 | 74,948 | 75,155 |
| Belgian Blue | 73,926 | 69,086 | 65,380 | 58,690 | 52,945 | 45,085 | 40,348 | 43,347 | 50,033 | 53,826 |
| Aubrac | | | | | 10,341 | 13,092 | 15,805 | 20,160 | 25,881 | 19,836 |
| Shorthorn | 14,544 | 15,099 | 16,153 | 15,583 | 17,057 | 16,625 | 16,227 | 17,080 | 18,398 | 19,836 |
| Saler | 11,472 | 12,502 | 13,995 | 16,203 | 17,795 | 17,490 | 17,137 | 16,782 | 15,235 | 13,246 |
| Blonde | 10,696 | 10,183 | 9,987 | 9,729 | 8,996 | 8,477 | 7,909 | 7,554 | 7,026 | 6,486 |
| Parthenaise | | | | | | | | | 5,460 | 4,862 |
| Total | 1273721 | 1351670 | 1463936 | 1481964 | 1556391 | 1533192 | 1525563 | 1552832 | 1557331 | 1523196 |

| HE | LM | PT | SA | SH | SI | Total |
|---------|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| 241,215 | 368,028 | 4,862 | 13,246 | 19,836 | 75,155 | 1,530,262 |
| 15.8% | 24.0% | 0.3% | 0.9% | 1.3% | 4.9% | |

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Wednesday 17th April – Tullow

Bull sale

Wednesday 24th April – Thurles

Bull sale

Thursday 2nd May – Nenagh

Bull sale

Saturday 5th October – Thurles

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MRS JULIE BIRD

Former secretary of the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association, Mrs Julie Bird, died on 1st June 2023, just a month short of her 91st birthday. She was secretary of the association for 18 years from 1980, when she succeeded Peter O'Neill on a "temporary" basis, until 1998.

During her tenure, membership increased from 60 to over 600 and annual registrations from around 300 to 2,000. In appreciation of her services, Mrs Bird was presented with a crystal bowl and made an honorary member of the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association and the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society in a ceremony at the Perth bull sales in February 1999. The presentation was made by the society's then-president, Neil Massie, who said: "Julie can look back over the last 18 years with considerable satisfaction on the part she has played in one of the most interesting periods in the history of the Irish association."

Association PRO Michael Flanagan recalled overhearing a conversation around that time: "If we had a few more Julie Birds, there would be only one breed of cattle in Ireland – Aberdeen Angus."

Little wonder that Mrs Bird was later inducted into Ireland's agricultural Hall of Fame and was closely involved in the centenary celebrations of the association in 1994.

Her early farming interest was in poultry, but she quickly became enthusiastic about Aberdeen Angus when her late husband Jack bought his first cow at the dispersal of the Mount Prospect herd in February 1957. Together they built up their Dunlever herd at Trim, Co Meath, to become one of the most prominent and successful in Ireland.

They were later joined by their daughter Mary and son Michael, who continue to run the family's farming enterprise, which includes Hereford cattle and Texel sheep, as well as Aberdeen Angus. Mrs Bird was predeceased by her husband and is survived by her son and daughter.

JIM MULVEY

On October 20th 2023, the news of the sudden passing of Jim Mulvey came as a shock to all who knew him in Ireland and further afield. Jim's contributions to the Aberdeen Angus breed as a long-standing council member, judge and most memorably as an exceptional cattle breeder were well known to everyone involved with the breed.

The Ballinwing herd based in Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim, has been using Aberdeen Angus bulls since 1922 and registered their first pedigree Aberdeen Angus in 1923. In 1932, two females were purchased from the Vine of Tillyfour 1167 line and all females in the herd are direct descendants of this foundation cow family. No other females were introduced to the herd since 1932 and the Mulvey family made very shrewd purchases of stock bulls from leading herds in Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland including Balson of Netherton, Everard of Ballinulty, Rawburn Rock Solid F555 and Woodvale Mr Angus E163 to name but a few.

The herd has seen many successes in the show and sales rings with Jim at the helm. In 1988, females were exported to the USA, where they were later utilised as embryo donors for the Woodstone herd. Embryo exports were also successfully made to Australia, as well as livestock exports to Italy and Portugal.

Jim had an exceptional mind for pedigrees and when he was asked about the herd's successful AI bulls Vet of Ballinwing and Ballinwing Dan, he was able to – without thinking – name their sires, dams and even what the weather was like when they entered the world. He was always a stalwart supporter of the bull sales at Carrick-on-Shannon and always eager for a chat and a catch-up with fellow breeders. His veterinary experience was something he very keenly applied to his herd and he set a standard for animal health that was to be aspired to by breeders everywhere.

Jim served many terms on the IAAA council and was noted for his sensible insights and a willingness to help out with events. His quick wit and fountain of knowledge made him a lifelong friend to many.

To see the centenary celebration of the Ballinwing herd was something Jim was extremely proud of and the milestone marked not only 100 years of breeding exceptional cattle, but also a century of commitment and passion for the breed his family shared.

Jim will be sadly missed by all the members of IAAA and the international Aberdeen Angus community. IAAA wishes to extend its deepest sympathies to Jim's brother, sisters and his extended family and friends.

LIAM MURRAY

The association was sad to hear of the passing of Liam Murray on October 22nd 2023. Liam and his son Maurice joined the association in 2021, registering cattle under the Whyte Town prefix. Liam was a highly respected farmer and a talented cattle breeder. All who knew him remember him as a cheerful and kind character who will be greatly missed. The association offers its sympathies to Liam's sons Maurice and John, his family, friends, neighbours and all who knew him.

MELVIN LANG

The passing of Melvin Lang on November 21st 2023 came as sad news for Aberdeen Angus breeders. The Lang family have been involved in pedigree cattle since the 1930s and along with his late brother Selby and his late father Stanley, Melvin was a regular at shows and sales across the country. Melvin had been involved with breeding Aberdeen Angus cattle for a number of years and immersed himself in pedigrees and bloodlines. A great storyteller and advocate for high-quality cattle, his presence will be notably missed around the show and sales rings. The IAAA extends its deepest sympathies to Melvin's partner, his sisters, family, friends and neighbours.



All-Ireland finals 2024

Dualla Show, Co Tipperary

Entries can be made online through the Dualla Show website or by contacting the Association office in advance

Class schedule for 2024

All competing animals must be registered in the herd book of the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association or the herd book of the Irish Angus Cattle Society.

All young stockperson entrants must have competed in a YDP workshop during the summer of 2024 and be signed up as a junior member of the association. Junior membership for all competing young stock people will be free of charge for the first year.

Senior Stockperson

Aberdeen Angus animal to be shown by a person who has reached 17 years of age and is not over 25 on 01/01/24.

Junior Stockperson

Aberdeen Angus animal to be shown by a person who has not reached 17 years of age on 01/01/24

Class 1 - Pedigree Aberdeen Angus bull born before 1st August 2022

Class 2 - Pedigree Aberdeen Angus Bull born between 1st August 2022 and 31st July 2023

Class 3 - Pedigree Aberdeen Angus Bull born between 1st August 2023 and 30th November 2023

Class 4 - Pedigree Aberdeen Angus Bull born between 1st December 2023 and 31st March 2024

Class 5 - Pedigree Aberdeen Angus Cow with her calf at foot born before 1st August 2021

Class 6 - Pedigree Aberdeen Angus Cow with her calf at foot born on or after 1st August 2021

Class 7 - Pedigree Aberdeen Angus Heifer born between 1st August 2022 and 31st December 2022

Class 8 - Pedigree Aberdeen Angus Heifer born between 1st January 2023 and 31st July 2023

Class 9 - Pedigree Aberdeen Angus Heifer born between 1st August 2023 and 30th November 2023

Class 10 - Pedigree Aberdeen Angus Heifer born between 1st December 2023 and 31st March 2024

Class 11 - Pedigree Aberdeen Angus Bull or Heifer born on or after 1st April 2024

Class 12 - Best Matching Pair of Pedigree Aberdeen Angus Animals shown from one exhibitor

Please note: Class 11 will be split into male and female if numbers are sufficient.

Winners from classes 1 and 5 will compete for the Senior championship.

Winners from classes, 2, 6, 7 and 8 will compete for the intermediate championship.

Winners from classes 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 will compete for the junior championship.

Champion from each section, and reserve if called on, will compete for supreme championship.

The IAAA reserves the right to weigh any or all animals exhibiting at the finals. All first prize-winners will be photographed following the judging. Any first prize-winners not photographed, forfeit their prizemoney.

IAAA Internship



In November 2022, the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association advertised for the position of its very first internship.

After a stringent interview process and much deliberation, the decision was made to hire Cavan-based John Smyth. John is studying agricultural science at the South East Technological University and would've been a familiar face to many of the association's membership.

Having started with the association in January 2023 for a six-month period, the Trojan efforts of the young prospect didn't go amiss, so he was asked to stay working until returning to college in September. During this eight-month

period, John worked in all aspects of the business from calf registrations and industry meetings to sale organisation and farm inspections.

Despite heading back to college, John is always on the end of the phone if anything is needed and even got stuck in when it came to the Ploughing Championships and Extravaganza.

The association would like to thank John for all his efforts during his time with us and wish him every success going forward. We have no doubt the time you spent with the association will help with all your future endeavours.

All-Star awards 2023

The Irish Pedigree Breeders Council awards were held in the Midlands Park Hotel in early February 2023. This was the first year since 2020 that the event took place as a result of the pandemic.

The awards showcase a pedigree breeder or animal – chosen by individual breed societies – that they believe best represents the attributes of their breed and has promoted the breed in a positive light during 2022.

The Irish Aberdeen Angus Association chose Mercury Special Tinge as the recipient of the award for 2023. This was chosen off the back her supreme all-Ireland championship win in 2022. This two-year-old first-calved heifer was bred and exhibited by John and Shane Murphy who run the Mercury herd outside Banteer in north Cork.

The award was presented by Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture Martin Heydon.



Bluetongue: explained

WHAT IS BLUETONGUE?

Bluetongue is a disease of certain species of animals caused by bluetongue virus. Ireland does not have bluetongue disease, but a potential outbreak here could have a very negative impact on animal welfare and the livestock sector. The disease can cause serious illness and death in some affected animals, but does not affect human or food safety. Bluetongue is a notifiable disease, which means that any suspected cases of bluetongue must be reported to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine without delay.

WHAT ANIMALS ARE AFFECTED BY BLUETONGUE?

Bluetongue can affect all ruminant animal species and camelids. Cattle, sheep, goats, deer, llamas and alpacas are species found in Ireland which could become infected.

HOW DOES AN ANIMAL BECOME INFECTED WITH BLUETONGUE VIRUS?

Bluetongue virus is transmitted by certain types of biting midges (Culicoides species), many of which are found throughout the island of Ireland. Transmission of the virus occurs primarily when midges feed off the blood of an infected animal and then spread the virus to subsequent animals they bite. The high-risk period for disease spread is when midges are active, which can be between April and November in Ireland. Wind speed and direction can also affect how far midges can travel and could potentially facilitate the spread of the disease if it were to occur in Ireland.

There is evidence to show that the virus can also be spread through biological products such as blood or germinal products such as semen or embryos.

Infected pregnant animals could also pass the virus on to their unborn offspring in the womb.

HOW WOULD YOU KNOW IF YOUR ANIMAL HAS BLUETONGUE?

Sheep are more likely to show obvious clinical signs of bluetongue than cattle if they become infected and mortality rates can be as high as 70%. However, some animals may not show any clinical signs and these animals can pose a risk for spreading the disease to new areas or countries.

There is a wide range of clinical signs of bluetongue to look out for, including:

- Fever
- Inappetance (loss or lack of appetite)
- Drop in milk yield
- Reddening of the mucus membranes
- Sores on the nose, gum and dental pads
- Swelling of the face, lips and tongue (ie 'bluetongue')
- Breathing difficulties



if the tongue swells • Drooling • Discharge from the eyes and/or nose • Lameness • Abortion or deformities in offspring • Possible death.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THERE WAS AN OUTBREAK OF BLUETONGUE IN IRELAND?

In the event of an outbreak of bluetongue occurring in Ireland, control measures would have to be introduced to try to eradicate the disease. Restriction zones would be established, which would extend for a minimum of 150km in size and movement controls for susceptible animals would have to be introduced. Other control measures, including mandatory vaccination or housing periods, could also be implemented.

HOW COULD BLUETONGUE ENTER IRELAND?

There are three main ways that bluetongue could enter the country:

- Import of infected animals.
- Import of infected biological material (eg blood) or germinal products (eg semen or embryos).
- Weather conditions allowing for infected midges to be carried on the wind to Ireland from bluetongue-affected countries.

HOW CAN WE ENSURE WE KEEP IRELAND FREE FROM BLUETONGUE?

The greatest threat to bluetongue entering the country comes from the import of an infected animal from a country in which bluetongue is currently circulating. Some countries are higher risk than others.

Ireland cannot currently import cattle from mainland UK. Therefore, anyone intending to import an animal should contact their local DVO before any arrangements are made.

Johne's disease – the facts

Johne's disease is a bacterial disease of cattle and other ruminants for which there is no cure. It is caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium avium* subspecies *paratuberculosis* (MAP), hence the other name for the disease paratuberculosis.

Cattle usually become infected as calves early in life by drinking or eating milk or food contaminated with the bacteria, which are shed in the dung or milk of infected adult cattle.

On occasion, calves are already infected at birth, with this being most common when their dam has advanced disease. Sometimes one infected calf can infect pen-mates early in life.

Once infected, the disease progresses slowly and silently. The signs of disease will vary depending upon the stage of infection, how many bacteria the calf swallowed, how soon after birth this happened and how quickly the gut wall has become damaged.

The signs of infection appear very gradually, with reduced feed conversion efficiency leading to loss of productivity, followed by weight loss, scour and ultimately emaciation and death.

Very commonly, signs of Johne's disease won't actually be visible until the animal has had three or more calves. However, even before signs are seen, the cow's resistance to other infections may have already been weakened and she may well have been culled for poor performance due to mastitis, lameness or poor fertility, without this even having been linked to Johne's disease.

HOW IS IT SPREAD?

Infection is usually introduced on to a farm through the purchase of a single infected animal, including bulls. Another route of entry on to the farm is contaminated colostrum or slurry.

Once the disease is in the herd, it will spread slowly and silently to other animals, particularly young stock, as they come into contact with dung from an infected animal or drink infected colostrum or milk.

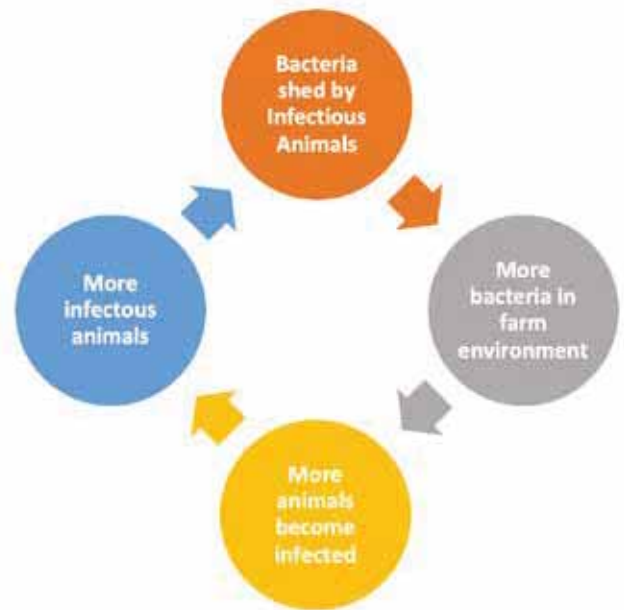
HOW CAN IT BE CONTROLLED?

Once infection is present on a farm, it is important to limit opportunities for calves to swallow the bacteria by removing the sources of infection and maintaining excellent standards of calf hygiene. The more successfully this is done, the fewer calves will be infected and the healthier they will be.

Positive-test animals should be prioritised for culling and kept well away from calves before they leave the farm. While they remain in the herd, they are a source of contamination to calves and their environment.

This applies particularly to animals with a positive result to a faecal culture or PCR test and also to animals with a positive result to a blood or milk ELISA test. By the time an infected animal tests positive on blood or milk, it is highly likely to be shedding the bacteria in dung and milk.

It is also very important to keep the calving pens and calf-



rearing areas of the farm separate from each other and clean.

Remember that a high standard of hygiene within the calf environment is crucial, ie calf areas must be kept clean and free of adult cattle dung. These measures will not only help protect them from Johne's disease, but also from other bacteria and viruses, particularly those causing diarrhoea and pneumonia.

The bacteria causing Johne's disease can be transmitted in colostrum and milk, both through the direct excretion of the bacteria in the milk of MAP-infected cows and the contamination of milk with faeces - eg dung-contaminated teats.

For this reason, the use of colostrum or milk from infected cows or ELISA test-positive cows which are yet to have infection confirmed with a faecal culture or PCR test should be avoided. This includes avoiding the use of pooled milk and colostrum or waste milk where any of the contributing cows are test positive.

SUPPORT

To find out ways in which to prevent or control Johne's disease on your farm, contact your veterinary practitioner.



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Aberdeen-Angus families quick guide

| Official initial(s) for naming | Naming rules | Annuity | Foundation cow |
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| A | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (A). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Annuity | Annuity 10975 |
| B | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (B) but not the word (Black). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Bluebell of Easter Tulloch | Bluebell of Easter Tulloch 1027 |
| Black | Animal must be named beginning with the word (BLACK). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Blackbird | Blackbird of Corskie 1704 |
| C | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (C). A second name may be used beginning with any initial except (B). | Coquette | Coquette 1417 |
| C.B. | Animal must be named two words beginning with the initials (C. B.). No other names may be added. | Cherry Blossom | Craigie 2nd of Strichen 5544 |
| D | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (D). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Daffodil Duchess | Duchess of Westertown 927 |
| E | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (E). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Erica | Erica 843 |
| F | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (F). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Fanny of Kinnaid | Fanny of Kinnaid 330 |
| G | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (G). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Gammer | Duchess of Hillhead 29616 |
| H | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (H). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Heather Blossom | Heather Bell of Rothiemay 816 |
| I | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (I).. A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Isabella of Morlich | Isabella of Morlich 2077 |
| J | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (J). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Jilt | Jilt 973 |
| J. Eric(a) | Animal must be named two words - first name must begin with the initial (J), the second must be (ERIC) for males and (ERICA) for females. No other names may be added. | Juana Erica | Juana Erica 36285 |
| K | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (K). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Kindness Pride | Kindness of Ballindalloch 1412 |
| L | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (L). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Lucy of Portlethen | Lucy of Portlethen 287 |
| Lord / Lady E | Animal must be named two words - first name must be (LORD) for males and (LADY) for females. Second name must begin with the initial (E). No other names may be added. | Lady Elizabeth of The Manor | Lady Elizabeth of The Manor 7407 |

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| Lord / Lady H | Animal must be named two words - first name must be (LORD) for males and (LADY) for females. Second name must begin with the initial (H). No other names may be added. | Lady Haddo | Lady Haddo 2161 |
| Lord / Lady I | Animal must be named two words - first name must be (LORD) for males and (LADY) for females. Second name must begin with the initial (I). No other names may be added. | Lady Ida | Lady Ida 1021 |
| Lord / Lady J | Animal must be named two words - first name must be (LORD) for males and (LADY) for females. Second name must begin with the initial (J). No other names may be added. | Lady Jane of Blessington | Lady Jane of Blessington 5889 |
| Lord / Lady M | Animal must be named two words - first name must be (LORD) for males and (LADY) for females. Second name must begin with the initial (M). No other names may be added. | Lady of the Manor | Lady Mary of The Manor 9027 |
| Lord / Lady T | Animal must be named two words - first name must be (LORD) for males and (LADY) for females. Second name must begin with the initial (T). No other names may be added. | Lady Tawse | Lady Tawse 18265 |
| M | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (M). A second name may be used beginning with any initial except (B) or (P). | Mayflower of Easter Tulloch | Mayflower of Easter Tulloch 3519 |
| M.B. | Animal must be named two words beginning with the initials (M. B.). No other names may be added. | Miss Burgess | Miss Burgess 1198 |
| M.P. | Animal must be named two words beginning with the initials (M. P.). No other names may be added. | Mabel Pride | Mabel 1801 |
| N | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (N). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Norah of Lissadell | Nora of Lissadell 33788 |
| P | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (P). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Pride of Aberdeen | Pride of Aberdeen 581 |
| Q | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (Q). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Queen Mother | Queen Mother 348 |
| R | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (R). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Ruth of Tillyfour | Ruth of Tillyfour 1169 |
| S | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (S). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Stumpie | Stumpie 2297 |
| V | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (V). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Vine Tillyfour | Vine of Tillyfour 1167 |
| W | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (W). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Witch of Endor | Witch of Endor 2nd 6092 and Witch of Endor 3rd |
| Z | Animal must be named beginning with the initial (Z). A second name may be used beginning with any initial. | Zara | Zara 1228 |

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Dam: Liss Myrlo F710

Ireland – world leaders in genomics

2013 – Irish Aberdeen Angus, Department of Agriculture and the ICBF launch genomic research project.

2014 – BDGP launched. An EU-funded genomics programme for the Irish national beef herd.

2017 – Irish genotypes pass one million and become world's largest beef genotype database.

2018 – DNA calf registration pilot scheme launched by ICBF.

2019 – All Irish Aberdeen Angus bulls to be genotyped as part of registration.

2020 – Irish genotypes pass two million.

2024 – Rollout of national genotyping from birth.

Genomics is a technology for increasing the accuracy with which the genetic merit of young potential breeding animals can be determined.

It enables earlier selection decisions, thus reducing generation intervals and gives rise to more rapid annual rates of genetic gain.

Ireland has been a rapid adopter of genomics technology.

This rapid adoption has been facilitated by a comprehensive database of phenotypes and genotypes, strong public funding support for applied genomics research, an international network of collaborators, a short path between research and implementation, an overall selection index which farmers use in making breeding decisions and a motivated and informed breeding industry.

The shorter generation interval possible with genomic selection strategies also allows exploitation of the already accelerating rate of genetic progress in Ireland.

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National genotyping roll-out

HOW GENOTYPING WORKS

Genotyping involves taking a tissue sample from breeding females and males and building a DNA bank of that data.

When new calves are born, they are matched to their sire and dam. If carried out at national scale, genotyping would give the Irish cattle industry 100% traceability at the DNA level.

The genetic data collected will be analysed to identify specific traits or characteristics that are important to farmers, such as disease resistance, milk or meat production or fertility.

In addition, the information gathered will be used to develop breeding strategies aimed at improving the overall genetic merit of the herd.

This voluntary genotyping programme over five years represents a significant step towards genotyping of the national bovine herd.

On May 31st 2023, Minister for Agriculture Charlie McConalogue announced the world's first cattle genotyping programme. This programme, which is being run through a strategic public-private partnership model, will enhance the environmental sustainability, health and productivity of Irish beef and dairy herds.

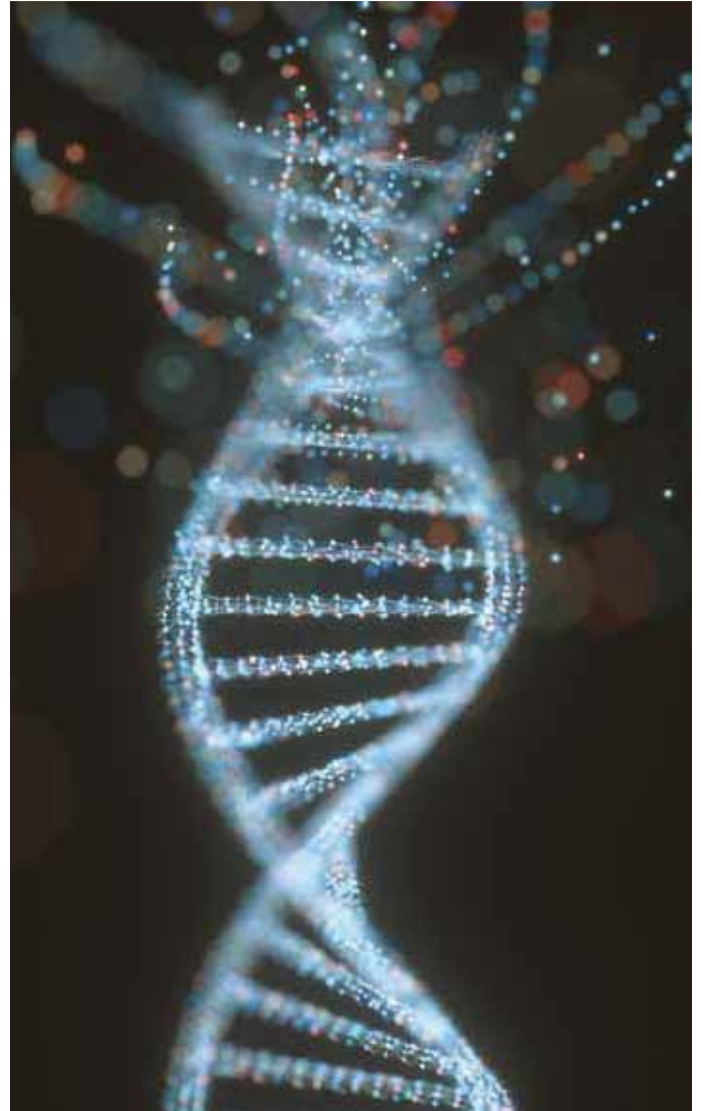
Speaking at the launch, the Minister stated: "We are stepping out a hugely ambitious and world-first programme that will ensure that Irish farming remains the most pioneering agriculture sector in the world. This is the first step in delivering on our ambition of genotyping all cattle in the country.

"This programme is the outcome of truly constructive engagement between my department and the Irish Cattle Breeding Federation, farm organisations and industry representatives in bringing this project to fruition.

"By harnessing genetic data, the programme will empower Irish farmers to make informed breeding decisions, optimise herd management and animal welfare, and contribute towards Ireland's climate action targets."

In year one, genotyping will be fully subsidised for those farmers entering the programme; this will cover genotyping all cows and replacement females in these herds. Farmers participating in year one will have to commit to remain in the programme for the entire five years and that all of the calves of dams genotyped in year one would be genotyped in the following years.

In years two to five, farmers would contribute a one-third



share of costings through the purchase of the tag required for genotyping, plus other additional costs.

Irish pedigree breeders - especially members of the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association - can avail of many benefits from participating in the National Genotyping Programme.

The Irish Aberdeen Angus Association Herdbook requires all males to be genotyped and myostatin tested and all breeding females require sire verification. This new programme will allow for all pedigree calves born from spring 2024 to be sire and dam verified, genotyped and myostatin tested at birth.

The result of this will mean fewer registration errors and guaranteed correct pedigree cert within weeks of the birth registration. Our members will face reduced costs of genotyping their female animals also.



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WorldAngus Forum 2025 - an invite

would like to extend an invitation from Angus Australia to each member of the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association to visit Australia in May 2025 for the World Angus Forum.

The Angus Society of Australia has always had a very special relationship and close association with our fellow breeders across the United Kingdom and Ireland.

I was delighted to form a very strong working relationship your president Eustace Burke, Shane Murphy and Dr. Felicity McGrath. As the recent World Angus Secretariat in the Czech Republic, we certainly enjoyed the comradery of the Irish delegates and fellow breeders.

This summer in Australia marks 200 years since Aberdeen Angus cattle first walked off a ship in Australia. Angus cattle have thrived in Australia and in our latest survey of the Australian beef industry, 49% of the Australian cow herd is Angus influenced and it is much higher in our southern states.

Since that time, we have grown the herd of registered Angus cattle to 145,000 active females on inventory across our four breeding registers. Our society has now 3,986 members from both the seed-stock and commercial sector.

Our members are so enthusiastic to Irish friends and fellow breeders, we are sure to see some great cattle and share a few laughs!

We have planned a dynamic two weeks 'down under'. The World Angus Forum experience will begin with a harbour cruise on what is (arguably) the finest harbour in the world. You will see the Opera House, the Sydney Harbour Bridge and sample some of Australia's finest wines.

The next day you will travel to Orange and Bathurst where you will visit Millah Murrah (Australia's highest averaging Angus breeder) and visit a fully integrated paddock-to-plate operation where cattle are bred, processed and sold through a family-owned supermarket chain.

In Tamworth, we are planning the largest exhibition of Angus cattle in the southern hemisphere in our quintessential 'country' cattle. We will have breeders from across Australia and New Zealand assembled to showcase their genetics, we will have a live cattle auction and hope to show you some of the finest Angus cattle anywhere.

This would be an excellent opportunity for UK and Irish breeders to interact with our breeders and perhaps find your next outcross. You'll also have a chance to meet more than a few of our local characters.

From Tamworth, we then head to Brisbane, visiting Australia's oldest Angus stud, Bald Blair, Rangers Valley feedlot, an ET collection centre, Australia's finest agricultural college and a regenerative agriculture paddock-to-plate beef experience.

On the Brisbane River at Southbank in Brisbane, we have assembled some of the world's top speakers for a World Angus Forum which should be extraordinary!

We will discuss how the beef industry is part of the solution to the world's environmental challenges and hear from some of the best industry minds available.

Finally, if you've got some energy left, we have a seven-day western Queensland outback experience to see how Angus genetics thrive in a fragile yet very productive environment! We'll finish at the Roma sale yards - the southern hemisphere's largest cattle selling centre.

We look forward to showcasing our industry, our cattle and our hospitality to our Irish friends!

Yours sincerely,

Scott Wright

Chief Executive Officer

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YDP 2023 roundup

IRELAND ROUNDUP

The YDP in Ireland had its most successful year ever in terms of workshop attendance. A total of 106 kids took part in our four workshops throughout the year. Our four workshops took place between April and July, one in each of the four provinces of Ireland.

Our first workshop on the Lana Herd of Alan Cheney, Trillick, County Tyrone. This was a great day where all enjoyed the great hospitality of our hosts along with some super training on the day from David Connolly, Alan Morrison and David Hamill.

We then moved into the summer months, with our next workshop taking place at the Liss Herd of John and Sean McEnroe. On what is traditionally our largest workshop. It didn't disappoint with 26 attendees, coming along with some great training from renowned stockman Karol Connell, who gave a fantastic demonstration on clipping and grooming. Also, on the day we had Basil Bothwell and Sean McEnroe and a big thank you has to go to Patricia McGrath for her herd breeding demonstration.

Our third workshop of the year then moved west to the Gortnallon Herd of Patricia and Dr. Felicity McGrath in County Galway. Once again, there was another fantastic turnout of enthusiastic attendees who were shown the skills of clipping, grooming and ring craft from two men who know their way around a beast and the show ring, Bernard Keirns and Shane Murphy.

After three workshops and unbelievable turnouts nothing was going to shock me more than the attendance of our fourth and final workshop of 2023 at the Mercury Herd of Shane Murphy County Cork. In total, 48 kids turned up on the day which was unbelievable. The large number really made for a challenging day but thank you once again to our host Shane Murphy and our trainers Cathal O'Meara, Eoin Lynch and Matt and Rita Goulding, who kept all the attendees working hard. Also on hand was Patricia and Dr Felicity McGrath with their amazing fertility and breeding demo. A big thank you also to Paul Boles of the Irish Holstein Friesian Association who gave a demo on classification of a beef animal.

This final workshop moved on nicely to our summer shows where it was great to see so many attendees showing and grooming animals across so many breeds. It was also great to see our YDP shirts and hoodies on display.

I would like to thank everyone who took part and helped with our workshops this summer and also a big congratulations to our Irish team who competed at the YDP finals in England.

Last of all, I'd like to say thanks to all the hosts and trainers who made my life easier this year, but a massive thank you to all the parents for bringing your kids to the workshops.

We look forward to 2024 and the YDP finals in Ireland. Let's make it the best one yet.

Niall
Ireland YDP coordinator

ENGLAND AND WALES ROUNDUP

We started our new season on Saturday 29 April with a new venue, the Standlynch Herd, Salisbury, hosted by Andrew Carter. The 13 attendees, many of which were all new to Youth Development Programme (YDP), had a great hands-on day, learning all about ring craft and cattle grooming. Two of which, Lottie Hill and a new junior Harry Howard, did so brilliantly that they went on to become 2023 finalists. The day was pleasantly warm, and our trainers gladly shared their experience and expertise with the group.

Stock judging and reason giving Paul Westaway

Clipping and dressing Angus Mclean

Ring craft Keith Jempson,
aided by Lottie Hill

On 4 June a workshop at Yearsley herd, near York, hosted by Penny and Adrian Johnson, saw a small but eager, again with some new faces. Penny supplied a wonderful picnic for all to enjoy. Our more experienced attendees, Mason Moore and Cara Doggett, gained the relevant scores to qualify for the National Final.

Clipping, dressing and ring craft Andrew Hughes and
Robert Clark

Stock judging Tom Slater

Later, on June 10 we revisited the Morpheus herd, where our host Owen Tunney and family, looked after us superbly with smaller cattle for the participants to work on. PENWAC member Mary Hamnett, kindly supplied wonderful refreshments for our trainers and visitors. All the candidates were so enthusiastic around the clipping and dressing crushes and everyone enjoyed trying out different products to see how it changed the finished look of the calves.

Tremendously accomplished young people attended this day, with six individuals qualifying for the final. Congratulations to Veronic Webster, Sophie Tunney, Joseph Mycock, Lizzie Harding, Vinnie Lane and Jack Heath.

Clipping Owen Tunney

Dressing Matthew Jones

Stock judging and ring craft David Heath

The last workshop in the England and Wales area was held at Melview Herd, Gloucestershire, kindly hosted by Paul and Kirsty Westaway on 25 June. A good balance of ages made for a terrific day, with yet again great weather. Kirsty treated us all at lunchtime to sausage rolls, which everyone loved and the young folk present had loads of hands-on experience, no matter whether they were new to YDP or seasoned participants.

Those successful in being selected for the final were Will Edwards and Ellie Westaway, who were new to YDP and in his final year competing, Donald Mclean.

Clipping and dressing

Joey Clark and
Andrew Robinson

Stock judging

Clive Davies

Ring craft

Andrew Robinson

We would like to thank the hosts and trainers who put so much of their time, expertise and patience into working with all the young people who attend these workshops. Designed to not only educate young people, but offer them an opportunity to make new friends and have fun doing something they love.

SCOTTISH ROUNDUP

The Scottish workshops kicked off at the end of May with our first workshop being held at Cardona Aberdeen-Angus by kind permission of the Galloway family.

As ever all the participants seemed really excited to be getting stuck back into YDP. Ewan MacRobert and his team had prepared the cattle well for us, and also provided some great beef rolls for lunch.

Our trainers on the day Stewart Bett, William McLaren and stockman Ewan did a great job of giving everyone an insight into their knowledge of cattle preparation and stock judging and it was great to see so many new faces.

This trend followed onto the next Scottish workshop, held at Ballindalloch by kind permission of Guy McPherson Grant. Stockman David and wife Suzie Johnston welcomed us to the farm of the longest established continuous run herd of

Aberdeen-Angus, it was lovely to have a workshop with all that history.

Alongside David and Suzie on the ring craft we roped in some old YDP finalists, Eoin Cumming and Andrew Adam to help train on the day, it was great to see people who have come through the programme coming back to help out. The turnout was great and again we were spoiled with a BBQ and ice cream to conclude the day!

From the north, we then travelled to the south the next day for the final Scottish workshop to be held at West Drums Angus by kind permission of John Steel. John had put a super effort into hosting for us and had even managed to get sponsorship and prizes for the day, a little treat for the attendees. Again, it was great to see so many new faces and so much talent.

Our trainers Kim Brown, Walter Wylie and Ali Jackson, were amazing and everyone went away having learnt a lot with a few goodies from Galedin vets, Carrs Billington, Tweddell Agricultural Services, Harbro and John himself.

I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone mentioned above that hosted or trained this year in Scotland. We are truly grateful and couldn't do these days without your help and kindness, we know how much work it is to be a host farm, so we truly appreciate it.

Thank you to all the participants who came along and the parents that gave up their time to come and help out on the days also. The standard this year was really high and very impressive, I hope you all enjoyed the workshops and we will see you back again next year. Also, a huge congratulations to Cameron, Finlay and Graeme; I am very proud of what you have achieved.

Steph
Scotland YDP coordinator



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Sunday 26 May 2024 - Rodmead Herd

Hosted by Angus Neish
Maiden Bradley, Warminster, Wilts BA12 7UP

Saturday 13 July 2024 - Glasnant Angus

Hosted by John James and family
Panty Wheel Farm, Llandoverly, Carmarthenshire, SA20 0HA

IRELAND

Saturday 25th May 2024 - Killaney Aberdeen Angus Northern Ireland

Hosted by Mr and Mrs John Blackburn
205 Augafad road, Clogher, Co. Tyrone BT76 0XB

Saturday 15 June 2024 - Liss Aberdeen Angus Leinster Republic of Ireland

Hosted by John and Sean McEnroe
Liss House, Oldcastle Co. Meath

Saturday 13 July 2024 - Gortnalon Aberdeen Angus Connaught Republic of Ireland

Hosted by Patricia and Dr. Felicity McGrath
Gortnalon, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

Saturday 27 July 2024 - Munster Aberdeen Angus club

Hosted by Munster Republic of Ireland
Venue TBC

SCOTLAND

Sunday 9 June 2024 - The Ballindalloch herd

Hosted by Guy MacPherson-Grant Esq
Ballindalloch Home Farms, Ballindalloch, Banffshire, AB3 9AX.

Sunday 7 July 2024 - The Mosston Muir herd

Hosted by the Rennie family
Mosston Muir Farm Ltd, Mosston Muir, Guthrie, By Forfar, Angus

A third Scottish workshop will be confirmed later in the year.

YDP National Final will be held in Ireland Friday 27 - Sunday 29 September 2024

Location for final TBC

TAKING PART IN THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (YDP)

WHO CAN TAKE PART?

Any young person aged 8 -24 yrs can attend and compete at the workshops. You can be from any breed of cattle, Young Farmers Club, School, University or College, or from any walk of life.

WHAT IS IT?

A 'hands on' opportunity for all young folk to meet and learn from experienced cattle stockman on how to prepare cattle for shows and sales, and learn cattle handling techniques. Annually we invite along an industry specialist to attend the day to enhance the experience for the attendees in animal husbandry, health and welfare.

HOW CAN I QUALIFY FOR THE YDP FINAL?

During the day you will be observed by our trainers and assessed, so that you can establish where improvements can be made. These assessments will be considered from all workshops nationwide, and 12 candidates will be selected from each area and invited to attend the YDP Final held in the autumn. Any young person that attends a workshop can attend the final to take part in workshops and observe, alongside the selected finalists.

WHY?

You will learn new skills, meet new friends, have fun and build confidence in your ability to handle cattle. It is an excellent opportunity for young folk considering making agriculture their chosen profession or if you are looking to establish your own herd of cattle.

HOW?

Register online by completing the booking form via:
www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk/youth-development/
You can attend as many workshops as you wish.

Can I still be involved with YDP once I reach 25 years?

Yes you can; our Senior Conferences are held twice a year and are for our members aged 18 -28 yrs. These are designed to introduce you to industry partners and help you develop your knowledge in agriculture, personal development and continue your networking and friendships. Ideas from members are invited for programme content.

YOUTH COUNCIL

New in 2022 was the establishment of the Youth Council, made up of individuals around the UK and Ireland who are passionate about taking the Youth Development Programme forward into the next decade. The Youth Council will also be involved with international exchanges, become trainers at the YDP Workshops and attend the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society Youth Development Programme Committee meetings, plus invitations to attend main council. The Youth Council will lead the direction of young people activities within the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society.

Your YDP Regional Co-ordinators for 2024

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YDP Senior Conference – Kelso February 2023



Following a suggestion from Seonaid McLaren that suggested our next Senior Conference should be farm based, our February 2023 Senior Conference was based in the Scottish Borders around Kelso, where we visited three different farming practices. We had 21 people attend, which is one of the highest attendances we have seen. This made for a great group of young folk with enquiring minds to develop their knowledge even further.

Friday afternoon saw us arrive at Cowbog Farm, Morebattle, at the home of Robert and Lucy Wilson. Robert shared their brave experience of agri-tourism, diversification and setting out their Monitor Farm Programme.

Constant changes at Cowbog include: end of term leases, Covid and Brexit meaning that seeking new opportunities within their farming practice needed to be pursued, this resulted in the development of "Fluffy Moos". Robert runs an on-farm experience on how to prepare and turn out cattle for shows and sales. This also offered something very different for corporate team building and leadership platforms for businesses. Initially, a great success, it became apparent that one of the favourite parts of the experience was the dining. This was expanded by Lucy into 'Wilson's Farm and Kitchen' with bothy curry evenings and group bookings in the renovated stables block.

Becoming part of a monitor farm group Robert was able to focus more on the strengths and weaknesses of the farming enterprises, including grassland management. He has found being part of a benchmarking group has focused his attention on efficiency and finance. Keeping an open mind and seeking new ideas that can attract grant funding are helping to make their family farm successful.

That evening we dined in the stables. The food was amazing and our private venue had a great atmosphere. It was also lovely to welcome our vice president, Ian Watson, who was able to join us.

Saturday morning was spent at Rawburn Angus, Roxburgh Mains, hosted by John Elliot and family. The focus of the visit was to gain information and knowledge on their feed efficiency trials carried out on-farm. Rawburn run 200 pedigree Angus cattle, selling 95 bulls a year, alongside a 150

pedigree Texel flock, selling 80 rams a year and 120 Suffolks producing 50 rams a year. An arable rotation of barley, oats are grown for on-farm consumption. John explained the management involved with the feed trials and shared the Growsafe reports at the end of the trial summary, which made for a very interesting reading. The difference in profit from one beast to another was quite significant - £123 extra cost in feed to slaughter for a similar weight. This certainly showed that the correct breeding and genetics can make the difference between profit or loss.

Participants were challenged with selecting by phenotype, what they thought would be efficient bulls, and this was very enlightening, as not always the best looking bulls were the most efficient. Also, invited along was Boomer Birch, beef programme manager from Cogent, to discuss their selection process of stud bulls. Those present discussed many aspects of bull production and management, breed types, environmental factors and feed quality. A farm visit would not be the same without the trailer ride out around the out-wintered breeding females and the inspection of the herds stock bulls. John was also kind enough to bring together a selection of young cows for us to discuss their data and reflect on the subject of optimum cow size. It was a really interesting morning with lots for our candidates to take away and reflect on.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Neill family took on the tenancy of Upper Nisbet, which is part of Lothian Estates in the Scottish borders, in May 2000. They run a herd of Limousin-cross cows. They farm 533 ha of cereals, and all progeny from the suckler herd are finished on home-grown fodder and sold live throughout the year, mostly to local butchers.

The farm currently has 320 suckler cows. This number has been increased gradually year-on-year since arriving at Upper Nisbet with 200 cows in May 2000. The majority of the cows are Limousin cross British Friesian, but some British Blue breeding has been introduced into the herd and the recent purchase of an Aberdeen-Angus bull will be used to breed replacement heifers. The main supply of replacement heifers are sourced from the family dairy farm. The replacement Friesian heifers are put to the Limousin bull to produce the first crosses for the suckler herd. There is a small herd of pedigree Limousin cows which are used to breed bulls to be used on the suckler herd.

Robert was awarded a Nuffield Farming Scholarship in 2013. His study topic is Electronic Identification (EID) in the cattle industry and this work is still very much part of the farming enterprise at Upper Nisbet.

Robert won the Mixed Farmer of the Year award but then went on to win the Farmers Weekly Overall in Farmer of the Year in 2017. Our visit here was very impressive and many of the attendees were impressed by the precision farm practice.

Our weekend came to a finish and participants headed back home full of new ideas and information from the conference visits. Our thanks to all our hosts, supporters and venues for making this 2023 Spring Conference such a great success.

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YDP Final report 2023

The full complement of 36 young people from England, Ireland and Scotland arrived at the Hogs Back Hotel on the Friday evening, where YDP shirts, ties and fleeces were awarded to all for reaching the 2023 Final. They wore this kit while competing in their three age groups of juniors, intermediates and seniors, at the home of the Rosemead Herd.

Our hosts, Angus Stovold and family, along with his herd manager, Tom Beadle and his team, pulled out all the stops and made us feel very welcome and catered for. Facilities were perfect and all 38 heifers were so quiet and well behaved. Even the weather was on our side, with sunshine all day. With the help of our stewards, Owen Tunney, Gemma Wark, Steph Dick, Nicola Howie and Niall Lynch, the competitors got stuck into the disciplines of the Saturday with great enthusiasm. The enormity of the planning and preparation that goes into holding an event such as this could not be accomplished without the support of fellow breeders, families and stockman from all around. For this we are most appreciative. The reward: being able to observe the finalists on the day give their everything to compete at an extremely high level with absolute professionalism, decorum and sportsmanship. Some of the many skills learnt at the workshops held around the UK and Ireland through the spring and summer of 2023.

Competition venue hosts:

Messrs P C Stovold & Son, Rosemead Herd, Lydling Farm, Shackleford, Nr Godalming, Surrey

Presentation reception evening hosts:

Mr & Mrs D Brenninkmeijer, McClemens Herd, Field Place, Compton, Guildford, Surrey

Judges:

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| Ring craft | David and Penny Evans |
| Dressing & grooming | Drew Hyslop |
| Stock judging | Ruth Perry |
| Panel judges | Finlay Munro, Rob Bishop and Felicity McGrath |

In between the competitive elements were workshops including:

Care of your cow through pregnancy
Maarten Boer

Photography
Catherine MacGregor

Discussions on calf care and weaning
Owen Tunney

Farm walk of Lydling Farm
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Our evening hosts Dennis and Simone Brenninkmeijer, could not have done more to make the young folk and guests feel at ease and comfortable, with amazing retro food vans including excellent pizza or burgers and chips, accompanied with amazing side salads. The alfresco dining under the warm October sky made the whole evening magical.

We owe them a huge gratitude for welcoming our final competitors to their home and giving us a warm reception. With the presentation of awards being spread among those gathered, the prizes of clippers, blowers, and £1,500 travel bursary went to Graeme Rhind, Finlay Hunter and Cameron Barclay. Naturally the Scottish

representatives were very buoyant with their success. Very well done to them and all the prize winners for all their hard work and victories. Baseball caps, trophies, glass awards, certificates for winners and for all who participated, meant that everyone went home with something to be proud of. We must thank Owen Tunney for generously sponsoring additional prizes in the form of showtime beef kits for the runners up in the intermediate and junior sections. It was the perfect ending to an amazing day.



YDP Final 2023 results

Juniors

Dressing and grooming:

1st Cameron Barclay
2nd Fletcher Russell
3rd Aine Heffernan

Clipping:

1st Sam Ferguson
2nd Cameron Barclay
3rd Vinnie Lane
3rd Megan Reynolds

Ring craft:

1st Aine Heffernan
2nd Adam Kearney
3rd Veronica Webster

Stock judging:

1st Adam Kearney
2nd Fletcher Russell
3rd Sam Ferguson

Panel:

Overall junior:

1st Cameron Barclay
2nd Adam Kearney
3rd Sam Ferguson

Intermediates

1st Finlay Hunter
2nd Cliodhna Smith
3rd Kirsty Clark

1st Finlay Hunter
2nd Eion Robinson
3rd Ruby Simpson

1st Jack Heath
2nd James Morrison
3rd Cliodhna Smith

1st Ruby Simpson
2nd Kirsty Clark
3rd James Morrison

1st James Morrison
2nd Ruby Simpson
3rd Isobel Walsh

Intermediate:

1st Finlay Hunter
2nd James Morrison
3rd Ruby Simpson

Seniors

1st Greame Rhind
2nd Sam Matchett
3rd Ellie Westaway

1st Greame Rhind
2nd Donald Mclean
3rd Sam Matchett

1st Donald Mclean
2nd Cara Doggett
3rd Lizzie Harding

1st Ellie Westaway
2nd Lottie Hill
3rd Sam Matchett

1st John Smyth
2nd Greame Rhind
3rd Catherine Smyth

Senior:

1st Greame Rhind
2nd Ellie Westaway
3rd Donald Mclean

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Final winner

I'm Graeme and I'm 22 years old and I am really delighted to be the winner of the 2023 YDP final. The final was made up of ring craft, dressing, clipping, stock judging and a panel interview. I managed to come first in the clipping and dressing and was second in the panel interview.

Winning has given me the fantastic opportunity to travel to see how Aberdeen-Angus perform in other parts of the world. I'm very excited as I'm interested in different blood lines and ways to improve my herd. I have yet to decide where I will go, but I'm drawn to Canada or America to see larger scale, ranch-type systems.

I work at home on the family farm at Newton of Struthers in the north east of Scotland. We run a herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, a small herd of Limousin cattle, and a flock of Blue Texels along with a flock of commercial sheep. In addition to the livestock, we also grow malting barley for our local distilleries and run an agricultural contracting business.

Having grown up on the family farm I have always had a passion to work with and turnout animals, with my grandad showing me the ropes from an early age. This summer has been one to remember as my home-bred heifer Newton-Struthers Espresso lifted numerous breed championships, as well as a few interbreeds. Achieving so much with a heifer that I have seen grow since day one was very special to me. She is sired by Ed, our stock bull, which is doing a great job for us, leaving us tremendous females.

This year was my second time competing in YPD. I qualified at the Ballindaloch workshop. This event saw a great turn out, it was excellently run, with great cattle to work with. A few weeks later, I took the long trip south to the Rosemead Aberdeen-Angus herd in Surrey for the final, where an excellent weekend was held and I was able to put my knowledge to the test.

The YDP workshops are an amazing opportunity to learn and meet new people, you don't have to have Aberdeen-Angus cattle to get involved! I would encourage anyone who has the chance to give it a go.

Graeme Rhind



YDP photos



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Shankill Aberdeen Angus

The Shankill herd was founded in 1986 with the purchase of its foundation female Parkemeadow Usher, a Creaga Vincent daughter, in Carrick-on-Shannon from Liam Regan, Ballaghaderreen, Co Roscommon, for a sum of £600.

Today, the Shankill herd has grown from the one female to a 35-strong cow herd. Pat Cahill, in his 90th year, alongside his son Finbarr both run the Shankill herd of Aberdeen Angus with their milking herd of 70 Friesian cows across 210 acres of which 140 are owned.

Pat said that the reason it was Aberdeen Angus as his breed of choice was that they were always a very marketable breed and that he was always guaranteed a customer for Aberdeen Angus cattle.

Pat still has some pedigree Herefords and commented on how he is able to sell his Aberdeen Angus bulls each spring that bit earlier. Finbarr added that while running the dairy herd alongside the pedigrees, they needed a breed that was hardy and could look after itself while getting on with the job and that is why Aberdeen Angus was their breed of choice for their pedigree herd.

Pat and Finbarr said that the present-day herd is made up of homebred females which are daughters of previous stock bulls that have been used.

Finbarr said: "I suppose we would've been using predominantly AI across the cows until the purchase of our first notable stock bull Cashelane Bart D572 of Robert Putz on March 11th 2006." This bull went on to leave possibly the biggest legacy in the herd as years went on.

The father and son duo are regulars at the Stirling bull sales in Scotland and have bought two stock bulls on occasion when in attendance.

Eastfield Black Buddy was purchased for £10,000 in February 2012 and has done a tremendous job, with numerous sons having won prizes and surpassing prices of €3,000. In 2017, another trip resulted in the purchase of Drumhill Lord Harry R635, an ET son by Nightingale Jake G405 out of Blelack Lady Heather J169. Finbarr commented that Lord Harry has bred well for them, with many females retained in the herd.

Whether it's showing or selling, the Cahills are regulars of the showgrounds in Carrick-on-Shannon. At the 2019 elite sale, their next purchase was Drumcrow Raw Peak, a Cartonroe Ernie son from the late Frank McKiernan.

"This bull has worked very well across our herd of cows - we have even used him on some of our dairy females with exceptional calves produced," added Pat.

The most recent addition to the Shankill herd in December 2022 again came from Carrick-on-Shannon in the form of Lavally Ultra. This HW Farghal T516 son was the senior male champion on the day and was secured for the joint top male price of €8,200.



The duo commented on how they are looking forward to using Ultra across their range of cows and that interesting times lie ahead for the herd.

In addition to the use of stock bulls, a handful of females are selected and AI is used with a range of sires being used. Bulls used include Rawburn Boss Hogg, Thrunton Rocket, Lawsonsford Bagatelle, HW Farghal, Rawburn Jagger Eric, Rawburn Rommel, Weeton Diamond Mine, Maine Dragon and some on-farm straws from former stockbull Cashelane Bart.

Heifers from the Shankill herd are mostly retained in the herd as replacements, with some heifers being exported across Europe or entered into sales across the country.

Pat said: "Eighty percent of all bulls are usually sold from the yard, with the rest being brought out to sales. On average, five bulls every year are sold to Northern Ireland." Finbarr added that: "All of our bulls are sold between 14 months and 16 months of age, with last year's bulls averaging €3,300."

SHOW AND SALE SUCCESSES

The Cahills said they have been very fortunate throughout the years to have brought out many prizewinners and championship winners to the bull sales in Carrick-on-Shannon. One of the most notable for them was a Mushroom Friar Fergus son who, at 14 months, sold for £7,000 at the time.

"1999 and 2000 are two years which really put the herd on the map," Pat recalls.

A 10-month old daughter of Canadian sire Sunset Acres Bang, Shankill Miss stood as the reserve all-Ireland champion in 1998 and in 1999 took the full honours as supreme all-Ireland champion. That year she was champion at no fewer than 10 shows and took the senior championship at the Ploughing.



Former stock bull Drumhill Lord Harry

In 2000, Shankill Lord Henry Y185, a son of Acumen Bold Leader 30X, took the junior championship and went on to take the overall championship.

The 2022 show season resulted in many prizewinners, with the icing on the cake being having the reserve champion in Virginia, at their local show. Pat said: "I was delighted to get back out on the show circuit after the two year break due to COVID-19."

In past years, Finbarr said there was great success in the show ring with their past stock bull Drumhill Lord Harry. Lord Harry was the reserve supreme all-Ireland champion in 2017, reserve senior male champion Tullamore Show 2017, supreme senior Aberdeen Angus champion Tullamore Show 2018, reserve senior championship at the 2018 all-Ireland, senior male champion Tullamore Show 2019.

"Not many may know this, but when Johnny Doyle of the Drumhill herd got started into Aberdeen Angus, some of his foundation females came from our herd," said Pat proudly.

FAVOURITE OF ALL

"My all-time favourite outing is the National Ploughing Championships. I've attended every Ploughing with the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association since 1991. That's 29 Ploughings," said Pat.

The Ploughing is a great place to promote the breed and the cattle themselves. Pat said that he has been lucky that most years when attending the Ploughing would result in sales for the Shankill herd with people asking "are they out of the bull that was at the ploughing?"

Pat said his most notable Ploughing sale was Shankill Max back in 1996. Pat remembers Doreen Corridan at the time was working for the Dairygold AI company and they bought Max that day for £5,000.

The Irish Aberdeen Angus calf show is another big event in the diary for the Cahills. Finbarr said that they have never



One of the up and coming heifers in the herd

missed a calf show since the first one held in Mullingar. Pat added that he remembers one year in Mullingar particularly well: "Eustace Burke was so taken by our heifer calf that day that he bought her before the show even started."

This Cashelane Bart daughter - Shankill Lady Helton - was from one of the most prominent lines in the herd. A regular shower for new owners Eustace and Deirdre Burke of the Clontead herd, Lady Helton went on to claim the supreme all-Ireland Irish Aberdeen Angus championship in 2015.

FUTURE

Pat admitted he had a soft spot for the Herefords at one time, but he believes now that Angus is the breed for him. "They tick a lot of boxes with regard to easy calving and meeting requirements of the ever-expanding dairy market, but also reduced inputs."

Pat said in all his years of farming, the "soaring price of inputs has really made farmers think on how they can change their system to cut back on inputs while getting the most out. I think the success of the Angus is being driven by this."

Finbarr added: "Continued hunger for good-quality Aberdeen Angus from the meat factories and producer groups offering bonuses will always mean that Angus will hold a good market share. This is especially true nowadays when we hear the consumer talking about meat quality. With Angus, they are consistently guaranteed that quality product."

Both the Cahills said there is also a massive opportunity for Angus to become the number one suckler breed. "With the majority of suckler farmers working off farm, it is seen as a no-brainer for them to have Angus as their breed of choice," says Finbarr.

For the Shankill herd, the path is very clear - continue to use good-quality bulls which will meet the needs of both the dairy and beef sectors.

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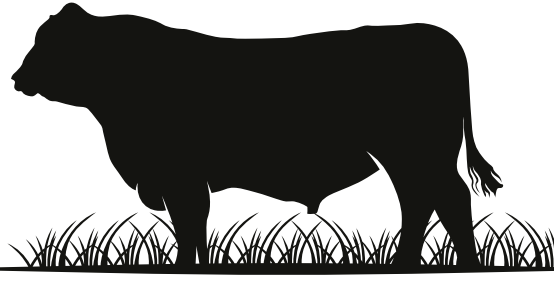
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Curaheen Aberdeen Angus

The Curaheen herd was founded by Jim and Elizabeth Forristall in the 1990s with the purchase of its foundation female Coolnasmear Liz Y113 from breeder Paul Byrne, Coolnasmear, Dungarvan, Co Waterford. Alongside Liz there were some females purchased from May Davidson of Bargy Castle, Co Wexford.

The pedigree herd, beef finishing and tillage enterprise where beet, maize and barley are grown, are run by Jim and Elizabeth on 200 acres. All crops grown from the on-farm tillage is fed to the cattle on the farm.

The dairy herd is run on 240 acres by their son John who milks 130 cows and keeps 50 replacement heifers. John uses AI for six weeks and mops up with a homebred Curaheen bull on the cows.

The heifers are run with two Aberdeen Angus bulls from early March. These bulls are also homebred from the Curaheen herd. All beef calves from the dairy herd are brought through to finish by Jim where he receives them reared.

Over the years, Jim gradually added on and the herd has grown from small beginnings to a 50-strong breeding female herd, with lots of the females all tracing back to Liz Y113, with the Lizzy cow family being the most prominent within the herd.

The herd today is now a closed herd, with new genetics introduced from stock bulls or AI sires. The herd is using two stock bulls sourced from the Meath-based Liss herd of John and Sean McEnroe.

FIRST BULL PURCHASED

The first bull purchased was Liss Mint V854, a Liss Marty P417 son, and the latest addition has been Liss Macbeth X086, a Liss Bear P487 son. Down through the years, many different stock bulls have left their mark on the herd, including Carrigroe Usain Bolt, Ashtree Sunshine, Wwillowfield Padraig and the homebred Curraheen Lass P837.

Alongside this, a select programme of AI is used within the herd on top females, with semen sourced from Progressive Genetics and Dovea. A broad range of sires has been used over the years, including HW Farghal T516, Ryans Ringo, HF Rebel 53Y, Gabriel Pat 1949, Cornamuckla Lord Hardy K222, Intelagri Matteo ET, Netherton Mr Rader J527, Netherton Americano M703, Netherton Mr Brazilian E377 and Goudling Jumbo King K436 ET.

Jim says they have never carried out any embryo work on the farm and have no plans to carry any out for the foreseeable future.

The Forristalls sell all their bulls from home out of the yard to customers of all backgrounds from all over Ireland. Their customer base includes pedigree herds, dairy farmers and a small portion of suckler farmers. The bulls are sold from 13 months of age, with some of the younger bulls kept till the following spring to be sold for dairy cows.



Jim said that once a bull has a ring in his nose and fertility tested, he's gone out the gate, with 90% of the customers dealing with them being repeat customers, which is priceless and is a testimony of the good work they are trying to do.

The majority of heifers are retained for breeding and those that are not kept for breeding on farm are sold to others for breeding, with the poorest drafted out for beef finishing alongside the heifers from the calf-to-beef system.

The on-farm finishing system involves the beef calves from the dairy herd and the proportion of the pedigrees that are



deemed not suitable for breeding. Twenty-four months is the target slaughter age for steers and heifers - all are fed the homegrown barley and a TMR diet inside with homegrown grass silage, maize, straw and beet.

SLAUGHTERED

All cattle are slaughtered through either one of the two producer groups that Jim is a member of. Cattle that are slaughtered in Dawn Meats in Waterford are sold through the Angus Beef Ireland producer group and the cattle slaughtered in Kepak Watergrassshill are sold through Kepak's 2020 Beef club.

Jim says that Aberdeen Angus as a beef breed being used in dairy herds is critical to keeping it the number one beef breed in the country and the results are seen on his farm through the calf-to-beef system. The steers are all slaughtered, with an average carcass weight of 350kg with an average carcass grade of R= and the heifers are slaughtered with an average carcass weight of 320kg with an average carcass grade of O+.

When deciding on the breed of choice for their pedigree herd, Jim admitted that he did have some Limousin cows here at one time, but, as John got more involved with the dairy cows, they slowly faded out and the Aberdeen Angus took over, as they worked hand in hand with the dairy cows.

Jim said that with the main market being breeding bulls for dairy farmers, gestation length is very important and this left the limousin bulls being a harder sell. As a breed, Aberdeen Angus is the breed of the future. Jim says that the dairy farmer needs the Angus and that's what they want.

The ease of calving, short gestation, vigorous calves and the polled characteristics are a recipe for success for the breed being used in dairy herds. Jim says that, going forward, farming is facing many challenges and that to keep the breed number one, markets need to be explored for a pedigree Aberdeen Angus beef brand and export markets to eliminate the poor portion of cattle out of the country.

Going forward in Curaheen, they hope to keep doing the simple things right that have gotten them to where they are today. Jim has joined the SCEP scheme and is currently on track to meet the targets.

"The best thing to come out of this year has been the opening of the national genotyping programme as a whole. It will allow us to have the most accurate, up-to-date information on our cattle. The biggest plus for myself is I certainly won't miss the hair cards and pulling hairs," Jim said, laughing.

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Jadam Aberdeen Angus

The Jadam herd was founded in 2011 with the purchase of its foundation females Ballykinacurra Genteel and Ballykinacurra Gemini from a breeder in the locality known as Tom Roche, Corofin, Co Clare.

Today, the Jadam herd has grown from two females to a strong breeding female herd of nine, which includes three recipient dams on 30 acres of marginal land in which 20 acres are owned and an additional 10 acres are rented.

Enda Kearney and his son Adam run the Jadam herd of Aberdeen Angus, alongside Enda's busy work schedule, which consists of cow scanning, freeze branding and being an AI technician, while Adam is still in school. Enda and Adam both said that they often get a dig out from Pauline, Nicole or Jenny "to stand in the odd gap".

Enda said that the reason it was Aberdeen Angus as his breed of choice was that he had spent a lot of time working with a vet in 2009 flushing cows and from visiting farms that were flushing Aberdeen Angus cows, he just seemed to have taken a liking to them and he personally felt that they would suit his busy schedule and his land type.

Enda and Adam said that the present-day herd is made up of predominately homebred females, which are daughters of AI sires previously used that include SAV Solid Gold 9187, Rawburn Jagger Eric R094 and HF Rebel 53.

Some of the more recent AI sires used presently consist of Fordel Lockdown P827, Rawburn Rommel E423, HF Alcatraz 60F and Rawburn Bannockburn T628. Enda added to this that his favourite sire to date has been HF Alcatraz 60F.

Enda said that in 2018, a trip to Galway breeder Mick Culkeen resulted in the purchase of a female Blackfield Lady Sandra P531. "It was from Mick I learned really and truly about cow families," he says.

Lady Sandra originated from the Rawburn Lady Sandra cow family and was sired by Lockerley Kougar H897. Enda said the Lady Sandras were so lucky for him that he went back to Mick's and purchased all his Lady Sandras.

There have been other cow families Enda added through the years, "but they just weren't lucky for us," Adam added.

"The type of Aberdeen Angus cow we have are a medium-sized cow of 800kg that are fertile, good mothers with milk, docile and, overall, a good functional cow that is calving every 365 days," Enda said.

The present-day herd is now a closed herd, with new genetics introduced by bringing in semen or embryos. Over the last three years, some embryo work has been carried out by Daragh Markham from Vet Embryos. Enda explained that he has even sold lots of embryos in the past 12 months.

For the past five years, the Kearneys have sold all their bulls from home out of the yard to customers of all backgrounds, pedigree herds, dairy farmers and a small portion of suckler farmers. Heifers that are not kept for



breeding on farm have been sold to many new breeders setting up their herds who are looking for proven cow families, which is very rewarding, says Enda.

"2022 was the next step for our herd" the father and son duo said and it was maybe time to take on the show circuit after everyone had been on a break from COVID. The chosen 2022 show heifer was Jadam Lady Sandra X150, a September 2021-born HF Alcatraz 60F daughter. The Kearneys first show was Clonmel, where Lady Sandra X150 won her class and was female champion. Bridgetown was the second day out where she also won her class and secured the overall Aberdeen Angus championship.

After these two successful days out, it was debated whether or not to take on the FBD National Livestock Show in Tullamore with Jadam Lady Sandra X150. It was a day of dreams for the Clare men, as when they had left Kilfenora early that morning to get any rosette would be a bonus, especially when it's Tullamore.

Judge was PJ Budler and out of a strong class of heifers, Lady Sandra X150 secured a red rosette, followed by the junior female championship, overall junior championship and the reserve overall supreme championship.

Over the course of the 2022 summer, Lady Sandra had gone unbeaten in her classes. Following on from the Tullamore triumph, she was awarded the Munster female



calf champion in Duala Show and won her section in the Munster Herds competition. The Jadam Herd has won the overall small herd in the Munster Herds competition for the last two years in a row.

SUMMER OF SUCCESS

The summer of success had opened another door for the Munster duo, as 2022 was to be their first ever year on the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association Ploughing stand. Adam had said "it was the best thing I've ever done".

They said it was such a team effort by all the breeders and everyone worked as one for them having never been there before they were treated as if it was their 29th Ploughing and this is where a good friendship for the week had started with Adam, who was only 11 years old, and Pat Cahill of the Shankill herd who is in his 90th year!

Following on from taking on the show scene, it was decided Adam would give the Youth Development Programme (YDP) a try and workshops were attended so they could both learn something. Enda admitted he didn't even know that the workshops were opportunities for Adam to qualify for a finals weekend and assumed they were just for the educational side of it.

The first workshop attended was at the Gortnallon Herd of Dr Felicity McGrath in Galway. This was a whole new experience and proved very enjoyable. "It really opened our eyes to see what went on and how to do it, but most importantly we loved meeting the people," Enda added.

Enda and Adam praised Irish YDP co-ordinator Niall Lynch for his hard work and dedication to it. The next workshop attended was held in Fermoy Mart, with the father and son seeing a big improvement in themselves from attending shows and from this led the phone call to say Adam had qualified for the finals weekend in Scotland.

Prior to this, a week of education at the Ploughing from John McEnroe of the Liss Herd was priceless, Adam said, and he really went through the finer details such as to how to clip different types of animals and a whole crash course from training to showing.

The day came and Adam had said talking to the lads and getting the grooming done helped him settle in big time. "I



was so shocked to hear that night that I had come second overall in the junior section for my first year. If you had told me all these things were going to happen in my first year of showing, I wouldn't have believed them," Adam added.

Going forward, Enda and Adam intend on maintaining their numbers as is, but explained that with the red angus becoming more and more popular, they are hoping to venture into them if they can find the female they can't go home without.

The fact that inputs such as ration have increased has helped put Aberdeen Angus as a breed in a very good position. There is an ever-growing suckler demand for good-quality Aberdeen Angus bulls, says Enda, as they are looking to increase profitability by reducing feed costs and also, in certain cases with some farmers working off-farm, the calving ease and vigorous calves are very appealing to them, as Adam added "there's nothing like an Angus to calve". Added to this, the Red Angus is also another big player as, to some of these farmers, calf colour is still a factor, Enda said.

At the present moment as a breed, our biggest challenge will be to maintain our position as the number one beef breed, Enda said. While we have an ever-growing dairy market, we must keep in mind to remain focused on breeding a balanced animal that can deliver calving ease and have progeny that are in-spec at the time of slaughter. If we focus too much on one trait, others suffer and we are breeding extremes which is not what we want, says Enda.

"In 2022, I also came on board to the Council of the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association. When taking on my position I honestly didn't know what to expect," says Enda. "I can safely say my time so far has been very enjoyable, as there is a group of like-minded people with the best intentions for the breed working hard to ensure we stay the number one beef breed. Being on council has given me a different view of the association and has opened my eyes to how much internal work that actually goes on and that things just don't happen on the day, the man hours, the staff and council members put in generally goes unnoticed."

Enda finished with that if anyone has an interest in helping the breed and promoting the breed and an opportunity arises for council, that they should consider it.

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The Ryan family have been farming in Ballinlough, Co Meath, since 1928. The farm is currently run by the third generation Jim Ryan.

Today, Jim runs a store-to-beef system alongside 225 spring-lambing ewes and a freerange pig finishing unit. The beauty of this system, says Jim, is that "we are a farm-to-fork operation".

Alongside his wife Pamela, who runs the farm and business offices, and their three kids Bróna, Robert and John, Jim runs what is known as Ryans Farm On-Farm Butchers. The farm produce of beef, lamb, pork and bacon is all sold direct to the consumer. All animals are slaughtered off-farm, with no plans to erect an on-farm abattoir, with the current boning facility and chills being sufficient.

Jim said that 98% of the farm produce is sold at the two markets they attend every week - Trim every Friday and Honest 2 Goodness in Glasnevin every Saturday.

In 2007 when diversifying the farm, the main areas that needed to be changed was that there was no time to be calving cows or farrow sows, reducing the inputs and reducing the veterinary and, quoted by Jim, "the main efficiency change to Aberdeen Angus" was dramatic to them to allow more off time from the farm while increasing the profitability of the farm business and allowing the farm to become more sustainable.

The previous systems operated were, as Jim quoted, "extremely labour intensive, high input and not profitable". Jim says that a suckler-to-beef system on their farm wouldn't have been sustainable due to having to be three days off-farm each week.

It was decided upon that the system to be implemented was a light store-to-beef, finishing weaners on the pig side and the sheep system stayed the same, but lambs receive no concentrates over their lifetime.

CURRENT ENTERPRISE

The current beef enterprise on farm is run as a store-to-beef system where light stores are bought in from Carnaross Mart in November. Over 70% of all the cattle that come on to the farm are sired by an Aberdeen Angus bull and out of dairy cows. The age of purchase is usually from six months of age.

Both heifers and bulls are purchased, with the bulls usually castrated on arrival. There is a protocol carried out for all stock arriving on farm. Cattle are brought out of the mart as soon as possible, moved into straw-bedded isolation areas where they receive vaccinations for IBR, BVD, RSV and Pi3, dosed for fluke, worms and lice, and, if any animals are loose of their dung, they receive a dose for rumen fluke.

After their isolation period, these animals join the rest of the cattle in the main slatted accommodation, where they begin on a diet of grass silage and a homemade ration consisting of 80% barley and 20% soya. Molasses and beef minerals are added to the mix. This is fed till mid-January,



where a blanket cut-off begins until all that is being fed is silage and minerals before turnout in April. Jim said the simplicity of the ration is down to the fact that the pigs, sheep and cattle all eat the same ration.

Stock are put to grass, where a paddock system is operated where the cattle graze with sheep on a mixed grazing platform grazing the heaviest farm covers first.

"Whatever it is about them smaller cattle, they work exceptionally well with the sheep and are a natural combination," says Jim. Over the grazing season, animals routinely receive Bimectin twice during the grazing season. The most forward cattle are grouped and are kept in close proximity to the main farmyard where they can be drafted out to supply the on-farm butcher shop.

The average age of slaughter for the Aberdeen Angus heifers on the farm is from 17 months to 25 months. The



bullocks are kept on and they go to grass for the second year and are all finished for the farm shop under 30 months and killed throughout June, July and August.

When the forward cattle are housed in October time, they are penned as to how close to slaughter they are. This most forward pen has fit cattle picked out up to Christmas, by which time it is cleared and the next pen moves up on to 5kg of the farm mix. The farm butchers can require up to three carcasses a week.

"The Aberdeen Angus as a breed have many advantages, but looking at our farming system, number one has to be early maturing," says Jim. This has really helped the farm to lower its on-farm carbon footprint due to the earlier age of slaughter achieved with Aberdeen Angus cattle. In addition to this, Jim added that the reduction of concentrates used for beef finishing due to the Aberdeen Angus's ability to thrive on grass is unrivalled.

"The size of the cuts from the carcasses suit most of our customers. For families of four or five in size, they want a roast for their Sunday dinner and the optimum roast they want is about 3lb in size on average," added Jim.

POPULAR CUTS

The most popular cuts sold would have to be rib-eye steaks, sirloin roasts, aged briskets and the mince being a firm favourite with their customers. The carcasses are easy managed when going for boning - the quarters are not humongous, meaning they are easily worked.

"The beauty of the Aberdeen Angus is the round roasts

are as good as the steaks if aged properly and you can certainly guarantee this from an Aberdeen Angus heifer. Aged briskets are excellent as from younger stock they're not over fat."

One of the pivotal reasons for Aberdeen Angus to be the breed of choice on the Ryan farm is the docility. It is a major factor when the animals are in the slaughterhouse, animals arrive and are relaxed while in the lairage pre-slaughter this ensures the highest-quality carcasses post-slaughter. Jim said: "A fidgety heifer of any breed is a disaster."

Jim was quick to say: "There is a perception among customers when they are buying Aberdeen Angus beef it is the best available to them and that is why a lot of customers return to them and that ability of Aberdeen Angus to have excellent marbling and intramuscular fat means that there is never a problem selling this product."

With the change of farming system and an extensive grazing system, inputs have been reduced greatly with less artificial fertiliser and slurry applied and the grazing nature of the Aberdeen Angus has helped the farm improve overall soil structure and health, with it even being possible to have cattle out till late November, which has been a massive change compared with the previous suckler system, says Jim.

Jim's view on the breed presently is that they are meeting the demands of the farmer and that, going forward, the focus on docility alongside carcass traits will be a driving factor behind the dominance of Aberdeen Angus as the beef breed of choice among suckler and dairy farmers.

The future outlook for the industry for Jim is that he feels a more moderate Holstein Friesian cow of 550kg while remaining square and producing 550kg of milk solids is what's needed to produce the highest-quality dairy beef. Jim says that every calf bred from the dairy herd should have a value and a purpose to be a viable and valuable product and by the incentivisation of the use of high-quality Aberdeen Angus genetics within the dairy herd, this can be achieved and that producing calves to be slaughtered is just nonsense.

Jim added that there is a large opportunity for Aberdeen Angus to conquer and transform the suckler industry as a breed that requires very little inputs and labour units. Jim said due to rising meal costs, they will be the breed to help reduce dependence on meal feeding for these systems and help increase on-farm profits.

Jim said that throughout the beef farming sector, there is no breed as versatile as the Aberdeen Angus to suit the full-time or part-time farmer no matter what part of the system they fit into. As Jim proudly said: "Angus is Angus, there is no substitute."

Ambition is big on this farm for the future, as there are lots of plans in place to reduce inputs further and the joining of the new schemes such as ACRES and the transition of the farm model from 2007 has left the requirements of this scheme very simple for the farm.

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Demand outweighs supply at Bandon

The Munster Aberdeen Angus club hosted its annual bull sale in Bandon on Wednesday 5th April 2023 with an incredible demand for good bulls.

While last year's sale broke the highest price paid at the sales, this year's saw a record average sale price of €4,164, which complemented the 100% clearance rate. This average is up a massive €1,344 on the previous year.

Leading the way for the second year running was Denis and Donal O'Riordan of the Inchisine herd. Their September 2021-born bull Inchisine Up hit the market at €4,500. This double five-star son of Cooldaniel Rekie is out of the homebred Inchisine Radek.

It was also a memorable day for Albert and Jennifer DeCogan of the Mogeely herd, who exhibited both the champion and reserve. Champion bull came in the form of Mogeely Fred Y826. This super February 2022-born bull is sired by Drumbeera Everest U241 and out of the famous Flora line. Fred met his reserve at €4,150.

Just behind Fred in the show ring was Mogeely Lord Hazel X797, who claimed the reserve championship and one bid more in the sales ring, selling for €4,200. This five-star bull is bred by AI bull Mogeely Joe H979 and out of a Wedderlie Oscalade-bred dam.

Lord Hazel was also one of two bulls on the day which received a €250 back voucher. To be eligible for this, bulls



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had to have a dairy beef index on or above the national average. The vouchers were then given to the bulls which made the highest price after that. These were kindly sponsored by Angus Beef Ireland and the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association.

The second bull to get this €250 back was the second-top-priced bull on the day, Kilsarlaught Lord Hector X569, who sold for €4,250. This September 2021-born bull was exhibited by Pat Joe Houlihan from Skibbreen in Co Cork.

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Cavan breeders take Tullow plaudits

The Irish Aberdeen Angus Association hosted its first national bull sale of 2023 in Tullow on 19th April. A total of 28 bulls were presented for sale. Out of the 28 bulls offered, 21 found new homes, representing a 75% clearance.

An average price of €3,374 was achieved, with four more bulls selling on the year. A solid 82% of bulls sold for €3,000 or more.

This sale followed on from last year with no pre-sale show, but instead a pre-sale parade of bulls, which allowed the potential buyers to be their own judge on the day.

There was also four €250 cash-back vouchers on offer, with two sponsored by Angus Beef Ireland and the remaining two sponsored by the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association.

These were on offer for the four highest-priced bulls with a dairy beef index of the breed average or greater.

Topping the day's trading was Lisnafanna Desmond X058 from Co Cavan-based breeder John Brady. The October 2021 son of Keirsbeath Karma had a carcass weight figure of twice the breed average at +15.3kg and a dairy beef index of €142. Desmond changed hands at €4,600.

Next into the money was Leo McEnroe, Co Cavan, with Lisduff Dan OG X970 selling for €4,500. Dan Og was sired by the popular AI sire Kealkil Prime Lad and boasted an impressive page of figures with a whopping dairy beef index of €182 and an appealing calving difficulty figure of +0.5%.

The success for Cavan-based breeders continued, but it was now the turn of Michael and Barry Smith, with Lawsonsford Lord Harvey X497 who sold for €4,400.

This Gortnalon Nidge son carried an appealing set of figures and a very attractive low risk for dairy heifer calving difficulty topped off with a dairy beef index of €157.

Three bulls left the ring selling for €3,900. First to hit the mark was Lisduff Lymbo X976 from Leo McEnroe, Co Cavan. Lymbo was sired by the renowned Rawburn Boss Hogg N630. Lymbo was sold carrying a four-star replacement index and low calving figures.

Next to hit €3,900 was John Brady, Co Cavan, with Lisnafanna Paudie Y062. Paudie was sired by the AI sire HW Adonnis T243. This February 2022 bull carried low calving ease figures and dairy beef index value of €154.

The last bull to hit €3,900 was Drumcarbin Victorious from Shane McKiernan, Co Cavan. Sired by the renowned Drumcrow Prosecco T714, Victorious boasted very attractive calving ease figures alongside a four-star rating for carcass weight.

The association would like to thank all the staff at Tullow Livestock Mart for their help and wish all the customers the very best of luck with their purchases.



Sale topper Lisnafanna Desmond X058 at €4,600



Lisduff Dan Og X970 who sold for €4,500

OTHER NOTABLE PRICES:

€3,800 for Knockmountagh Leader Y992 from Eamon and John McKiernan, Co Louth.

€3,750 for Rabawn Michael Y075 from Liam Muldowney, Co Mayo.

€3,500 for Liss Dominic X111 from John and Sean McEnroe, Co Meath.

€3,500 for Liss Big M X112 from John and Sean McEnroe, Co Meath.

€3,400 for Luddenmore Jager Bomb X535 from Dr Michael Sheahan, Co Limerick.

€3,200 for Lisduff Phillip Y995 from Leo McEnroe, Co Cavan.

€3,000 for Lawsonsford Lord Hunter Y500 from Michael and Barry Smith, Co Cavan.

€3,000 for Mogeely Dare Y831 from Albert and Jennifer De Cogan, Co Cork.

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Average just shy of €3,600 for inaugural Thurles bull sale

The Irish Aberdeen Angus Association held its second sale on Wednesday 26th April in Mid-Tipp Mart, Thurles. This was the first year the association has hosted a spring bull sale in Thurles, but both timing and bull quality proved just right.

Such was the demand, a total 24 bulls sold to represent a massive 89% clearance rate. This was accompanied by a super average of €3,591. The solid trade meant that 70% of bulls sold for €3,000 or more.

This sale followed on from the sale in Tullow with no pre-sale show, but instead a pre-sale parade of bulls, which allowed the potential buyers to be their own judge.

There was also four €250 cash-back vouchers on offer, with two sponsored by Angus Beef Ireland and the remaining two sponsored by the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association. These were on offer for the four highest-priced bulls with a dairy beef index greater than the breed average.

Topping the day's trading was Goulding Philip Y280 from Co Kerry-based breeder Matthew Goulding. The February 2022 son of Clara Swanky ET had a carcass weight figure of twice the breed average at +17.6kg and a dairy beef index of €158. Phillip changed hands at €5,000.

Into the money again for Matthew Goulding was Goulding Prince Y300, another Clara Swanky ET son who sold for €4,900. Prince sold with a very attractive page of figures with a whopping carcass weight of +19.6kg.

Goulding also sold his third and final entry, Goulding Prince Y290, for €4,000. Prince was again sired by Swanky and the February 2022-born bull again had a very high carcass figure at +18.3kg.

Next into the money was Leo McEnroe, Co Cavan, with Lisduff Dream X969 selling for €4,600. Dream was sired by AI bull Rawburn Bannockburn T628 and boasted an impressive page of figures, with a high dairy beef index of €162 and an appealing calving difficulty figure of just +0.9%.

Two bulls left the ring selling for €4,200. First to hit the mark was Lisduff Dillon Y016 from Leo McEnroe. Dillon was sired by Liss Buster S621. Dillon was sold carrying a four-star replacement index and very appealing calving figures.

Next to hit the €4,200 was John and Sean McEnroe, Co Meath, with Liss Damo Y145. Damo was sired by Cairnton Kilimanjaro. This March 2022 bull carried very appealing calving ease figures and gestation length figure of -4.65 days.

Alan Hernon, Co Galway, first entry Musicfield Rhyno Y763 was sired by the popular AI sire Carrigroe Mike and from a Netherton Mr Brazilian-bred dam. Rhyno sold with a very attractive dairy heifer calving difficulty of +8.8%. The hammer fell at €4,100 for Rhyno.



Lisduff Dream X969 who sold for €4,600



Sale topper Goulding Philip Y280 who sold for €5,000

Leo McEnroe was back in the money when he sold Lisduff Diver X961 for €4,000. Diver was sired by Liss Buster S621 and sold carrying a four-star replacement index and very appealing calving figures.

The association would like to thank all the staff at Mid Tipp Thurles Livestock Mart for their help and wish all the customers the very best of luck with their purchases.

OTHER NOTABLE PRICES:

€3,700 for Lisduff Dallas Y989 from Leo McEnroe, Co Cavan.

€3,600 for Masreagh Epic Roxie Y310 from John and Ann McDermott, Co Sligo.

€3,500 for Liss Dawson X110 from John and Sean McEnroe, Co Meath.

€3,500 for Gortnalon Little Wing Y451 from Dr Felicity and Ms Patricia McGrath, Co Galway.

€3,500 for Luddenmore Fiachra Y548 from Dr Michael Sheahan, Co Limerick.

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Drumcrow Volvo who sold for €4,700

Aberdeen Angus bull sales finish on a high

The final spring bull sale of the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association finished on a high with the highest price, average and clearance rate. The sale took place in Nenagh at Central Auctions Mart on Thursday 4th May.

Overall, the sale witnessed a 100% clearance, with average price resting at over €3,660.

Topping trade on the day and continuing his run of form was Matt Goulding with Goulding Paddy Y312. This March 2022-born bull was sired by Clara Swanky, who also sired the two top-priced bulls at the association's sale in Thurles the week before. Boasting five stars down the line and with a massive carcass weight figure of +23.8kg, he met his reserve at €5,100.

With a dairy beef index (DBI) of €143, this bull received one of the four €250 vouchers back for the highest-priced bulls meeting the average DBI or more. This was kindly sponsored by Angus Beef Ireland and the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association.

Next best was the previous lot into the ring, Drumcrow Volvo, who sold for €4,700. Bred by Cavan-based Margaret McKiernan, this bull is sired by the high-performing

Rawburn Boss Hogg N630, with the dam by the homebred Drumcrow Partner Perfect L475. Again boasting a page of stars, he carried a carcass weight figure double that of the breed average.

One of the first lots into the ring and getting the sale going well was Kerins Viva, who hit the market at €4,200. This bull was bred and exhibited by Bernard Kerins, Ballymote, Co Sligo. Sired by Keirsbeath Karma, this five-star carcass weight bull was out of a Lanigan Red Mikado-bred dam.

Next in the money was Liss Maxol Y150, who hit the market at €4,000. Bred and exhibited by John and Sean McEnroe, this bull is sired by Cairnton Killimanjaro U435. Five stars on the replacement index, he also boasted a DBI of €132.

A further 64% of bulls sold hit the €3,000 or more mark on the day.

The Irish Aberdeen Angus Association would like to thank all the staff at Nenagh Livestock Mart for all their help in advance and on sale day.

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Super demand for Aberdeen Angus bulls in Kilkenny

Buyers were eager for good Aberdeen Angus bulls in Kilkenny, with the average price jumping by €1,400. The Kilkenny Agricultural Society held their 106th annual show and sale of bulls on Wednesday 22nd March.

Sixty-four Aberdeen Angus bulls were catalogued and 57 bulls were presented for sale. Out of the 57 bulls, 45 found new homes, representing a 79% clearance.

An average price of €3,777 was achieved, which was significantly higher than the March 2021 average of €2,340, with 13 more bulls traded. An impressive 93% of bulls sold for €3,000 or more.

The pre-sale show was judged by Ben and Elaine Ryall of the Fellfort Herd. Their choice for champion was the July 2021-born Clooncarne Uncle Stephan from the Mulligan family, Dromod, Co Leitrim. Stephan boasted excellent figures, alongside a carcase weight figure of +17.1kg, which is over double the breed average. He sold for €4,000.

The reserve champion came in the form of Carbery Venice, the youngest bull in the catalogue, born in February 2022. Bred by Keith Vickery, Roscarbery, Co Cork, Venice was the reserve supreme champion at the IAAA Autumn Extravaganza in Thurles in October 2022. Venice was sired by Rawburn Boss Hogg and boasted a high replacement value of €153. Venice met his reserve at €4,100.

The top price was €4,800, achieved by Coolrain Underwood from Nigel Peavoy, Co Laois. The August 2021-born bull was sired by Intelagri Matteo and boasted an appealing calving ease figure of just 1.5% and a whopping replacement index value of €163.

Continuing Peavoy's success was Coolrain Ulyesse, who sold for the second-highest price of €4,600. This August 2021-born son of Intelagri Matteo again sold with an attractive five-star replacement index.

Next into the money was Ballykeevican Uncle 962 for Luke Maye. This March 2021 bull carried a dairy beef index of €103. Uncle changed hands at €4,500 to a Carlow-based farmer.

The first of two bulls to hit €4,400 was the September 2021-born Rawburn Jumbo Eric son Westellen Finn X912 ET. A third-prizewinner in his class from John and Kate Tait, Co Cork, Finn boasted a dairy beef index of a whopping €163.

Hitting the €4,400 mark next was Brideswell Ulick from Karl Harrison, Co Roscommon. Ulick took second prize in his class. This November 2021 bull was sired by the Mogeely Joe son Ryans Ringo.

The Leitrim-born third-prizewinner Ashtree Ulick changed hands at €4,150 for Gordon Richardson, Co Leitrim. This December 2021-born bull was a son of Drumcarbin Price Mambo.



Overall champion Clooncarne Uncle Stephen who sold for €4,000

Limerick-based breeder Dr Michael Sheahan was in the money with Luddenmore First Kiss X514. The hammer dropped at €4,100 for this July 2021 son of Friarstown Prairie Cloud and is from a Friarstown Evolver-bred dam. First Kiss boasted five stars within the breed for terminal, carcase weight and daughter milk.

It was Ivan Jones's third-prizewinner Creagh Universal's turn to hit €4,100 next. This November 2021 bull was sired by the well-known Cornamuckla Lord Hardy.

Dr Sheahan's Luddenmore El Alamein X521 changed hands at €4,000. This August 2021 bull was sired by the homebred Luddenmore El Diablo T328 and is from a Friarstown Evolver-bred dam.

This time it was the McKiernan family with Drumcrow Prime Time X877 who secured €4,000. The August 2021 bull is sired by the well-known Drumcrow Joker and is from a Coldstream Genetic Trend dam.

John and Sean McEnroe's September 2021 Liss Miylo X099 was the final bull to achieve €4,000. Miylo is sired by the homebred stockbull Liss Darl, who is a son of Te Mania Berkley. Miylo boasted one of the highest dairy beef index values in the catalogue at a whopping €174.

OTHER NOTABLE PRICES:

€3,900 for Berry Usman from Patrick and Aaron Murphy, Co Westmeath.

€3,900 for Newbridge Urban Boy from Edel and Brendan McCawley, Co Leitrim.

€3,800 for Luddenmore Red Lord X505 from Dr Michael Sheahan, Co Limerick.

€3,800 for Lisduff Danilo X934 from Leo McEnroe, Co Cavan.

€3,800 for Newbridge Red Unlimited from Edel and Brendan McCawley, Co Leitrim.

€3,800 for Drumcarbin Utter Magic from Shane McKiernan, Co Cavan.

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Male sale topper at €7,600, Gigginstown King Mambo X396

Buyers dig deep at Gigginstown annual sale

The annual Gigginstown House Angus sale took place on 22nd April on Fennor Farm. The sale was run in conjunction with Marteye and Ballyjamesduff Livestock Mart. The catalogue consisted of 25 bulls and 20 heifers, all pre-selected. Out of the 25 bulls catalogued, 21 were presented for sale, while all the heifers were presented for sale.

The first wet day ever in the sale's 20-year history certainly didn't dampen the trade, as all the lots put forward for sale found new homes, resulting in a 100% clearance rate, with the bulls averaging €4,814 and the heifers €4,190. The 2022 sale's top price was exceeded twice.

Leading the day's trading and securing the top price was Gigginstown King Mambo X396. This bull was sired by the stockbull Luddenmore Kingkong S273 and out of Luddenmore Kim K086. Mambo was sold with an attractive page of figures and he changed hands to a Mayo-based farmer at €7,600.

Mambo's purchaser also headed away with a very sought-after €500 luck penny that was to be given to the highest-priced bull.

As generous as ever, the proceeds of this animal's sale was



Gigginstown Pelican Brief X341 who sold for €7,500

donated by Michael O'Leary to Crumlin Hospital.

Leading the way in the females was Gigginstown Pelican Brief X341, sired by the stockbull Liss Maxy R537. Brief was sold scanned in-calf to the 2022 reserve all-Ireland champion Mogeely Dram X783 and changed hands at €7,500 to a Tipperary-based buyer. Brief's purchaser also headed away with a very sought-after €500 luck penny that was to be given to the highest-priced heifer.

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Bulls sell to €5,800 at Carrick in April

It proved another highly successful day of Angus bull trading in Carrick-on-Shannon for the Midland and Western Livestock Improvement Society's April sale. A strong clearance meant that 47 of the bulls present sold for an average of €3,450, up substantially on recent years.

Leading trade with a call of €5,800 was Drumcarbin Pepsi Y380 from Shane McKiernan, Co Cavan. Sired by former champion Loughlynn Hum Dinger, this March 2022-born calf is out of a Duncanziemere Jet Set dam, which was imported from England. Carrying five stars down the line, he was knocked down to a local pedigree breeder.

Hot on his heels was Margaret McKiernan with Drumcrow Valentino, who met his reserve at €5,700. This March-born bull stood second to the sale topper in the pre-sale show. Sired by Rawburn Boss Hogg and out of a Drumcrow Joker-bred dam, Valentino carried a replacement index of €205.

The McKiernans' success continued as the overall champion on the day, Drumcrow Union, also came from this holding. This son of the aforementioned Joker hit the market at €5,400.

Pipping the champion to the post by one bid were Ballina, Co Mayo, father and son duo Eunan and Conor Boyce, with the reserve champion Quignalegan Usher. This five-star October 2021-born bull was sired by Mercury Royal Tinge and hit the market at €5,500.

Next in at €5,200 was Castle Ultra from Alan Gibbons. This October 2021-born bull was a son of Kingsbrook Parker. Last to break the €5,000 mark was Laheens U Go ET from Cormac Duignan. This Bohey Jasper son sold for €5,100.

Taking the female championship on the day was Lakeshore Lady Jilly Y267. This super January 2023-born heifer was bred and exhibited by Patsy Smith, Cootehill, Co Cavan. Sired by Deelish Shotgun, she met her reserve at €3,100.



Drumcrow Valentino who sold for €5,700



Female champion Lakeshore Lady Jilly Y267 who sold for €3,100

Standing reserve female champion was Liscilvin Udella from local breeder Martin Garvey. This Carrigroe Kian calf sold for the top female price of €3,600.

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Impressive figures for second sale in Kilkenny

The Kilkenny Agricultural Society held its 48th annual April show and sale of bulls on Wednesday 12th April. There was 58 Aberdeen Angus bulls catalogued and 42 were presented for sale. Out of the 42 bulls, 28 found new homes, representing a 67% clearance rate. An average price of €3,739 was achieved. An impressive 93% of bulls sold for €3,000 or more.

The pre-sale show was judged by Sean Kilkenny of the Newstar Herd. His choice for champion on the day was the October 2021-born Liscolvin Ulyesses 1447 from Martin Garvey, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Roscommon. Ulyesses boasted an excellent page of figures alongside a carcase weight figure of 19.6kg, which is over double the breed average. The champion and sale topper sold for €5,100.

The reserve champion came in the form of Portanes Umberto. The August 2021 Liss Mandrin V847 son was bred by Laurence and John Lynch, Kilmallock, Co Limerick. Umberto boasted a high replacement value of €135 and met his reserve at €4,200.

Continuing Garvey's success was Liscolvin Urban, who sold for the second-highest price of €5,000. This October 2021-born son of Mogeely Frederic V659 sold with an attractive five-star replacement index and a whopping carcase weight of 20kg.

Next into the money was Clonbroney Ultra Vision for Liam Foley, Co Longford. This October 2021 bull carried a dairy beef index of €109. Vincent changed hands at €4,900.

Following on from the March sale success was Nigel Peavoy from Laois. Coolrain Uncle Sam changed hands at €4,700. This September 2021 Intelagri Matteo son boasted an attractive dairy beef index value of €147 and a whopping replacement index value of €151.

Peavoy's second entry into the money was Coolrain Uncle. This September 2021 HF Rebel 53y son was sold for €4,500.

It was the turn of Shane McKiernan, Co Cavan, to hit the money next with Drumcarbin Up and Over. This Loughlynn Hum Dinger son, born in September 2021, was sold for €4,300. Up and Over carried an impressive replacement index of €143 and a dairy beef index of €133.

Lisduff Docker X960 from Leo McEnroe, Co Cavan, found a new home at €4,100. This August 2021 Liss Boggins V915 son boasted an appealing calving ease figure of +2% in addition to a dairy beef index of €133.

The first of two bulls to sell for €4,000 was Listrolin U Good Thing from Patrick Rohan, Co Kilkenny. The July 2021 Rawburn Jagger Eric son had an impressive five-star rating for both replacement and terminal indexes.

Next to hit the €4,000 mark was Luddenmore Urban Legend from Limerick-based breeder Dr Michael Sheahan. This August 2021-born son of Friarstown Evolver N271



Champion Liscolvin Ulyesses 1447 who sold for €5,100

boasted impressive carcase figures with a carcase weight of 18.5kg over double the breed average and five stars for carcase conformation.

Nigel Peavoy, Co Laois, hit the money again with Coolrain Usher parting ways at €3,900. Usher carried one of the highest dairy beef index values at a whopping €160.

The second of two Liss Bear P487 sons on offer from the Liss herd of John and Sean McEnroe, Co Meath, was Liss Mortal X088. This August 2021 son sold for €3,800. Mortal carried a very appealing calving figure of +1.3%.

OTHER NOTABLE PRICES:

€3,700 for Liss Terence X101 from John and Sean McEnroe, Co Meath.

€3,600 for Liss Billy Mangan X092 from John and Sean McEnroe, Co Meath.

€3,500 for Lisduff Uno from James McEnroe, Co Cavan.

€3,500 for Lisduff Usman from James McEnroe, Co Cavan.

€3,500 for Liss Mare X087 from John and Sean McEnroe, Co Meath.

€3,500 for Drumcrow Proud Boy X067 from Nevan McKiernan, Co Cavan.

€3,400 for Lugmeen Ultimate Upgrader from Francis Davitt, Co Leitrim.

€3,400 for Clonbroney Vincent from Liam Foley, Co Longford.

€3,300 for Corry Uno 638 from Hugh McCawley, Co Leitrim.

€3,100 for Clonbroney Victor from Liam Foley, Co Longford.

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Mogeely reduction sale sets record average of €4,600

The Mogeely Aberdeen Angus Herd of Albert and Jennifer De Cogan hosted their reduction sale on Saturday 1st July in Mid-Tipp Mart, Thurles.

Over the years, the Mogeely herd has taken the title of supreme all-Ireland champion on no less than seven occasions. This is coupled with hundreds of championships at shows across the country.

The sale itself was a record breaker for the Thurles venue, with average resting at a massive €4,600. This was coupled with a top price of €9,000 and an overall clearance of 100%. Online activity on the Marteye platform proved nothing short of exceptional, with 56% of the lots going to online bidders.

Topping the day's trading was Mogeely Diana X808. This superb daughter of Wedderlie Blackbox stood at foot of her dam in 2022 when she took the title of all-Ireland senior cow champion. She also stood second in her own class that day despite being the youngest forward. Diana X808 also carried the highest carcass figure in the catalogue at 24.7kg. The hammer fell at €9,000 to a notable Simmental breeder from Co Galway as one of four foundation females purchased on the day.

Two heifers exited the ring at €8,000. First into the money was Mogeely Flora X787. This top female from the renowned Flora line was sired by HW Farghal. The pedigree includes the Fleur and Flora lines, which both originate from one of the best cows ever in the breed, Cee Bar Favourite 8. Flora X787 stood Aberdeen Angus champion at Middleton Show 2023 and certainly has a bright summer of shows ahead. In-calf to Rawburn Jagger Eric R094, auctioneer on the day Denis Barrett knocked this one down to a Donegal breeder.

The second heifer to leave the ring at €8,000 was Mogeely Flora Y860. This young heifer was described as "Albert's Pick". A show heifer in the making sired by the three-time all-Ireland champion Rosemead Karona and from the Flora cow family, this heifer has both pedigree and presence. This young heifer found her home as a foundation female for a new young breeder in Co Kildare.

Mogeely Flora Y858, one of the first ever HW Lord Horatio heifers offered for sale, certainly didn't disappoint, with the hammer falling at €7,400. Coming from the Flora line and with Rosemead Karona and Young Dale Touchdown also featuring in her pedigree, she stood Aberdeen Angus calf champion at Bandon Show this year.

Mogeely Flora X773, described as a show heifer in every way, left the ring at €7,000. This heifer sold in-calf to the famous Rosemead Karona and also carried a very impressive sire stack of Laheens Reputation, Cashelane Bart and Young Dale Touchdown.

The only red female came in the form of Mogeely Red Elize Y842. Elize Y842 boasted a pedigree packed with super family lines originating back to the Elize line imported



Auctioneer Denis Barrett, Shane Murphy (IAAA), Albert and Jennifer DeCogan, and John Smyth (IAAA) pictured with one of the sale toppers, Mogeely Flora Y860

through embryos from Deveron. She features Karona and Stirling champion Cheeklaw Jake Eric in her pedigree. Elize changed hands at €6,600 to a Laois-based breeder.

Two heifers exited the ring at €6,400. First into the money was Mogeely Miss Essence X763. Boasting a special outcross pedigree, she is a daughter of Wedderlie Oscalade, who was picked from the Tilson's herd in Scotland. Her dam Luddenmore Miss Essence is the result of an embryo and is out of the famous DMM Miss Essence 147H. With a carcass weight nearly three times breed average at over 20kg, Miss Essence X763 sold in-calf to Keirsbeath Karma to a young Westmeath-based breeder.

The second heifer to drop the hammer at €6,400 was Mogeely Pretty X798. A five-star daughter of Drumbeera Everest. Dam of this 'Pretty' lady, Portanes R Pretty, stood reserve female champion to her stable mate in Kilmallock, who was also purchased by Mogeely on the night. Pretty X798 sold in-calf to Rawburn Jagger Eric R094 to the Cavan-based Lisnafanna Herd.

Mogeely Lady Gail X786 was sired by the successful NCBC AI bull HW Farghal T516. This five-star heifer is out of Portanes R Gail 930, who was the overall champion at the Munster Angus breeders' sale in Kilmallock. Backed by two super bulls in Lisduff Dinky and Liss Man K089, Lady Gail X786 sold for €6,200 in-calf to Rawburn Jagger Eric R094.

Mogeely Miylo Y818 was the only female from this cow family. The Miylo cow family stands as one of the oldest in Ireland and needs no introduction. Dam Mogeely Miylo P341 is a daughter of three-time all-Ireland champion Rosemead Karona. She is also a maternal sister to Mogeely Minto, who bred successfully in the Mercury, Captainshill and Briarhill pedigree herds. Miylo X818 sold for €5,800 in calf to Kealkil Prime Lad to the Meath-based Liss Herd.

This was the first ever sale run through the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association's sales management package for one of its breeders. A massive thank you must go to both Albert and Jennifer DeCogan for entrusting the association with such a sale.



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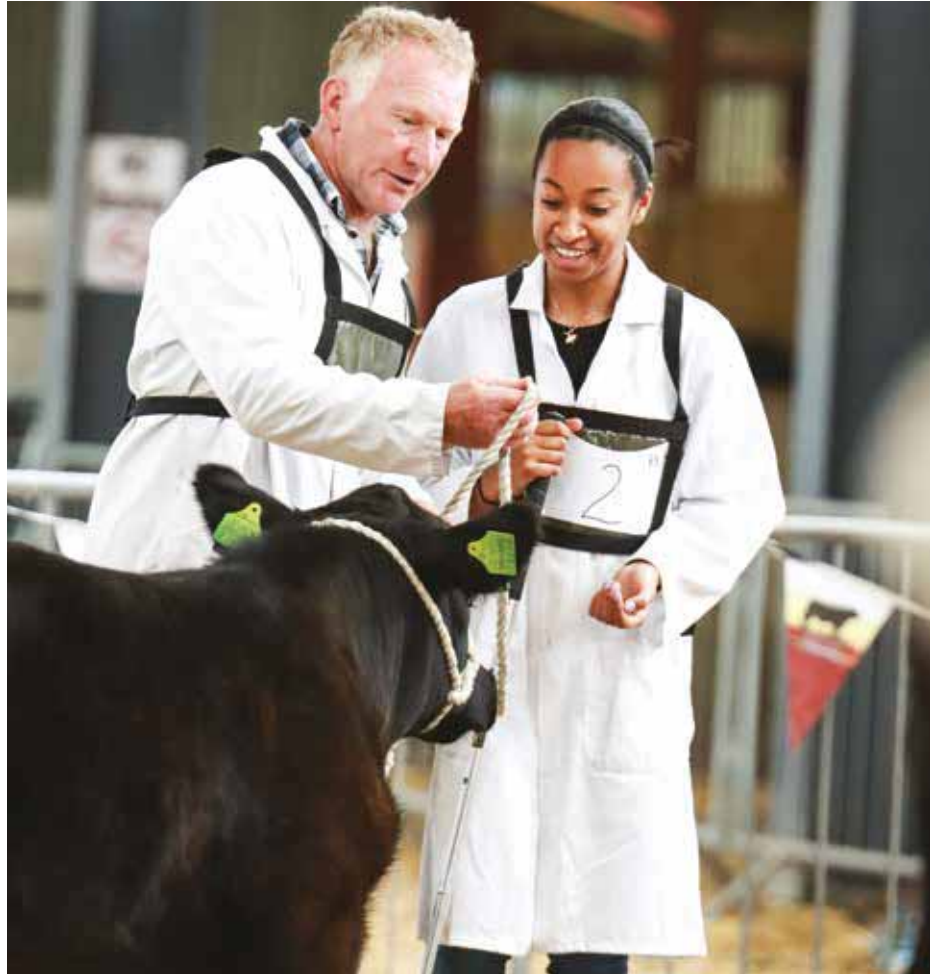
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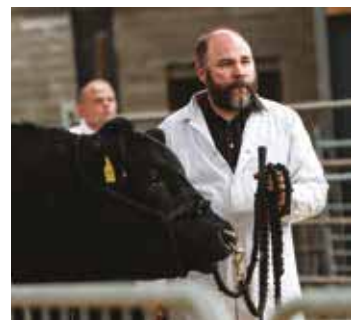
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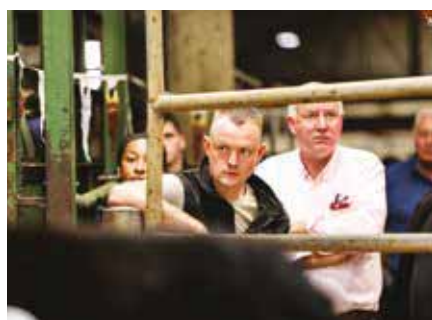
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Average and exports rise for second annual Extravaganza

Only in its second year, the IAAA Extravaganza returned to Thurles and continues to gain even more traction. In a year where many Angus sales are taking place, the premier sale proved exceptionally strong, with the average price rising by €60 on the previous year's record-breaking sale. In total, over 83% of the animals forward found new homes, with the average price settling at an impressive €4,271.

Even more satisfactory was the level of interest in the sale from outside of Ireland. A massive 18 of the 45 lots, or 40%, found homes outside of the Republic. This is up 15 head from the previous year and has opened new markets for the sale to destinations such as mainland UK and Portugal.

Leading proceedings on the day was the June 2022-born bull Drumbeera Jay Z Y296, who met his reserve at €9,200. Bred and exhibited by Leitrim-based Thomas and Patrick Beirne, this super bull clocked up a number of championships throughout the summer, including reserve male champion at Tullamore Show and the first Connaught Donegal club calf championships.

Sired by the herd's successful stock bull Caulry Nationwide, he is out of the homebred Drumbeera Jenny R211, who is a maternal sister to AI bull St Aodain L Master by Jerusalem Faraday. Securing the high seller for her Roydmoor herd in England was Gina Barraclough.

Jay Z was one of two top-priced bulls who received €500 of a premium for the buyers, which was very kindly sponsored by Angus Beef Ireland.

Taking the top female price of the day at €8,800 was Luddenmore Ellen Erica Y551 from Dr Michael Sheahan. This May 2022-born heifer is sired by the herd's 8,500gns stock bull Drumhill Exeter V105, with the dam a direct daughter of the herd's foundation female Elliot Erica E019.

Ranking five stars on most traits, she was secured by Johnny and Lisa Doyle of the Drumhill herd in Northern Ireland. This topped an exceptional day for the Luddenmore team, who sold four heifers to average just shy of €5,440.

Auctioneer Denis Barrett secured a bid of €8,100 for the next high-seller Goulding Missie Y307. Bred and exhibited by Matthew and Rita Goulding, based in Co Kerry, this was the top of their 12 heifers offered in the sales draft.

Missie Y307 is a daughter of former stock bull Cheeklaw Edgar R515, carried five stars down the line and sold in-calf to Drumhill Eveready. She was secured by the Shankhill herd in Co Cavan after an intense bidding war. Overall, the draft proved a massive success, achieving a 100% clearance, with average settling at €4,383.

Just behind this was the stylish January heifer calf Lisduff Philly Z121, who hit the market at €8,100. Brought out by Cavan-based Leo McEnroe, this young heifer has secured



Luddenmore Ellen Erica Y551 sold for €8,800

numerous championships throughout the summer, including first prize at the all-Irelands and calf champion at the Leinster club calf finals. Sired by Liss Buster S621, she is out of a homebred Bunlahy Kojak-bred dam. She was secured by a Northern Irish customer.

One of the first heifers sold on the day was Clara V1135 Donna, who really got the crowd going by securing a price of €7,800. This February 2022-born heifer was brought out by Dan and Rose Murphy, based in Millstreet in north Cork and sold with a full page of stars.

Sired by the successful AI sire Rawburn Boss Hogg, she also features Netherton Archie and Rossiter Eric in the pedigree. Making the package even more valuable was she sold in-calf to the much in-demand Te Mania Berkely. She was secured by a west of Ireland breeder for their newly established herd.

Hitting a price of €7,600 was Rathmooney Etta Y127 from Gabriel Hoey, based in Lusk, Co Dublin. This sweet October 2022-born heifer is a daughter of Liss Martin W951 and goes back to the famous Young Dale Elba line. Five stars on most traits, she found a new home in Co Donegal.

The red Angus entries again proved in high demand, with two of the three on offer reaching a price tag of €5,800.

First at the money was Dulague Red Edwina Y322 from Richie Lombard, Co Kerry. This January 2022-born heifer is a daughter of Stairhaven Red Duke Ray U224 and sold in-calf to new stock bull Ivale Red Vincent.

Matching her at the money was Luddenmore Red Lass Z587 from Dr Michael Sheahan. This October 2022-born heifer is a daughter of Lisduff Red Pepper and goes back to the Red Lass of Bayshore line.

Next best at €5,200 was Goulding Patriot Y314. This heifer again formed part of the Goulding draft and was sired by the herd's stock bull Clara Swanky.

Five stars down the line, she sold in-calf to Drumhill



Drumeera Jay Z Y296 who sold for €9,200



Lisduff Philly Z121 who sold for €8,100



Clara V1135 Donna who sold for €7,800



LEFT:
Rathmooney Etta
Y127 who sold for
€7,600

RIGHT: Goulding
Missie Y307 who
sold for €8,100



Eveready. The Goulding draft also hit €5,000 for Goulding Jane Y322. This heifer was again sired by Swanky and sold in-calf to Eveready.

Matching this €5,000 price tag was the second-top-priced bull on the day Drumcarbin Lord Zidane Z414. This super January 2023-born bull was bred and exhibited by Cavan Native Shane McKiernan.

Sired by Loughlynn Hum Dinger and out of the Laura line,

this five-star bull had a stellar show season, claiming the title of all-Ireland junior champion back in August. He was secured by the Gigginstown herd in Westmeath.

The sale overall proved a roaring success with a further seven lots selling for €4,000 or more.

A massive thanks must go to all the generous sponsors, the Marteye team and of course Murt Ryan and his team at Mid-Tipp Mart Thurles.



CAPTION

Luddenmore takes the supreme at 2023 National Calf Show

It proved a weekend of dreams for Dr Michael Sheahan, who, after securing the top female price in the Extravaganza premier sale on Saturday, went on to take the supreme National Calf Show championship on Sunday with his Luddenmore herd.

Taking the title of senior male champion and supreme Angus Beef Ireland National Calf Show champion was the aptly named Luddenmore Victorious. This September 2022-born bull, showed to perfection by Cathal O'Meara, is one of the first sons to be shown out of the herd's stock bull Drumhill Lord Hampstead V127, while his dam is homebred HF Rebel daughter Luddenmore Elba S297.

Tasked with judging this year's event was Alwyn Armour of the Woodvale herd in Northern Ireland. He praised the overall quality of the cattle on show at the event and described his supreme champion as "correct, powerful, soft fleshed and with a great head".

Armour found his reserve supreme champion in the form of Kerins Warrior. This March 2023-born bull was brought out by Bernard and Jacinta Kerins, who travelled down from Co Sligo to exhibit. This young bull is one of only a very few Penguin Henry M503 sons registered in the country and came out on top of stiff competition to also take the junior male championship.

Taking the title of senior female champion on the day was Bellingham V Trish3 from the Connell Brothers. No

stranger to success, Trish took the title of supreme title at the association's all-Ireland finals back in August. Sired by Intelagri Matteo, she is out of a Bohey Jasper-bred dam. Standing reserve in this section was Clontead Lady Hotshot X392 from Eustace and Deirdre Burke. This September 2022-born daughter of Rawburn Boss Hogg also claimed a number of prestigious prizes throughout the summer shows.

In the junior female championship, top spot went to Mogeely Elana Z895 from Albert and Jennifer DeCogan. This February 2023-born heifer is sired by former stock bull Drumbeera Everest U241. Standing reserve in this section was Lisduff Philly Z121, which was bred by Leo McEnroe. This stylish January heifer sold to a Northern Ireland breeder for €8,000 at the Extravaganza sale the previous day.

Standing reserve senior male champion to the supreme was Gurtavoher Venice from the herd of John Barlow and family. This September 2022-born bull is by the herd's stock bull Clooncarne Pellet and won a number of prizes throughout the summer.

Finally, standing reserve junior male champion to the reserve supreme was Liscahill Lord Hector Z665 from PJ Kenny. This January 2023-born bull is sired by Stouphill Bomber.

The whole event attracted a massive prize fund of €10,000,



ABI Supreme and senior male champion Luddenmore Victorious.



ABI reserve supreme and junior male champion Kerins Warrior



Senior heifer champion Bellingham V Thrish 3



Junior female champion Mogeely Elana Z895.

due in no small part to the very generous sponsors across the sections. These included the event's main sponsors Angus Beef Ireland, AB Ireland, Munster Bovine/Progressive Genetics, Elite Pedigree Genetics/Rawburn Aberdeen Angus, Certified Irish Angus/ABP, Dovea Genetics, ARC animal care and Marteye.

With such a big prize fund on offer, the show attracted a massive entry of 115 animals from all four corners of Ireland.

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1st - Luddenmore Victorious from Dr Michael Sheahan

Class 3 - heifer born 1st August 2022 to 30th September 2022

Sponsored by AB Ireland
1st - Clontead Lady Hotshot X392 from Eustace Burke

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Sponsored by Angus Beef Ireland

1st - Ballykilroe Venice from Eoin Robinson

Class 5 - heifer born 1st October 2022 to 30th November 2022

Sponsored by Dovea Genetics
1st - Rathmooney Jasmine Y121 from Country Crest

Class 6 - Bull born 1st December 2022 to 31st January 2023

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1st - Liscahill Lord Hector Z665 from PJ Kenny

Class 7 - Heifer born 1st December 2022 to 31st January 2023

Sponsored by Ark animal care
1st - Lisfuff Philly Z121 from Leo McEnroe

Class 8 - Bull born 1st February 2023 to 31st March 2023

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Supreme Aberdeen Angus All-Ireland champion Bellingham V Trish 3 exhibited by Karol, Annmarie, Oisín and Saoirse O'Connell

First time exhibitor takes Growvite Aberdeen Angus All-Ireland title

The Irish Aberdeen Angus Association headed to Carrick-on-Shannon on bank holiday Monday to host its prestigious all-Ireland finals. Originally scheduled for Cloone Show on the same day, due to unfavourable weather conditions in the lead-up, a bumper 116 entries and for fairness to all breeders, the tough decision was made to move to the indoor facility.

The change of venue certainly didn't hamper spirits and it proved to be a day of dreams for the Connell family of Oldcastle, Co Meath.

At their first time exhibiting at the finals, they took home the title of intermediate and supreme champion with their sole exhibit. Taking the accolade was their January 2022-born heifer Bellingham V Trish 3. The super stylish Trish is a daughter of popular AI sire Intelagri Matteo with the dam a daughter of the renowned Bohey Jasper.

Speaking about his champion, judge on the day Matt Stoker of the Easton Greys herd in England said: "The supreme championship has three outstanding animals, but for me it had to be the heifer, she walks well, has got width, style and pop."

Standing as senior and reserve supreme champion was Lisduff Beuty Babe U640 from Leo McEnroe, Virginia, Co Cavan. This five-year-old cow was shown alongside her May-born bull calf. Sired by former stock bull Mogeely Josh and out of the homebred Lisduff Beauty Babe R317. Beuty Babe also stood as overall champion at Oldcastle Show against stiff competition.

Taking the junior championship was another Cavan breeder, this time Shane McKiernan with Drumcarbin Lord Zidane Z414. Born January 2023, the young bull stood proud to be tapped out ahead of five other first prize-winners in the junior section. Sired by Loughlynn Hum Dinger, he is out of the homebred Drumcarbin Laura V316.

Standing reserve to the ultimate champion in the intermediate section was Millbawn Aurora X290. Born April 2021, this powerful heifer was bred and exhibited by Amanda Bogan and Conor Craig, Edgeworthstown, Co Longford. Sired by Retties JFK, the senior heifer class winner is out of homebred dam Millbawn Aurora T238.

Taking reserve senior champion was the six-year-old cow Mogeely Diana T540. Brought out by Albert and Jennifer DeCogan, Castlemartyr, Co Cork, this Wedderlie Oscalade R250-sired dam also stood as first-placed senior cow at last year's all-Ireland finals.

The duo also claimed the reserve junior championship with Mogeely Merk Y857. This September 2022-born bull is sired by AI sire Dunard Navigator and out of the homebred Mogeely Miylo V631. These championships topped an exceptional day for the Cork breeders, who also claimed a further two first places.

The finals were kickstarted by a very enthusiastic group of young handlers. Taking top spot in this section was Eoin Robinson, followed by Adam Kearney in second, Sam Ferguson in third and Cliona Smith in fourth. The judge commented on the great ability of all in the class and said only a hair split the prizewinners.



Reserve supreme All-Ireland champion, Lisduff Beuty Babe U640 from Leo McEnroe, Virginia, Co Cavan. Exhibited by PJ Smith and Ann McEnroe. With sponsor Mark O'Rourke, Univet and judge Matt Stoker



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Reserve junior champion, Mogeely Merk Y857



Supreme champion Bellingham V Trish



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Junior champion Drumcarbin Lord Zidane Z414 exhibited by Shane and Rian McKiernan and pictured with sponsor Mark O'Rourke, Univet.



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Junior heifers steal show in Tullamore

A packed ringside of spectators watched as two junior champions went all the way in the Angus ring at the 2023 Tullamore Show.

Having come out of the strongest class of the day, Coolcran Violet later took the title of female champion before being tapped out by judge Shane McKiernan as overall Angus champion.

This stylish January 2022-born heifer was bred and exhibited by Grainne Horan from Ballina in Co Mayo. Sired by the herd's former stockbull Rabawn Mighty V214, her breeding contains Nightingale El Paso, Mogeely Joe and Luddenmore Fionn. This marks the Mayo woman's first overall championship win at the competition.

Standing second to Violet in the heifer class which had a total entry of 26 animals was Coneyisland Uptown Girl. This November 2021-born heifer was bred and exhibited by Niall and Brendan Regan from Castlerea in Co Roscommon.

This young heifer is a daughter of Drumcrow Savoy with Bohey Jasper and Coneyisland Legend on the dam's side. After standing second in the class to the champion, Uptown Girl followed her all the way to take the title of reserve female champion and reserve overall champion.

Taking top spot in the male section was the intermediate bull champion Lisduff Dream On X955 from Leo McEnroe, Virginia, Co Cavan. This two-year-old bull is a son of stock



Reserve overall champion Coneyisland Uptown Girl

bull Liss Buster S621 and the homebred dam Lisduff Dream On S386. This bull later coupled with his pen mate to take top spot in the pairs class.

McKiernan picked his reserve male champion as Drumbeera Jay Z Y296 from Tommy and Patrick Beirne, Mohill, Co Leitrim. Claiming first place in the junior bull class, this June 2023-born bull is sired by Caulry Nationwide and out of a Jerusalem Faraday-bred cow.



Overall champion Coolcran Violet



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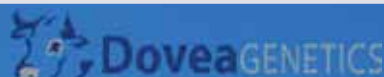
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Contead Mandy X366 who sold for the top price of €4,000

Munster Marvels tops €4,000

The Munster Aberdeen Angus Club hosted its first autumn heifer sale recently with prices rising to €4,000. The sale was the first of its kind, being a fully timed auction with entries from nearly 20 breeders right across Munster.

The sale was run through the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association's platform on Marteye through Mid-Tipp Mart Thurles and saw lots secured by breeders right across the country.

Leading proceedings was the sole in-calf heifer in the sale, Clontead Mandy X366. Bred by Eustace and Deirdre Burke, she was knocked down to a breeder in west Cork for their established herd. Sired by Dunard Navigator and from one of the herd's most prolific lines, she sold carrying one of the first calves of new AI bull Drumhill Explorer.

Next in line was the September 2022-born heifer Dulague Red Ella Y335 from Richie Lombard. This heifer is by the herd's stock bull Stairhaven Red Erine U266 and is a full sister to a heifer who sold for €5,100 at last year's Extravaganza. She found a new home in Co Offaly.

Hitting the market at €3,500 was the 10-month-old Mercury Ellen Erica Z879 from John and Shane Murphy. This stylish heifer is a daughter of former stock bull Coraghy Steel and out of the oldest cow in the herd. Securing this lot was a west Cork breeder.



Dulague Red Ella Y335 who sold for €3,600

Last of the heifers to break the €3,000 mark was Westellen Dana Y937 from John Tait. This super Farghal daughter is out of the 2019 all-Ireland junior champion, Westellen Dana U840. A page of stars and nearly 23kg on carcass, she was knocked down to a Wexford breeder.

Overall the sale proved highly successful with average hitting €2,620.

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Munster Aberdeen Angus club report

By Bryan O'Halloran and Aine Fitzgerald

CLUB TRIP

This year's Munster Aberdeen Angus Club trip saw our members team up with Leinster Club, which helped to strengthen numbers and saw 25 members spend three days travelling around the southeast of England visiting five herds in the region over the weekend of 28th to 30th July.

The herds the clubs visited included the Hawkley herd, where members saw a very strong maternal red Angus herd, which also happened to be the home of Hawley Red Zeppelin, who stood in Dovea AI.

Rosemead Herd is owned by Angus Stovold, the immediate past-president of the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society. Our members saw a large number of top-quality stock here, which have performed very well in the show/sale ring over the years, as well as the club's herd competition, along with a lovely batch of heifers that were in the process of being trained for the YDP Finals. It gave our members an opportunity to look through these heifers, as they were all offered for sale after the YDP event. Credit must also go to the herd's stock man Tom Beadle. At the end of the first evening, our members enjoyed a lovely barbecue kindly put on by the team at Rosemead.

Rodmead was the first stop on day two and this herd was owned by Angus Neish. Again, a large herd of top-quality stock were on display. Members got an opportunity to view the impressive show team, which included the very impressive senior herd sire Rodmead Prague, again our members enjoyed discussing the herd with Angus over some refreshments kindly supplied by Angus and his team.

The second stop of the day was to the Warrenho herd of Rob Bishop, a name that has enjoyed much success both in the show and sale ring over the years. Members saw progeny from many of the big lines in the breed on this farm and again Rob kindly explained about all the stock and the different markets he supplies over refreshments that evening that were kindly supplied by the host.

Last but by no means by least the Glenade Herd of Michael and John O'Hara occupied the final morning of the trip. Again, our tour saw some exceptional stock from many of the big female lines and service sires within the breed as the O'Haras carry out a lot of ET work on farm, which showed our members another side to breeding strategies.

We saw some amazing stock over the weekend with something for everyone and I think it's safe to say all members thoroughly enjoyed the trip. We would like to thank all the host herds for their kind and generous hospitality. We would also like to thank John Smyth (Leinster Club) and Bryan O'Halloran (Munster Club) for organising the trip.

We are already looking forward to next year's trip!

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

For our Munster YDP workshop, all roads led to the farm of John and Shane Murphy, Banteer, of the Mercury Herd, which was held on 22nd July.



Club trip which visited herds in southern England

On the day, we had record numbers, with 45 young people taking part on the day, which was three times the number of participants compared with last year. Our participants undertook an array of different tasks for the day under the watchful eye of the trainers. A big thanks to Niall Lynch (YDP co-ordinator) and the many trainers and demonstrators who helped in organising and co-ordinating on the day. Again, a big thank you to the Murphy family for opening up their farm, their kind hospitality and wonderful facilities and livestock on the day.

Congratulations to all who qualified and represented Ireland in the YDP finals in England.

MUNSTER CALF COMPETITION

The show circuit this year was a difficult one, as committees and exhibitors battled some unusual summer weather and we would like to thank Dualla Show who hosted the finals in some challenging ground conditions.

A special thank you to our judge on the day Malachy Tighe of the Tara Herd in Co Meath, who did a fabulous job as it was a tough decision to make.

We would also like to mention the other shows during the summer who kindly helped us along with qualifiers in Middleton Agricultural Show, Dungarvan Agricultural Show, Cork Summer Show and Clonmel Agricultural Show. Without these show committees, we would not have a final, so thank you also. We would also like to thank all our judges who helped judge our qualifiers throughout the year.

We would also like to thank our sponsors for the final, Southern Farm and Fuel Supplies. We appreciate their generous contribution to our club competition and it created some attractive prizes for this year's competition.

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AUTUMN CLASSES:

Albert and Jennifer de Cogan on claiming the title of Munster autumn bull calf 2023 with their September 2022-born calf Mogeely Merk Y857 by Dunard Navigator.

Richie Lombard with the title of reserve Munster autumn bull calf 2023 with his October 2022-born Dulague Red EyeCatcher Y340 by Stairhaven Red Ernie U266.

Eustace and Deirdre Burke with the title of Munster autumn heifer calf 2023 with their September 2022-born Clontead Lady HotShot Y392 by Rawburn Boss Hogg N630.

Bryan O'Halloran with the title of reserve Munster autumn heifer calf 2023 with his September 2022-born Briarhill Emblynette Y098 ET by Rawburn Rommel E423.

SPRING CLASSES:

Matthew Goulding with the title of Munster spring bull calf 2023 with his February 2023-born Goulding Mumba Z361 by Drumhill Eveready W827.

Sam Dudley with the title of reserve Munster spring bull calf 2023 with his March 2023-born Killea Black SanDiego Z958 by Rawburn Jumbo Eric T627.

Albert DeCogan with the title of Munster spring heifer 2023 with his February 2023-born Mogeely Elana Z895 by Drumbeera Everest U241.

Eoin Lynch with the title of reserve Munster spring heifer 2023 with his January 2023-born Droumdaniel Minjee Z148 by Westellen Black Bingo V865.



Munster autumn bull calf 2023, Mogeely Merk Y857



Munster autumn heifer calf 2023, Clontead Lady Hotshot Y392

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Leinster Aberdeen Angus Club report

By Shea Feeney

The year kicked off for the club with the 2023 AGM, where Gerry Lynch was returned as chairman and Shea Feeney was returned as secretary.

First club trip was down to Castlemartyr to visit the Mogeely herd of Albert and Jennifer DeCogan ahead of the reduction sale that they held in July. We had a great day down with Albert and Jen and looked at some fantastic cattle as we walked around the Mogeely farm. The quality of the cattle must really have made an impression on our members, as some went on to purchase some of the heifers at the sale the following weekend. Thanks to Albert and Jen for hosting us and for the fantastic hospitality on the day.

Then it was on to our club calf competition, kindly sponsored by Country Crest and Certified Irish Angus, who sponsored male sexed semen straws of Drumcrow Tribesman AA8172 from their breed improvement programme. The qualifiers for the competition were held in Fingal, Oldcastle, Mullingar, Longford and Virginia, with the final being held in Trim at the Royal Meath Show. The purpose of this competition is to support the local shows and promote the breed in the region. Attendance at the qualifying shows grants access to the final, where we had some good prizes on offer. Judging on the day was

performed by Alan Morrison of the Drummeer Herd, Co Fermanagh. Thanks to Alan for judging.

During the second weekend of September, our herds competition took place, which was kindly judged by Matt Goulding.

Results of the Leinster Aberdeen Angus Herds competition 2023 – sponsored by Angus Beef Ireland and Gigginstown Angus can be found on P112 and P113.

The club would like to give a big thank you to Matt and Rita Goulding for giving us their time to judge this competition. We had a lovely evening at our presentation also, which was held in the Lakeside Manor, Virginia, after the conclusion of the herds competition judging.

Our AGM for 2024 was held in early December 2023, with Gerry Lynch returning as chairman and Shea Feeney returning as secretary and a new face joined the team with Dave Cummins being voted in as club treasurer for 2024.

On behalf of the Leinster Aberdeen Angus Club, I would like to thank our sponsors of calf competition - Country Crest and Certified Irish Angus - and our herds competition - Angus Beef Ireland, Gigginstown Aberdeen Angus and Dingle Gin.

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Patrick Beirne with the Connacht Donegal senior bull champion. Pictured with judge Matthew Goulding

Connacht Donegal club calf finals

The newly formed Connacht Donegal Aberdeen Angus club kickstarted activities with its inaugural club calf finals. The overall final of the competition took place at Mohill Show on August 20th 2023. Before proceeding to the finals, both bulls and heifers had to prequalify; these qualifiers took place at Corrandulla Riverstown, Clonmany, Claremorris, Roscommon and Mohill. The club is indebted to the many shows who went out of their way assisting with the scheduling and hosting of the qualifiers.

Sponsors of this year's event included Smyths Daleside, Dovea Genetics, Bullbank, Zurich and Dunmasc Genetics. Again, the newly formed club is very grateful for the kind sponsorship.

Tasked with judging this year's finals was Matthew Goulding of the famous Goulding herd in Co Kerry.

Class one was for bulls born between 1st June 2022 and 30th September 2022. Taking pole position here and going on to take overall Connacht Donegal club championship was Thomas and Patrick Beirne with Drumbeera Jay Z. This stylish young bull is sired by the herd's stock bull Caulry Nationwide and later topped the Extravaganza sale in October at €9,200. Standing reserve in this class was

Brendan McCawley with Newbridge Viper, a son of Fordel Lockdown.

In the second bull class of the day, claiming the Connacht Donegal championship was the December 2022-born Knockbarron Tyson Y807. Bred and exhibited by Michael Hannon, he is a son of Clara Swanky.

In the youngest bull class, top placing went to Drumbeera Eubank Z311. This April 2023-born bull was again exhibited by local breeders Thomas and Patrick Beirne. Sired by Bunlahy John G, he is out of a Nationwide daughter.

In the female section, top accolade went to Molloy Vicky, who was the property of Brian Faughnan. This October 2022-born heifer is sired by Netherton Mr Brazilian, with Rosemead Karona on the dam's side.

HERDS COMPETITION

The club also hosted its inaugural herds competition this year, with a super entry from right across the region. Full results can be found on P112 and P113. The club would like to sincerely thank judge Alan Morrison for the time he spent on members' farms and the super job he did across the sections.



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The association has always been a proud supporter of club activities and we are delighted to say this will no doubt continue for 2024.

If you are reading this and not a member of your local club and have an interest in learning more about membership benefits, please contact the secretary in your local area.

Past events run by clubs include herd competitions, annual sales, herd visits, open days, YDP workshops, club calf finals and much more.

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All-Ireland champion herds in Dublin, Sligo and Kerry

The announcements of the 2023 Irish Aberdeen Angus All-Ireland herds competition took place at the Extravaganza weekend in early October. This year's competition again seen small, medium and large herd winners in each of the four regional clubs fight it out for the title of All-Ireland champion herd.

The small section this year was judged by Mr Alan Morrison of the Drumeer herd in Northern Ireland. He visited the herds of Charlie McClafferty of McClafferty Angus in Donegal, the Rathmooney herd of Gabriel Hoey in Dublin, the Jadam herd of Enda and Adam Kearney in Clare and the Haroldstown herd of Laurence and Marie Farrell in Carlow.

He awarded the title of All-Ireland champion small herd to the Rathmooney herd.

The medium section was judged by Pat Cahill of the Shankill herd and John Brady of the Lisnafanna herd. They visited the herds of Bernard and Jacinta Kerins of Kerins Angus in Sligo, the Dunlever herd of Michael bird in Meath, the Clontead herd of Eustace and Deirdre Burke in Cork and the Ballygannon herd of Shane Bryne in Wicklow.

They awarded the title of All-Ireland champion medium herd to the Kerins herd.

In the large section tasked with judging was Louise Bryne of the Tomriland herd. The finalists in this section were John McDermotts Masreagh herd in Sligo, the Gigginstown herd of Michael O'Leary in Westmeath, the Goulding herd Matthew and Rita Goulding in Kerry and the Foundry herd of Ann and Aidan Murphy in Wexford.

He awarded the title of All-Ireland champion large herd to the Goulding herd.

All three section winners were first time winners of the All-Ireland and we congratulate them and all participating herds for another hugely successful competition.

With that we would also like to thank all the judges for their time it took to travel the length and breadth of country to perform their tasks.

CONNAGHT DONEGAL RESULTS

Judged by Alan Morrison of the Drumeer herd in Northern Ireland

SMALL HERD

1st McClafferty: - Charlie McClafferty
2nd Knockbarron: - Michael Hannon
3rd Satrisaun: - Derek Wrynn

MEDIUM HERD SECTION

1st Keirns: -Bernard Keirns
2nd Stormborn: -Richard Craig
3rd Gortnalon: -Patricia McGarth

LARGE HERD SECTION HERD NAME

1st John McDermott

NEW ENTRANT HERD NAME & OWNER

1st Knockbarron: - Michael Hannon

SEN BULL CALF

1st Masreagh Maxi Y318: - John McDermott

SEN HEIFER CALF

1st Blackfield Lady Sandra Y637: - Mick Culkeen

JUN BULL CALF

1st Blackfield Fluer Zion Z641: - Mick Culkeen

JUN HEIFER CALF

1st Stormborn Boss Lady Z201: - Richard Craig

COW FAMILY

1st Jasmine Family: - Bernard Keirns

STOCK BULL

1st Westellen Marlon X905: - John McDermott

MUNSTER HERD RESULTS

Judged by Pat Cahill and John Brady

SMALL HERD

1st Enda Kearney
2nd Eoin Lynch
3rd Jim Kingston

MEDIUM HERD

1st Eustace Burke
2nd John Tait
3rd Donagh McCarthy

LARGE HERD

1st Matthew Goulding
2nd Albert De Cogan
3rd John Applebe

AUTUMN MALE CALF CHAMPION

WESTELLEN BOSS Y929

AUTUMN FEMALE CALF CHAMPION

CLONTEAD LADY HOTSHOT Y392

SPRING MALE CALF CHAMPION

CARRAIG DUBH MOSES Z554

SPRING FEMALE CALF CHAMPION

LEMONFIELD LADY JEMMA Z157

BEST COW FAMILY

Matthew Goulding - Jane Family

BEST STOCK BULL

Albert De Cogan - Corlismore Tomohawk

BEST NEW ENTRANT

John Applebe



LEINSTER

judged by Matthew Goulding of the Goulding herd in Kerry

LARGE HERD

- 1st- Gigginstown Angus
- 2nd - Malachy Tighe Tara Herd
- 3rd- Liss Aberdeen Angus Herd

MEDIUM HERD

- 1st- Michael Bird Dunlever Pedigrees
- 2nd- Crann Mor Farm
- 3rd- Fran Whelan Priesttown herd

SMALL HERD

- 1st- Country Crest Rathmooney herd
- 2nd- John Meehan Trimblestown herd
- 3rd- Dave Cummins Listakem Glen farm

STOCK BULL

Lisduff Delboy U677 from Michael Bird and John Meehan

COW FAMILY

Liss Mural family from John and Sean McEnroe

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Pubblestown Lord Jack Y433 from John Canty

HEIFER CALF BORN 1ST AUGUST TO 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Tara Pamina Y918 from Malachy Tighe

BULL CALF BORN AFTER 1ST JANUARY 2023

Tara Major Tom Z964 from Malachy Tighe

HEIFER CALF BORN AFTER 1ST JANUARY 2023

Lisnafanna Patricia Z077 from John Brady

NEW ENTRANT WINNER 2023

Fran Whelan

SOUTH EAST

judged by Louis Byrne of the Tomriland herd in Wicklow



SENIOR HEIFER CALF

Laurence Farrell,

JUNIOR HEIFER CALF

Paddy Doyle.

SENIOR BULL CALF

Jim Forrestal

JUNIOR BULL CALF

Edna and Reg Rothwell.

BEST STOCK BULL

Mogeely Proud by Wedderlie Blackbox, owned by Patrick Stephenson.

BEST NEW ENTRANT

William Phelan.

BEST LARGE HERD

Ann Murphy.

BEST MEDIUM HERD

Shane Byrne.

BEST SMALL HERD

Laurence Farrell.

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The invitation with a detailed program will arrive at december.



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New members 2023

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| KILLOUGH | COLIN FITZSIMONS |
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| LAVAGH | JOHN PAUL MCNULTY |
| KILLUCAN | JOHN KILMARTIN |
| DRUMCULLION | MICHAEL QUINN |
| SUNVILLE | BARNEY BRADFIELD |
| GLOUNTHNAW | CHRIS WHOLEY |
| SHANNONWOOD | MICHAEL MCCABE |
| BALLYFOILE | JOHN MURPHY |
| MOONBOY | PAT DEVINE |
| LOISDUFF | ANN McENROE |
| GLENCORICK | WALTER BROWN |
| DANIELS | EDWARD & MARTY HAYES |
| LAVALLA | TIM MURPHY |
| MARRON | UNA MARRON |
| DRINEY | PATRICK REGAN |
| BRU RI | BRENDAN LYONS |
| ROXBORO HOUSE | ANNETTE AND MICHAEL FINNEGAN |
| KANDLEHYDE | OLIVER HARRINGTON |
| ASHFORD | MICHAEL BUTLER |
| GALBALLY | TREVOR MASTERSON |
| GREY GROVE | JOHN MCSWEENEY |
| KNOCKAUN | SEAMUS ACTON |
| LEWNISTOWN | ISABELLE CARROLL |
| ERNEHILL | NOEL FITZPATRICK |
| BALLINAMUCK | MICHAEL O DONOVAN |
| BAWNMORE | SEAN LEAHY |
| BEECH GROVE | MICHAEL CULLINAN |
| INIS MEAIN | RUARI DE BLACAM |
| CURRAGHKIELY | DECLAN HAHESSY |
| CLONMORE STUD | DENIS AND ANDREW MCCARTHY |
| FINURE | JOSEPH RYNNE |
| CLONOUGHTER | PATRICK FITZGERALD |
| BAWNLEA | MARK O SHEA |
| WHITEWELL | KATE RING |
| KENMARE | FLOR O SULLIVAN |
| DERRYBEG | NEIL JOE MAHER |
| ASHEBURN | DAVID BYRNE |
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| HERD PREFIX | NAME |
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| ENNYBEGS | THOMAS MAHON |
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| BALLYKILROE | EOIN ROBINSON |
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| | BRIAN MCKEOWN |
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Ploughing 2023 over and out

It proved very tough conditions for the 2023 National Ploughing Championships. While weather may have been low, spirits certainly weren't, as a super team again graced the Aberdeen Angus marquee!

Coming off the back of the Czech technical meeting and the inspections of the Extravaganza cattle, September proved one of the busiest months in the calendar, but we wouldn't change it for the world!

Angus Beef Ireland, their processors and the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association again joined forces in what was again the biggest tent in the cattle section of the Ploughing.

While numbers were significantly back on the previous year, 200,000 people still battled the conditions and made it another year to remember.

The Irish Aberdeen Angus section again proved in high demand, with spectators and customers keen to see many of the animals which were heading to the Extravaganza in Thurles less than two weeks later.

The association would like to thank Marteye which also took space in this year's marquee, helping potential buyers get registered to bid and also availing them the opportunity to see the full line-up of entries.

Angus Beef Ireland and their processors recorded record interest and feedback continues to be that there's only one show in town when it comes to meat eating quality.

It also proved to be a Ploughing to remember, as the exhibitors on hand made a special presentation to Pat Cahill. This presentation was to mark Pat's 30th year exhibiting cattle in the Irish Aberdeen Angus marquee, a feat which would be hard matched in any stand not to mind bringing cattle with you each time! Well done Pat on what was another great year!



With that said, the association would like to thank all who visited the tent over the three days. This was only made possible by the extended team, which ranged from 12 years old to 92! See you all again next year.

A memorable World Angus Technical meeting in Czech Republic

The picturesque landscapes of Czechia played host to the landmark World Angus Technical Meeting (WATM) in September 2023.

Hosted by the Czech Aberdeen Angus Association in celebration of its 30th anniversary, it drew more than 200 individuals traveling from 32 countries, including Aberdeen Angus breeding leaders from Europe, North and South America, New Zealand and Australia.

It was a heartwarming reunion for the Angus family and breed, long-awaited due to the pandemic-related delay. The event featured the official World Angus Secretariat membership meeting; a national show; tours of Angus cattle farms; and an introduction to the Czech culture, history and attractions.

As the first farm tour concluded, initial impressions were of high-quality cattle, charming historic farm buildings and seemingly greener pastures than even Ireland. A lively debate among international breeders arose about weather challenges, contrasting the Czechs' fortunate rain period with the international struggle against drought.

Leo McEnroe from Ireland, who judged in Czechia over five years ago, noted the impressive improvement in local breeding. He commended the shift from size and vigour towards smaller-sized cattle and more type, roundness, and shape — traits better suited for the commercial world.

On the Sunday, the National Angus Exhibition — an electrifying competition celebrating Czechia's Angus breeding accomplishments over three decades took place. Judges PJ Budler from all over the world, Erica Halliday from Australia and William McLaren from Scotland used an innovative independent category evaluation and averaging approach. The overall winners were Harper from Rantiřov as reserve champion and Hubert MS from the farm of Miroslav Sklář earned the coveted grand champion accolade.

The post-show celebration took place in an impressive historic building of a former nunnery, with a surprise outdoor gathering. The gathering featured an eight-metre-tall steel puppet which paid tribute to the late Willie McLaren. Of course not complete without the singing of the Angus theme song, 'An Angus for me'.

After an exhilarating night, it was time to ease into the Monday morning congress. The early session featured dynamic presentations on cattle breeding in Czechia and Australia, genomic selection in the United States, insights into nutrition and the latest technology by Vytelle and Wasserbauer companies.

The subsequent thought-provoking debate was skilfully moderated by PJ Budler and featured Kirk Wildman from Canada, Marc McCully from the USA and Billy Estrada from Mexico. The lively discussion addressed societal and environmental challenges that the breed faces. The congress continued with the assembly of the World Angus



Secretariat, where invited delegates from all member countries shared comprehensive presentations on the current situations in their respective nations. Presenting on behalf of the association were Dr Felicity McGrath and Shane Murphy, who gave an in-depth synopsis of all the advances currently being undertaken by the association.

It was evident during the week that participants appreciated the opportunity to foster a sense of connection and camaraderie. Despite differences in geography and language, participants shared a common goal: ensuring the longevity and sustainability of the Angus breed.

The success of the World Angus Technical Meeting 2023 in Czechia is a significant milestone in the country's Angus breeding journey. Beyond showcasing Czechia's contribution to the global Angus breeding community, the event served as a platform for cultural exchange, friendship and knowledge sharing.

Countries currently registering with the Irish Aberdeen Angus Europe

The Irish Aberdeen Angus Association has had our breeding programme approved in the following countries. This is the tip of the iceberg, with requests currently in process for a number of other territories also.

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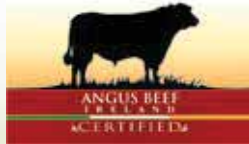
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Solid clearance rates and averages reached at Stirling Bull Sales

Aberdeen-Angus met a buoyant trade at the February 2023 Stirling Bull Sales held at United Auctions' Stirling Mart. Of the 111 bulls forward, 77% found new homes, compared with 74% at the same sale last year. Altogether 86 bulls averaged £6,727 (6,406gns) and two females forward averaged £4,148 (3,950gns).

Neil and Mark Wattie had a tremendous sale, averaging 11,286gns for eight sold. They also won pre-sale show Champion with one of their senior bulls, Tonley Endgame X809. This bull went on to top the sale at 24,000gns and was purchased by Andrew and James Adam, Newhouse of Glamis. Reserve Senior and Reserve Overall Champion also came from the Tonley herd in the form of another senior bull, Tonley King Paco X812, which sold for 16,000gns. This much-admired bull went home with Ian and Bruce Campbell to Alnwick, Northumberland.

The Watties also sold Tonley Eyecandy X823 to Auchengray Farms for 14,000gns, three of five senior bulls which together averaged 13,260gns. Tonley also cleaned up the group competitions in the show ring, winning the best pair, best group of three (bred by exhibitor), best group of three bulls by one sire, best group of four bulls by one sire, and the best group of five bulls bred by exhibitor.

Messrs JHC Campbell and Sons, Thrunton, also had a good day having been drawn reserve intermediate champion with their May-born Tonley Kasper son, Thrunton Premier X475. He went on to sell for 14,000gns to Alistair and Graeme Fraser of Idvies, Forfar. In total, Thrunton sold five

bulls to average an impressive 10,240gns and topped at 15,000gns for Thrunton Prince X468, which went home with Messrs Spours, Henlaw, Wooler.

Alistair Clark and Sons, Duncanziemere, Cumnock, took a hattrick of champion rosettes winning the Intermediate Champion as well as the Junior and Reserve Junior Champion tickets. The Clarks sold six bulls for an average of 8,583gns. The best of these was their Junior Champion, Duncanziemere Edward X452, by Auchencrieve Exodus, which sold for 14,000gns to AM Shepherd, Orbliston, Fochabers. Next best at 10,000gns was their Intermediate Champion, which went to Mike and Melanie Alford for their Foxhill herd in Devon.

Bleack Jumping Jackflash X160 lived up to his name for his exhibitor Gabriella Massie, who sold the unshown Jackflash for 14,000gns to Brotherton Estates, Montrose.

Messrs Arnott of Haymount sold two bulls to average 8,250gns. The best of the pair was their junior Haymount Exhibit X164, which went home with Dallas Allen, Stouphill, Alnwick for 12,000gns.

At 11,000gns was Tonley Egor X842 from K and M Howie. He was the pick of Messrs Mitchell, Ferniehill, Cupar.

Altogether eight bulls made more than 10,000gns. The last two to sell above this ceiling was Idvies Baracus X032 from Messrs FJ Fraser and Son who sold to the Castle of Mey herd, and The Trustees of the late Gordon Brooke sold Gordon E-Type X640 for the same money to D Whiteford and Co, Borewell, Berwick-upon-Tweed.



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Stirling October sale tops at £13,650

The 2023 Stirling October Aberdeen-Angus Bull Sale saw a selective trade for the better bulls held at United Auctions' Monday 23 October. A reduced number were forward (46) compared with catalogued, and the clearance rate settled at 63%, selling 29 to average a healthy £6,300, an increase of £1,026 on the year.

Bulls topped £13,650 for Alistair Clark and family's Duncanziemere Scorpion Y471, which was Reserve Junior and Overall Reserve Champion in the pre-sale show. Scorpion is an April 2022 born Auchincrieve Exodus son, out of a Rawburn Jester Eric daughter, and scored +48 SRI and +38 TI.

Following closely behind for £12,600 a piece were two bulls from different vendors. First through the ring to make this money was Alistair Fraser's Idvies Prescott Y061, which was unplaced in the pre-sale show. Prescott is a Rawburn Lang Syne son out of a homebred dam, sporting impressive figures; +68 SRI and +58 TI. Second to make £12,600 was Gordon Gray's Ettrick Gallileo Y302, an April born Rawburn Boss Hogg son, out of a Linton Gilbertines President sired dam, with an SRI of +72.

Next up at £10,500 were the Clarks for a second time with Duncanziemere Jukebox Y486, another son of Auchincrieve Exodus. Jukebox was May 2022 born and sports a +51 SRI and +42 TI.

Following an illustrious show career this past summer, Andrew and Emma Hodge sold their Senior Champion, Rulesmains Paycheck Y680 to top their pen at £9,450. Rulesmains averaged £7,088 for two bulls sold, the other being Rulesmains Ennis Y650, which realised £4,725.

Buyers valued a squad of bulls at £8,400, the first of which was Irish consignor Caolan McBrien who sold Old Barr Pitter Patter Y493, an Idvies Eric son, which was 2nd prize in the pre-sale show. The next was Raddery Edin Y285, also a March born, Gretnahouse Blacksmith grandson, consigned by Mr & Mrs E MacGregor, Fortrose. Equally valued was Martin McCornick's McCornick Night Rider Y910, a 3rd prize Junior by Skaill Dino. Lastly, but right behind the previous at the same price was Gordon Profit Y814, an ET calf by Cheerbrook Profit out of a Belhaven dam.

Gordon Profit was much admired by the judge of the pre-sale show, who tapped him out as Junior Champion and then Overall Champion. Norman Bellfield of Macclesfield sold the stable mate to his Reserve Senior Champion, Daneside Boris X005 at £6,300, while Messrs WD Allen, Stouphill, sold Stouphill Patrick Y402 at £5,775, sporting a TI of +40.

Females enjoyed excellent demand for the 23 forward, 22 changed hands to average £3,665, and sold to a top of £6,825. The best of these was Duncanziemere Edwina Y503, a paternal sister to the Duncanziemere bulls which

was a 1st prize heifer in the pre-sale show. Messrs Clark sold two heifers to average £5,408 for the pair.

Neil Wattie and son Mark, consigned just one heifer, Tonley Annie X920, December 2021 born, which was Overall Female Champion and realised £6,090, and sold four months in calf to Shadwell Black Magic. At the same money, Ray Gardiner sold Newton Muchalls Nutmeg Y112, an 18 month old Gretnahouse Florian daughter. Mr Gardiner sold three heifers to average £4,235 for the trio.

Ken and Margaret Howie, along with daughter Nicola, sold a pair of paternal sisters to average £5,355 and to a top of £5,460 for Cairnton Black Nancy Y492, who was a class winner on the day, which followed a successful show career this past summer.



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FEBRUARY SALE DUNGANNON

Prices peaked at 5,400gns and 5,200gns, and following a complete clearance auctioneer Trevor Wylie confirmed that seven lots were traded to average £3,795 per head, an increase of £310 on the same sale 12 months ago.

Sale leader at 5,400gns was the reserve champion Drumhill Quidsinn X612 TSI+39 SRI+48 bred by Jonathan and Lisa Doyle, Cookstown. Sired by home-bred stock bull Drumhill Lord Hatfield R532 ET, his dam is Nightingale Queen Lois U946 – a privately purchased daughter of the 2016 Stirling senior champion Drumhill Lord Hampton R414 ET. Born in July 2021, he boasts a milk value of +19 in the breed's top 10% and was snapped up by Leo Devine from Strabane.

Next best at 5,200gns was the supreme champion Home Farm Lord Harry X647 bred by Fintan Keown who runs a herd of ten pedigree and 25 commercial cows at Belleek, County Fermanagh.

Sired by Haymount War Smith R578, this May 2021-born bull is bred from the Spangager Tommy Boy daughter, Home Farm Lady Honey T161. He was placed second in his class at the NI club's Summer Championship Show at Clogher last July. Highest bidder was W Bond, Eglinton, County Londonderry.

MARCH SALE DUNGANNON

Aberdeen-Angus bulls sold to a top price of 3,300gns and 3,200gns at the annual native breeds show and sale, held at Dungannon Farmers' Mart.

Sale leader at 3,300gns was Drummeer Elliott X255 TSI+44 SRI+51 bred by Alan and Naomi Morrison, Maguiresbridge. Born in May 2021, he is sired by Gretnahouse Blacksmith L500, and is out of the Nightingale Playfair K527 daughter, Lana Ellass N465. This second prize winner was snapped up by Sammy Caldwell, and daughter Leah, from Beragh near Omagh.

Mr Caldwell, who runs a herd of 200 commercial dairy cows, also paid 3,200gns to secure the third placed Coltrim Ellio X681 TSI+32 SRI+40 consigned by Neville and Ivan Forsythe, Moneymore.

Sired by the home-bred Cheeklaw Punch R529 son, Coltrim Javier Eric U911, this June 2021-born entry is out of Coltrim Evana U977.

The pre-sale show was judged by Ian Rea from Nutt's Corner near Crumlin. He awarded the supreme championship ribbons to the July 2021-born Tynan Count Dynamite X281 bred by Andrew Clarke from Tynan, County Armagh. This bull sold to John Hanna from Downpatrick for 2,800gns.

APRIL SALE DUNGANNON

There was a strong demand for Aberdeen-Angus bulls at the Native Breed's Show and Sale, held at Dungannon Farmers' Mart on 19 April.

A small, but quality entry of Aberdeen-Angus bulls achieved a complete clearance with seven lots going



Fintan Keown, Belleek, exhibited the supreme champion Home Farm Lord Harry X647 which sold for 5,200gns at the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society's spring show and sale, held in Dungannon.



March champion Tynan Count Dynamite X281 who sold for 2,800gns

under the gavel of auctioneer Trevor Wylie to average £3,885 – an increase of almost £40 on the year.

Securing the day's top price of 5,400gns was the presale show champion Bessiebell Lord Tyrone X245 bred by Jack Smyth, Newtownstewart. This 16-month-old entry was sired by the 2019 Yorkshire Show and Royal Welsh Show breed champion Shadwell Evolution T003 ET. He sold to Colin Maxwell from Downpatrick.

His dam is the Bova Lord Blackwood H175 ET daughter, and 2017 Irish National Aberdeen-Angus Calf Show champion, Drumbeera Lady Thatcher T226. She was purchased by the Smyth family from Carrick-on-Shannon for 4,500 Euro (approx 1,500gns) and also bred the 5,200gns Dungannon Sale leader (April 2021) Bessiebell Lord Thatcher V072.

Judge Ivan Forsythe, from the 30-cow Coltrim Herd at Moneymore, described the male and supreme overall champion as a stylish, well-muscled young bull. "He has everything – breed character, length, conformation and good locomotion."

Second highest price of the day of 3,900gns was paid to Freddie Davidson, Banbridge, for his first-placed Ember Pete Y962 (TSI+29 SRI+38). Sired by Drumcarbin Richie, this 15-month-old bull is out of the home-bred Birches Lord John M052 daughter, Ember Princess Lil T251. He is in the breed's top 20% for calving ease at +2.2 and sold to S Caldwell from Beragh, County Tyrone.



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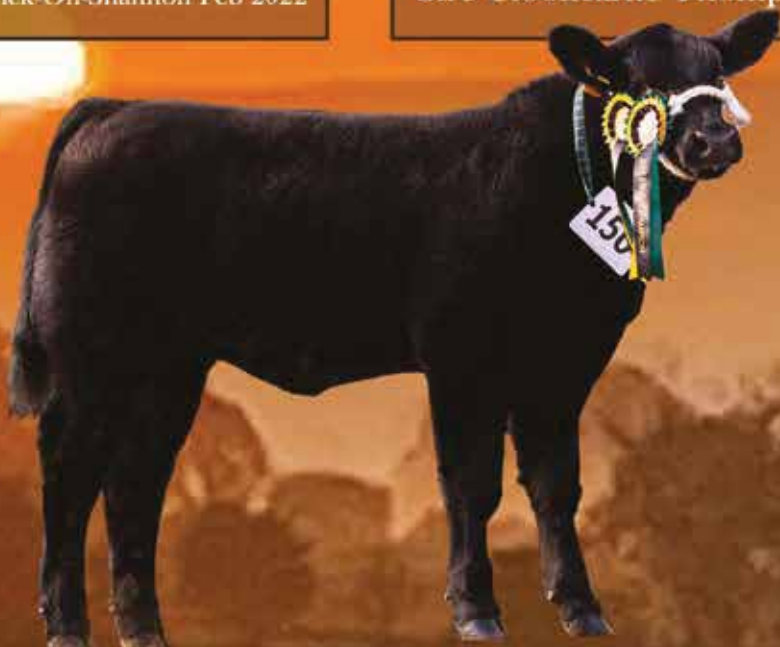
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Woodvale Miss Annie reigns supreme at Angus calf show

The 10-month-old home-bred heifer Woodvale Miss Annie Z151 claimed the silverware at the Northern Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Club's annual Calf Show, held at Dungannon.

This much-admired heifer was sired by the home-bred Woodvale Powerplay X893, a second-prize winner at Balmoral Show in 2022. Her dam Woodvale Miss Annie W856 is one of 15 cows in the herd, and is a daughter of the 2021 Balmoral Aberdeen Angus and interbreed beef champion Woodvale Miss Annie U436.

Commenting on the placing, Judge Brian Clarke, from the 60-cow Duncanziemere Herd based at Cumnock in Ayrshire, said: "The champion is a very correct heifer with a beautiful head and great legs. She is oozing style and ring presence and will mature into a super brood cow."

Claiming the reserve supreme championship title was the bull calf champion, Drumhill Exchange Rate Z194, from Jonathan and Lisa Doyle's 60-cow herd at Cookstown. The Doyles were making a return to the showing after a seven-year hiatus.

This seven-month-old bull was bred from Drumhill Evora V64, and sired by the herd's stock bull, Galcantray Jedi Eric V287, which was purchased at Stirling for a top price of 15,000gns in February 2021.

James Mallon from Swatragh had a memorable day, winning the reserve heifer calf championship and the prize for the best pair of exhibitor-bred calves.

His award-winning calf was the May-born Knockoneill Prelude Z334. She is one of the first calves sired by the herd's stock bull, Clooncarne Thompson, purchased privately from Thomas Mulligan, County Leitrim. Her dam, Clontead Prelude U283, was bought as a calf from Irish breeder Eustace Burke.

Winning the reserve bull calf plaudits was the six-month-old Drummeer Black Balmoral Z143 ET from Alan and Naomi Morrison's herd at Maguiresbridge. Described by the judge as a smart calf, he was sired by Lockerley Black Boromir K173, and is out of the home-bred Drummeer Blackbird R853.

Leading the yearling championship line-up was the February 2022 Glenbrae Red Miss Kayo Y477 ET brought out by the Dodd family, William, Jane, Jamie, and Lewis, who own a 20-cow herd based at Saintfield. Sired by Mosshall Red Evolution P353, she is bred from Gannon Red Miss Kayo S697.

This heifer is no stranger to show success having won the reserve supreme championship at the calf show in 2022. She also secured multiple rosettes this year,



Supreme champion Woodvale Miss Annie Z151



Reserve supreme champion Drumhill Exchange Rate Z194

including reserve junior female champion at the Northern Ireland National Show at Clogher, and the reserve breed championship at Antrim Show.

The reserve yearling championship went to Drumhill Bandit Y866, an eighteen-month-old bull from Jonathan and Lisa Doyle's herd. Sired by the 14,000gns Kilmaluag Eriskay T203, his dam, Blelack Blaeberry U918, was purchased at the Blelack dispersal.

The Northern Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Club is indebted to the Wylie family for the use of its facilities at Dungannon Farmers' Mart. Thanks also to the sponsors without whom this event would not be possible: WD Meats, Energia Renewables, Alexander Mills, John McElderry, Certified Irish Angus Beef, Boyd Haulage, and McGuckian Brothers.

Woodvale hit the hat-trick at the 154th Balmoral Show

THE Armour family from County Down scooped the Aberdeen-Angus championship and the second reserve interbreed beef champion of champions award at the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society's 154th Balmoral Show.

This latest feat marks the 15-cow herd's third successive breed championship at Balmoral. They won in 2021 with junior cow Woodvale Miss Annie U436, and in 2022 and 2023 with Woodvale Delia X867.

Shown last year as an in-calf heifer, Woodvale Delia X867 returned to the Balmoral Show ring with her January-born bull calf at foot. The four-month-old Woodvale Dynamo Z162 is sired by the home-bred Woodvale Powerplay X893, which stood second in the junior bull class at last year's show.

The much-admired Woodvale Delia X867 was born in March 2021 and is sired by the herd's former stock bull Oak Moor Lord Ivanho U419. Her dam, Woodvale Delia T101, is a daughter of the 24,000gns February 2016 Stirling champion Tonley Evor P044.

A delighted Alwyn Armour, who founded the herd in 1995, said: "I bought the maternal granddam, Carlhurlie Delight N959, for 3,500gns at Carlhurlie dispersal sale at Stirling in 2016. She was in-calf to Evor, and the result was the heifer's dam, Woodvale Delia T101."

Judge Eustace Burke, president of the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association, thanked the RUAS for inviting him to judge. "It has been an outstanding show of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, and I'd like to congratulate all exhibitors on a good turnout of quality stock. The youngstock were exceptional."

Mr Burke, who runs the 30-cow Clontead Herd in County Cork, described the supreme and exhibitor-bred champion as an exceptional and powerful young cow. "She calved at 22-months-of-age and is a fine example of the breed. Very correct throughout, feminine, with good legs and feet, and a good milky udder. This young cow is working and doing a good job rearing her calf."

Winning the junior and reserve overall championship plaudits was the yearling bull, Home Farm Erne Y802, bred by Fintan Keown, who runs a herd of 10 pedigree and 25 commercial cows at Belleek, County Fermanagh. Erne is sired by Haymount War Smith R578, and bred from Home Farm Ebony Stunner S087. This young bull was reserve male champion at the NI Aberdeen-Angus Club's Calf Show in November. His dam was champion at the Pedigree Calf Fair a number of years ago. He also claimed the second reserve interbreed junior beef championship at Balmoral Show.

Eustace Burke added: "This is an exceptional young bull with a bright future. He epitomises all the characteristics of the breed, and has power and bone structure to carry his performance."

The reserve junior championship went to Ember Paxton Y973, a February 2022-born bull bred by Freddie Davidson from Banbridge. He is sired by Drumcarbin Richie and is out of Ember Pearl U494. This young bull was also tapped out as the reserve champion in the interbreed performance bull competition.

The award for the best pair of Aberdeen-Angus cattle went to Caolan McBrien from Enniskillen, who exhibited full ET brothers Old Barr Pink Paddy Y504 and Old Bar Pitter Patter Y493.



Woodvale Delia X867

Winter National Calf Show- Agri Expo 2023

The 2023 Winter National Calf Show was held within the event known as Agri Expo at Borderway Mart, Carlisle on Friday 27th October 2023. The standard of entry was tremendous, for judge Andrew Hodge, who presided over the 85 catalogued entries.

With no senior males forward, the eldest male category were yearling males, born between January 2022 and December 2022. The best of these were A & J Adam, Newhouse of Glamis on their first outing with Newhouse Playboy Y014, an August 2022-born son of Brailes Fabulous out of a Tonley Princess daughter. Reserve yearling champion came from the same class exhibited by Miss Caroline Orr, Keirsbeath Powerhouse Y586, an October 2022-born calf sired by Linton Gilbertines President.

Three junior male classes for bull calves born from January 2023 onwards were won by D & K Graham with Carruthers Equador Z229, a March born Auchinbreive Exodus son out of a homebred dam.

Reserve junior male was Mr & Mrs M Alford's Foxhill Diamond Mist Z254, a January-born Linton Gilbertines President son out of a Weeton Diamond Mist dam. The junior males triumphed in the overall male championship, where Carruthers Equador Z229 was judged best male and Foxhill Diamond Mist Z254 picked up the reserve spot.

The only senior female forward took the senior female champion, which was Brailes Livestock's Carberry Urban Boss with first calf at foot. Yearling females, born between January 2022 and December 2022, were won by Neil Wattie's Tonley Fiona Y837, an April-born Tonley Jester Eric son out of a homebred dam.

Reserve place came from the second class, exhibited by Alistair Clark and Sons, Duncanziemere Edwina Y508, sired by Duncanziemere Sportsman. A big entry of heifer calves was topped by Mr & Mrs M Alford's Foxhill Diamond Mist Z253, another January-born flush sister to their reserve male champion.

Reserve junior female champion was Duncanziemere Ellen Erica Z536, sired by Duncanziemere Sportsman, and second youngest catalogued, having been born in May 2023. Neil Wattie's Tonley Fiona Y837 was tapped out female champion ahead of Carberry's Boss as reserve.



Carruthers Equador Z229



Carberry Urban Boss



Tonley Fiona Y937



Princess clinches crown at Royal Highland Show

Claiming the breed championship ticket and the reserve silverware in the interbreed was Bleack Princess Carina X125.

It made the seven-hour trip from Cullompton in Devon worthwhile for owners Melanie and Michael Alford, who purchased Carina for 30,000gns as a five-month-old calf at the Bleack dispersal in 2021.

Sired by the 14,000gns Kilmaluag Eriskay, she is out of Bleack Princess Carina U902 and was shown in-calf to Weeton Evolution.

The Aberdeen-Angus judge, Dallas Allen of the Stouphill herd at Humbleheugh, Alnwick, tapped out the March 2020-born Rodmead Prague W014 (ET) from AW Neish Esq as his reserve winner. Sired by Skaili Eric S498, his dam is Brynawelon Prim J530.



Rodmead Prague W014



Kilmallie Juggernaut Eric Y389

Coolermoney cow wins NI Aberdeen-Angus championship

THE Northern Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Club held its annual Summer Championship at the 103rd Clogher Valley Show.

This year's show was judged by Scotsman Ian Watson, owner of the 50-cow Kersquarter Herd based at Kelso in Roxburghshire; and current junior vice-president of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society.

The show was dominated by younger animals, and the heifer classes were exceptionally strong, with up to nine individual entries in one class.

It was a red-letter day for the Parke family from Strabane, who notched up the senior female, exhibitor-bred and overall supreme championships with Coolermoney Frances T703, and the junior male championship.

Six-year-old Frances was the winner of the cow class and kept impressing the judge throughout the day to claim a number of top awards. Sired by Hallington Edition M362, her dam was the privately-purchased Lough Erne Frances J014.

She won first prize at Balmoral Show and breed champion at Omagh Show. This much-admired young cow was accompanied in the showing by her February-born bull calf Coolermoney Frankie Z311.

Speaking of his champion Ian commented: "The champion is a terrific young cow, and is working hard rearing her bull calf. She was a very worthy winner, and later in the day I was pleased to see her winning the reserve interbreed beef championship."

Adrian and Graeme Parke founded the Coolermoney prefix in 1996, and run a herd of eight pedigree cows.

Their junior male champion was the five-month-old bull calf Coolermoney Ragnor Z322. He is by Rawburn Boss Hogg N630 and bred from Coolermoney Rosita J003.

Claiming the reserve overall championship was the senior male award winner, and reserve exhibitor-bred champion, Glenbrae Red Mr Kayo Y536, exhibited by William and Jane Dodd, and sons Jamie and Lewis, from Saintfield.

The sixteen-month-old ET bull was sired by Mosshall Red Evolution P353 and is out of the Scottish-bred Gannon Red Miss Kayo S697 – one of 15 cows in the herd. He has won an array of awards during the show season.

The Dodd family also scooped the reserve senior female championship with the September 2021 Glenbrae Red Mouse X236. A Mosshall Red Forrest V018 daughter, she is bred from Gannon Red Mouse U173.

Rounding off a successful day for the Dodd family was the reserve junior female champion, Glenbrae Red Miss Kayo Y477, a full ET sister to the reserve supreme champion.

Home Farm Erne Y802 bred by Fintan Keown, Belleek, was the winner of the reserve senior male championship. Sired by Haymount War Smith R578, his dam was the

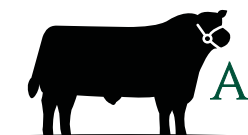
former Pedigree Calf Fair breed champion Home Farm Ebony Stunner S087 – one of 10 cows in the herd. He was junior champion, male, and reserve supreme champion at Balmoral Show this year.

The reserve junior male champion was Ard Dubh Premier Y617, a Dillon New Holland son, bred by Mena McCloskey from Dungiven. Born in November 2022, he is an ET son of Mogeely Paula V630.

Securing the junior female championship was Island Farm Pretty Y145, a seventeen-month-old Stouphill Marcus Prince U251 son, bred by Kevin McOscar, Cookstown.



By-laws (1st January 2021)



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RULES OF PROCEDURE

Adopted by Council and effective 1st January 2021

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The Irish Aberdeen Angus Association trading as the IAAA Herdbook Ltd a Company Limited by Guarantee is recognised by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine as a breed Association in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1012. Approved on 23-December-2020 by the Council of the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association has adopted the following Rules of Procedures which include participation, the rights of breeders, the rights of the breed Association and an appeals procedure.

"The Irish Aberdeen Angus Association is committed to equal and fair treatment of breeders and will enter into the breeding book animals of the same breed line or cross that are eligible for entry under the Associations breed criteria without discrimination on account of their country of origin"

Participation in the IAAA Breeding Programme:

To participate in the breeding programme of the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association, the breeder shall be the owner of a "purebred" Aberdeen Angus animal entered in a herd book recognised or listed by the EU for the Aberdeen Angus breed and is kept on a holding located within the geographical territory of the IAAA breeding programme.

Application to participate is also accepted from the owner in the geographical territory of an Aberdeen Angus or Angus male or female born as the result of embryo transfer for the intention of purebred breeding.

Where the herd number is not in the applicant's name or the applicant is not the designated herd keeper, the applicant must have the consent of the herd owner.

Animals entered in the Herd Book by the same breeder, but which may be from a different holding can carry the same Herd Name.

Joint breeders and company participation is accepted, and one person must be nominated as the point of contact for the Association.

Breeders can also opt to become members of the Association.

1. Application procedure to participate in the IAAA breeding programme

Applications for participation will be considered if the following documents are completed and submitted to the Association's office:

- Application form
- ICBF permissions form
- Direct debit mandate
- Zootechnical certificates for the animals they wish to have participating in the breeding programme
- Permissions form for those who are genotyping animals in ICBF genomic schemes to allow the Association to request major gene testing on these animals

- Fees (as required)

Where a breeder also wishes to apply for membership the appropriate membership fee should be included with the application form.

| Description of fees | Fee as at 1/1/2021 including VAT (Euro) |
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| Annual Subscription full member | 39.65 per year |
| Annual Subscription junior member (1- 18 yrs.) | 17.70 per year |
| Lifetime subscription | 991.20 |
| Annual subscription for associate member* | 20 per year |

*Associate members cannot sit on council or have a vote in elections or at AGM/SGMs.

2. Following receipt of application to the Association office a list of applications of breeders are presented to Council at the next meeting of Council.

3. As part of the application process, each breeder may register an approved herd name. This herd name shall not have been allocated to another breeder of the Association, either in the past or at present. If a herd has advertised and sold as a dispersal, the Herd name may not be used thereafter for entries into the Herd Book without permission of the Council. Breeders of the same family can be individual breeders and use the same herd name where animals within the herd may be under separate ownership. Those who wish to take over a herd prefix from an existing participant must also provide written consent from those who currently hold the requested prefix to hand this over to the new applicant.

This shall be applicable to all animals bred and notified by that breeder, either alone or jointly with

any partner/s or other persons in any one herd. Herd name transfers may be approved by the Council of the Association at their discretion. Where a breeder wishes to apply for a herd name the appropriate fee should be included with the application form

| Description of fees | Fee as at 1/1/2021 including VAT (Euro) |
|-------------------------|---|
| Herd name copyright fee | 14.16 |

Herd prefix applications will be presented for approval by Council at the next scheduled Council meeting.

4. Breeders of the Association must make all payments due to the Association in the form of Direct Debit.

5. Breeders must permit that data relating to the genealogy and performance of their cattle may be communicated to and examined and processed by competent authorities in the field of livestock breeding, subject to Council approval, and that the Association be free to disseminate the results of this analysis as the Council see fit from time to time.

6. The Association shall have the right to maintain a computerised record of breeder's transactions with the Association and reserve the right to penalise breeders found to be in breach of procedures vital to the accurate maintenance and integrity of the breeding book of the Association.

7. The Association shall if they so desire, provide for Associate, Overseas or Commercial memberships. Associate, Overseas and Commercial membership is open to people who don't meet the criteria of a full member but who would like to receive Association annual publications to keep up to date with information on the breed.

8. To be an active member, a breeder must have a minimum of three registrations in 18 months or at least 80% of ones animals registered with the IAAA. Active members may sit on council. Inactive members may not.

9. It is a condition of participating in the breeding programme of the Association that all breeders undertake to partake in those elements of the

Associations breed improvement programme that the Council from time to time deem compulsory.

10. Article 34(2) © of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012, states that "c) it has adopted rules of procedure to ensure that breeding animals entered in breeding books by breed societies or registered in breeding registers by breeding operations, and the offspring produced from germinal products of such breeding animals, are entered or eligible for entry without discrimination on account of their country of origin, in the case of purebred breeding animals, in the breeding book of the same breed, or, in the case of hybrid breeding pigs, in the breeding register of the same breed, line or cross, maintained by that breeding body."

Breeding animals entered in breeding books by listed breeding bodies, and the offspring produced from germinal products of such breeding animals, are entered or eligible for entry without discrimination on account of their country of origin, in the case of purebred breeding animals, in the breeding book of the Aberdeen Angus breed maintained by the IAAA once such animals fulfil the criteria for entry into the IAAA herd book as outlined in the breeding programme.

Rights of breeders:

1. Breeders shall have the right to participate in the breeding programme of the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association where:

(a) their animals are kept in the Republic of Ireland and approved EU geographical territories

(b) their breeding animals are covered by the Irish Aberdeen Angus breeding programme.

2. Breeders participating in the Irish Aberdeen Angus breeding programme shall have the right

(a) to have their purebred breeding animals entered in the main section of the breeding book in accordance with the rules of the breeding programme,

(b) to participate in performance testing and genetic evaluation in accordance with the rules of the breeding programme,

(c) to be provided with a zootechnical certificate,

(d) on request, to be provided with up-to-date results of the performance testing and genetic evaluation for their breeding animals, where those results are available,

(e) to have access to all the other services provided in relation to the Irish Aberdeen Angus breeding programme where applicable.

(f) to become a member of the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association and therefore have the right to participate in the defining and development of the breeding programme in accordance with these rules of procedure by communication through the members of council any initiatives that may be considered beneficial to the breed for consideration

3. Breeders participating in the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association shall

(a) have the free choice in the selection and breeding of their breeding animals,

(b) have offspring descended from those breeding animals entered in the Irish Aberdeen Angus breeding book in accordance with the rules of the breeding programme,

(c) have ownership of their breeding animals' rights and obligations of the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association:

RIGHTS OF THE IRISH ABERDEEN ANGUS ASSOCIATION:

1. As regards their breeding programme, the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association has the right to define and carry out such breeding programme autonomously for the Irish Aberdeen Angus Breed provided that they comply with Commission Regulation 2016/1012 and any conditions of their approval.

2. The Irish Aberdeen Angus Association shall have the right to exclude breeders from participating in a breeding programme where those breeders fail to comply with the rules of that breeding programme or with the obligations set out in these rules of procedure.

3. The Irish Aberdeen Angus Association shall have the right to exclude breeders from membership where those breeders fail to comply with their obligations set out in these rules of procedure.

4. The Irish Aberdeen Angus Association shall, without prejudice to the role of the courts, have a responsibility to settle disputes that may arise between breeders, and between breeders and the breed Association in the process of carrying out the Irish Aberdeen Angus breeding programme.

IAAA Herd Inspection policy:

The IAAA Council reserves the right to check selected herds. The owner will be given 48 hours oral notice of the visit by the Inspector. An owner with a genuine reason is allowed an extra 24 hours for the inspection, otherwise an owner cannot refuse admission to the Inspector unless in the most exceptional circumstances.

If a Breeder refuses to co-operate in allowing an inspection for up to 3 weeks, all calves in the herd under 3 months of age (at the time of the first notification) could be banned from all Association run events for life and the herd banned from all Association events for two years and no herd book certificates will be printed for that herd until an inspection takes place at the breeder's expense.

When an Inspector on inspection finds that any of the rules of the Association or breeding programme have been compromised, a letter will be sent to the breeder outlining the findings within 20 working days of the inspection which shall act as initial evidence of breach of the rules.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The breeder shall have the right to appeal any decisions taken by the Association. In addition, should any breeder feel that they have been mistreated, feels that the breeding programme or rules of procedure have been incorrectly followed and applied to their circumstance, or have a grievance against the Association the following steps shall be followed:

Stage 1

The breeder shall lodge in writing by email or post with the Breed Secretary their grievance that is required to be investigated. Should any breeder have a grievance with the Breed Secretary, or any actions that he /she has taken that they feel detrimental or prejudicial to either of them, the breeding programme or rules of procedure, the matter should be lodged to the President and the Senior Vice President for consideration. The breeder shall notify that they wish to invoke Stage 1 of the Appeal Process.

Any outcome from the investigation will be lodged on record and reported to, the breeder concerned, Council or sub committee of Council and any remedial action taken without delay.

Stage 2

If the matter has not been dealt with to the satisfaction of all parties, If the grievance is not resolved at Stage 1, or if a reply is not forthcoming from the Secretary within thirty days, the breeder(s) may request in writing that at their next Management Committee meeting or a sub-committee of at least 3 members of council (appointed by council), allow the breeder(s) is permitted to attend the meeting during the period that the grievance is being considered. The breeder(s) will be allowed to make an oral submission on the grievance. The Management Committee will then reconsider the issue and shall communicate its decision to the appellant within thirty days.

Stage 3

If the issue remains unresolved after Stage 2, the breeder(s) may request an independent hearing. The Management Committee shall grant such a hearing. Appeals at Stage 3 will be heard by an individual or group of individuals with appropriate expertise, agreed by both parties to the dispute. From the date of appointment of the person(s) hearing the appeal, the case will be heard, and the decision taken will be communicated to both parties within three months. The person(s) hearing the case will decide on the apportionment of costs, as appropriate.

Any dispute that remains unresolved after Stage 3 may be pursued by invoking provisions under the legal personality of the Society which are defined under the 1963 Companies Act. Details of these provisions can be obtained by contacting the Society Secretary.

Sanctions

On Misconduct of the rules by a breeder, and having considered any plea in mitigation, the council shall have the power to impose one or more of the following Sanctions:

a) to give a breeder a verbal warning.

b) to suspend a breeder from participating in all or such specified activities of the Association for a stated period or until conditions laid down are

satisfied.

c) to require a breeder to pay the Association's and/or any third party's expenses in relation to an appeal.

d) to fine a breeder up to a maximum of €5,000 (or such other maximum amount as may be determined by the council from time to time and notified to the Members in the Association's Journal)

e) to suspend a breeder from the Association for a stated period or until conditions laid down are satisfied

f) to expel a breeder from the Association.



**BREEDING PROGRAMME FOR THE BREED
IRISH ABERDEEN-ANGUS
APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF IAAA HERDBOOK CLG
ON 25TH NOVEMBER 2020**

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Properties and definition of the breed Aberdeen - Angus and objectives of the breeding programme

1. Breed Name – Irish Aberdeen-Angus or Angus [amendment 1.5, appendix 4]

2. Aims of the breeding programme

The aim of the breeding programme are the preservation and improvement of the breed, Aberdeen- Angus by adhering to a strict breeding programme which maintains the breed characteristics and using all available technology to improve the breed.

3. Geographic area and size of the breeding population

The geographical area of the breeding programme is the Republic of Ireland to conduct its breeding programme

The Irish Aberdeen Angus Association intends to extend this breeding

programme into other European countries which include:

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| The territory of the Kingdom of Belgium |
| The territory of the Republic of Bulgaria |
| The territory of the Czech Republic |
| The territory of the Federal Republic of Germany |
| The territory of the Republic of Estonia |
| The territory of the Kingdom of Spain with the exception of Ceuta and Melilla |
| The territory of the French Republic |
| The territory of the Italian Republic |
| The territory of Hungary |
| The territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe |
| The territory of the Republic of Austria |
| The territory of the Republic of Poland |
| The territory of Romania |
| The territory of the Kingdom of Sweden |
| The territory of the Republic of Lithuania |
| The territory of the Republic of Latvia |
| The territory of the Slovak Republic |
| The territory of Slovenia |

The current estimate of the breeding population of pure Aberdeen-Angus cattle within the Republic of Ireland is 16500

4. Breed characteristics and essential traits

Breed Characteristics

Colour

Plain red or black.

Horn status:

The breed is genetically polled.

Body:

Angus cattle have medium-frames and show an elongated body with a deep rib. Shoulders and back are broad and well-muscled but not double muscled.

Their pelvis is long, broad, and slightly inclined. The shape of the leg muscling is deep and broad with good peculiarity of the inner leg with no signs of double muscling.

Aberdeen Angus cattle have a light, short head with fine bone structure, the correctness of the limbs as outlined below and short, solid claws that equips them for less favourable conditions. Tight-fitting udders with short, and an even gait allow the cows to enjoy a long life.

Typical Aberdeen Angus Head



Typical Aberdeen Angus Female



Typical Aberdeen Angus Bull in red and black



The defined colours of the breed description are absolutely binding. Any white pigments are prohibited and are allowed only on the abdominal line behind the navel to the udder, for bulls behind the prepuce.

The definitions of the breed description are to be applied in the exterior assessment. Emphasis is directed to the frame of the animal whether male or female.

Illustration of Rear leg assessment

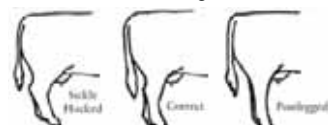


Illustration of foreleg assessment

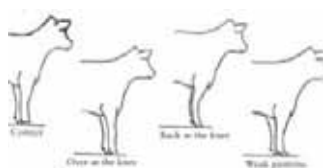
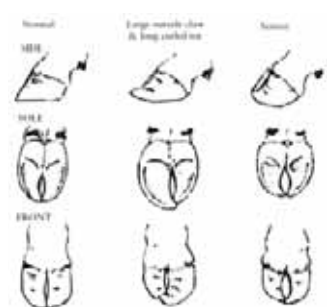


Illustration of Hoof correctness



Key data for adult bulls and cows:

| | Bulls | Cows |
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| sacral height, cm | 135 - 160 | 130 - 150 |
| weight, kg | 1,000 - 1,500 | 600 - 900 |

Undesirable characteristics

- Large and low-lying udders or supernumerary teats
- Any deviation from the genetic hornless such as scurs
- White fleck outside the abdominal line, at or in front of the navel of female animals
- White fleck outside the abdominal line, at or in front of the preputium of male animals.

Double Muscling Characteristics:

Increased development of the hindquarter, accentuated in appearance by a groove between the major muscles and a rounded ham appearance, Thick, open shoulders. An unusually wide, stretched stance with the front and hind legs extended, generally creating a swayback appearance. Lean, trim appearance often with a cylindrical middle and tucked up flank. Fine bone, Short tail, Small testes, Tail set forward on top of rump.

5. Division of the breeding Book

The Irish Aberdeen Angus Association herd book consists of a main section as follows:

Main Section:

To qualify for entry into the main section of the herd book, an animal shall be:

- Descended from parents and grandparents that are entered in the main section of the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society herd book or an equivalent herd book for the breed, Aberdeen Angus or Angus [amendment 1.5, appendix 4]
- Identified at birth in accordance with Union animal health law and the rules of this breeding programme.
- Have a pedigree established in accordance with the rules set out in this breeding programme.
- In the case of trade in or entry into the Union of an animal or germinal product and where the animal or progeny from that germinal product is intended to be entered in the breeding book it must be accompanied by a Zootechnical Certificate.
- Animals with both sire and dam classified as Native animals will be entered as Main section – pedigree native. Animals with only parent classed as native will remain as main section pedigree animals once all other criteria to satisfy entry to the main section are met.

The Main section is divided into two further classes:

Class one: This class is restricted for animals that meet the criteria for entry

into the main section and do not exhibit the undesirable characteristics as outlined above.

Class two: Animals which meet the criteria for entry into the main section but are identified as carrying the heterozygous Myostatin Genes nt821 and F94I from a DNA test or exhibit the undesirable characteristics as outlined above are entered into this Class.

Genetic specialties and hereditary defects:

The Association sets the mandatory list of genetic defects for the Aberdeen Angus breed. Class A genetic defects: Arthrogryposis Multiplex (AM) or Curly Calf Syndrome; Dwarfism; Fawn Calf Syndrome; Mannosidosis; Neuropathic Hydrocephalus (NH); Osteopetrosis (marble bone disease); and Syndactyly (mule foot). Any presence found of any of the class A defects will result in the animal being moved to Class 2 of the Main section of the herdbook which will be indicated on the Zootechnical Certificate.

The procedure for the detection of genetic defects is based on scientifically approved principles and is not limited to certain groups. All animals in the herd book are subject to this rule.

Genetic specialties have no negative impact on the health or well-being of the carriers. All animals of the Aberdeen Angus bred are exclusively genetically polled. For the Aberdeen Angus breed, no other genetic peculiarities are currently known other than the Myostatin Variant presence which is associated with double muscling affecting meat quality and texture. This Gene does not affect the health and wellbeing of the animals. Double carrier animals of F94I or nt821 may be registered as Class 2 of the Main section of the herdbook.

Notes:

Where a double carrier animal is mated to another purebred animal then the resulting progeny will be tested for the myostatin genes F94I and nt821 to determine which class of the main section of the herd book they will be assigned to.

If a male or a female is identified as a single carrier of F94I and/or nt821 genes and mated to a single carrier animal then the resulting progeny will need to be tested in order to determine if they are candidates for class 1 or class 2 of the main section of the herdbook.

The Council of the IAAA decided to remove the supplementary section from the breeding book which was passed at the 2nd AGM in Mullingar on March 26th 2022. Please see amendment 1.6, appendix 4 for further details.

6. System for Identifying breeding animals

All animals must be identified in accordance with the Union animal health law. All animals are individually identified by their national Identification number which is located on the ear tag.

In addition, all breeding animals will be named which consists of the breeder's prefix and the animal name following the naming rules below. [amendment 1.5, appendix 4]

All animals entered in the Herd Book must be named in accordance with the following rules:

- No herd prefixes or animal names likely to prove offensive or misleading to the public shall be admitted into the Herd Book [amendment 1.7, appendix 4].
- Breeders, prior to making their first entries in the Herd Book, must apply to Council for the copyright of a Herd Name. A Herd Name copyright is the property of the member only during the period of his membership. The name of each registered animal must be prefixed by the Herd Name of its breeder unless otherwise authorised by Council.
- Each animal belongs to the family of its dam and must be given an individual name in accordance with the practice of naming for that family. The initial letter of such individual name must be one of the approved initial letters of its family as listed in the Herd Book and must not exceed two words.
- Where an animal is red in colour, the additional word "Red" must be included at the beginning of the individual name.
- All names will include as a suffix a year letter followed by the last three NUMERICS of the animal's official ear tag number. No other lineage numbers will be permitted. Year letters indicate the calving seasons which date from January 1st to December 31st.

Year 1st January 2020, to 31st December 2020 Year Letter W.

Year 1st January 2021, to 31st December 2021 Year Letter X and so on. (I, O and Q will not be used).

- The total number of characters (including spaces) in an animal's name must not exceed thirty.

Once an animal has been entered in the Herd Book under a certain name, no change shall be made in that name thereafter.

7. Procedure for entering animals, progeny of embryo transfers and imported animals in the breeding book

All animals must be identified in accordance with the Union animal health law.

Procedure for entering breeding animals

Breeders located in Ireland shall register on the Department of Agriculture Animal Events system the birth, live or dead to any dam registered in the herd book according to their rules within the prescribed time frame. An online registration facility through the IAAA website/ICBF will be available for EU breeders [amendment 1.3, appendix 4] to login and register their calves and their herd profile will be stored on this website too. The request for breeding animals to be entered in the IAAA herd book will be through this online portal [amendment 1.5, appendix 4].

Where a pedigree name is assigned this is the basis for entry into the IAAA herd book as the information is transferred to the herd book database hosted by ICBF. The completed Animal Events sheet or the Online registration must include all the necessary information to enable the Pedigree registration to be completed with the name of animal, conforming to the identification rules. The date of birth must be submitted along with the sex and calving ease experienced.

Breeding documentation must be kept up to date and flawless. The breeder is solely responsible for the correctness of the information and no other agency or contractor can be held liable for mistakes that are found.

The following information must be included:

- The identification number of the animal - this includes the full details of the country of birth followed by the animal's individual ID number. Animals to be double tagged, as per the image below. In the event of a tag being lost then the animal becomes anonymous and could be subject to mistaken identity.



Birth date of the breeding animal, Gender of the breeding animal, Declaration of parents and grandparents. The entries in the herd book are carried out by the Association based on the data transmitted by the breeders.

Procedure for registering embryos

No calf born by Fertilised Ovum Transplant (FOT) will be entered in the Association herd book unless all the conditions stated in these rules have been fully satisfied as follows.

Basic qualifications for Sires and Donor Females used in FOT

A) Donor Females must be sire and dam verified (or a minimum of sire verified for females born before 01.01.2018) by DNA and have undergone performance testing or genetic evaluation. If the donor animal is not located within the geographical territory of the IAAA they will be entered into the "Embryo Donor List" [amendment 1.5, appendix 4]

B) All sires must sire and dam verified by DNA

C) In the case of an AI bull, the straws imported or produced in Ireland the bull must have a valid ICBF issued AI code and be sire and dam verified by DNA and have undergone a genetic evaluation

D) The recipient dam is only identified by her National Identification number

1. Embryo Registration

A) Each Embryo that is frozen or implanted is to be registered with the Association by the submission of triplicate embryo registration certificate form which must be properly and accurately completed and signed by the owner of the donor female, signed and stamped by the representative of the Department of Agriculture food and Marine approved Embryo collection team or the appropriate competent authority of the relevant member state [amendment 1.4, appendix 4]

B) Part A of the triplicate form must be sent to the Association within twenty eight days of the completion of the embryo collection procedure be it direct recovery or other appropriate technique.

C) Part B of the triplicate form is retained by the approved Embryo transplant team

D) Part C of the form is retained by the breeder for his records

2. Reporting of change of circumstances

The Association is to be informed of the following changes of circumstances as soon as they occur

A) In the case of frozen embryos of it has been thawed and implanted, transferred to a new owner, or destroyed

B) In the case of a recipient dam if it has been transferred to a new owner or destroyed.

Changes in circumstance are to be notified on an Embryo amendment form and this is a mandatory procedure. The transfer of Embryos into recipient dams must be completed by embryo collection and production teams approved by the Department of Agriculture Food and Marine or the appropriate competent authority of the relevant Member State [amendment 1.4, appendix 4].

3. Birth notification of a calf born by Embryo Transfer

A) The birth of every calf alive or dead born because of Embryo transfer shall be notified to the Society through the animal events recording system by the breeder or his representative within the prescribed time period allowed by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. Such notification includes provision for details of both donor dam and recipient dam.

B) At the time of birth notification, the breeders copy of the Embryo registration form must be returned to the Association office.

C) All calves born by Embryo transfer must be sire and dam verified by an approved DNA laboratory.

4. Importation of Embryos

A) The Association will not enter imported embryos or accept into the breeding book the progeny resulting from importation unless the requirements below and statutory regulations have been adhered to.

B) On importation embryos must be immediately registered with the Association on submission of a Zootechnical Certificate issued by the Breeding Society or the Embryo production and recovery team as appropriate of the exporting country.

C) Change of circumstance of imported embryos must also be notified to the Association as set out above

5. Exportation of Embryos

A derogation has been granted to the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association to authorise embryo collection or production teams to issue a Zootechnical certificate in the exportation of embryos (See appendix 1)

Procedure for importation of animals

Imported animals will only be allowed into the breeding book on submission to the Association of a Zootechnical Certificate from the country of origin. The Association has the right to inspect imported animals to establish the class of the herd book whose criteria the animal meets.

Entry of breeding animals from other breeding books

When an animal is being entered into the breeding book from another breeding book it needs to be accompanied by its zootechnical certificate. The Association may check the parentage, DNA results, etc. and may physically inspect the animal to determine which class in the breeding book the animal will be entered into. Once satisfied, the IAAA will issue a new zootechnical certificate for this animal and will retain the original zootechnical certificate as the animal now is participating in the IAAA breeding programme. There is nothing preventing this animal returning to the initial breeding programme at a later stage. The breeder decides what breeding programme they wish to participate in and this is reflected in the zootechnical certificate for this animal.

Withdrawal of entry of an animal from the breeding book

A breeder may deregister an animal provided the animal is their property and where the animal has no progeny entered in the herd book for the breed. The process to deregister is notification of de registration to the Association office and return of the Zootechnical Certificate. An animal may be re-registered where it is accompanied by the appropriate fees. An animal will be re-entered if it meets the conditions of entry into the relevant section of the breeding book (see section 5 above). It will not be subject to consent from the person that deregistered it [amendment 1.4, appendix 4]. [amendment 1.5, appendix 4]

Note

Registration fees and late registration fees as approved by Council from time to time can be found here: -

<http://www.irishabernangus.com/assets/Uploads/Fees-2022.pdf>

The Association reserves the right to cancel or refuse an animal entering into the breed book where registration has been made on the basis of information subsequently found to be inaccurate, misleading or deficient.

In the event of an error on submission of any of the information the registration is placed in the on- hold category in the Society Database and once the problem is rectified the registration will be completed. If, however the problem cannot be resolved by Association staff the breeder is notified of the position. The breeder must then notify the office by phone, Email or in writing the required information to resolve the matter.

Cloning: Any animal which is born as a direct result of cloning technology will not be eligible for entry into the Herd Book. Whilst it is acknowledged that cloned animals are entered into Herd Books of overseas societies, such animals will not be eligible for transfer into the Associations Herd Book. Progeny from such animals whether resulting from natural service, A.I. or E.T. will be eligible for entry into the Herd Book and their pedigree certificate marked accordingly.

8. System for recording pedigrees (Taurus)

The Irish Aberdeen Angus Association uses the Taurus system provided by ICBF for the basis of recording of information on animals to qualify the issue of Zootechnical Certificates.

The system builds an up-to-date picture of information on each animal through its life in the herd book under the following headings

Animal Maintenance – Name, ID, Breed, Sex, Birth date, Death Date

Alternative numbers – Any alternative numbers identifying the animal

Animal Category – Breed and stage that it is on the progress to Pedigree

Animal pedigree – The animal's sire and Dam pedigree showing three generations

Comments – A diary of events relating to the animal's progress to becoming pedigree

Period of Maintenance – All transfers of ownership recorded

Animal Certificates – can be printed from the web site

Animal Index – Information on performance of sire and dam

Animal DNA – Record of the DNA samples taken and parentage verification status

Animal errors – Any points that the system may flag

9. Control checks for recording pedigree of the breeding animal:

1. Every 100th calf birth notified to the Association shall be required to be genotyped and/or MS tested to confirm sire and dam parentage and the next 3 purebred calves born in that herd must be notified to the Association and DNA typed to confirm parentage. Costs of DNA typing will be borne by the Association. In Ireland, every 100th calf birth notified to the Association will prompt a herd inspection and this inspection procedure may include the collection of photographic evidence and the collection of root hair follicles for DNA processing. Where the 100th calf birth notified is an animal resident outside of Ireland this may prompt a herd inspection [amendment 1.4, appendix 4] [amendment 1.5, appendix 4].

2. All heifer calves to be entered in the herd book are required to have a Genotype lodged with ICBF on the animal events section on Taurus by the time they have their first calf. This cost is being borne by the breeder of the animal.

3. All females entering the herd must be parentage verified (via genotyping and/or MS testing) [amendment 1.5, appendix 4] prior to the acceptance of an application of their first progeny to be entered into the breeding book.

4. All bull calves to be entered in the breeding book are to be sire verified and a Genomic profile lodged with ICBF on the animal events section of Taurus.

5. All bulls used for breeding purposes must have been DNA typed (sire and dam verified) by an approved laboratory and have undergone genetic evaluation before progeny can be accepted for notification of birth. In the case of an A.I. bull, the straws imported or produced in Ireland, the bull must have a valid ICBF issued A.I. code [amendment 1.5, appendix 4].

6. Where a breeder is a DIY operator, the Association may carry out random checks for checking progeny, request for a list of straws that the breeder has purchased and keep a copy on their file. Likewise, for situations where AI technicians are not using handhelds, the Association may request the breeders to submit copies of AI dockets as evidence of insemination relevant to the registration.

7. All calves born by Embryo Transfer shall have its parentage (sire and dam) verified by an approved DNA laboratory.

8. Semen may be used subject to compliance with the statutory regulations and providing a copy of the bull's Zootechnical Certificate (where the donor bull is not entered in the Associations herd book) and its DNA certificate is lodged with the Association. The DNA certificate shall contain the results of the DNA test with a reference number. Until this is done no calves by this animal will be accepted for entry [amendment 1.5, appendix 4].

9. Should the result of any DNA sire or dam verification be returned as inconclusive further investigation on alternative sires or dams available either on farm or via the Sire Search facility to establish correct parentage will be carried out. In the event of parentage checks being unable to be verified the calf will be unable to be entered into the breeding book.

10. The Association reserves the right to carry out herd inspections. The objective of herd inspections is to maintain the integrity and rules of the herd book. Such herd inspections will be carried out according to the 'Herd Inspection Protocol' as authorised by the Council which includes the collection of weight and photography information and collection of root hair follicles for DNA processing.

Herd inspections may be carried out on a routine basis annually. Herds will be categorised for inspection as follows.

| Level | Triggered by | Action |
|--------------|--|---|
| Moderate | Excessive weights at society sales and shows Multiple Complaints to Association office 100th Calf inspection or random herd inspection | Herd inspection by a society representative |
| Intermediate | Weight gain of 30% above breed average Irregularities reported with evidence Random DNA sample results | 48 hour notification imposed Follow up inspection and further DNA sampling Close monitoring of Animal event |
| High | Any irregularities contrary to the breeding programme on follow up inspection | Indefinite 48 Hour birth notification notice Further action at the discretion of Council Prohibited from entering Association events until further notice |

Herd inspections will be carried out by officer(s) authorised by Council or persons acting on behalf of the Association. The authorised officer will carry out the inspection accompanied by a competent independent person. Inspectors will act in an independent and non-discriminatory manner and will not inspect stock in which they may have a vested interest.

The Association and its servants shall not be responsible for any injury, loss, or damage, to a person or property, occurring during or arising out of such inspections.

11. Other control checks are carried out in relation to gestation length, transfer fees outstanding, breeding programme participation fees owed, DNA outstanding or any other issues which may warrant further investigation and place the registration of an animal on hold until the issue is resolved.

12. Breeders can use any accredited laboratory once the results are provided in the correct format to integrate with the ICBF database. The accreditation standard is ISO 17025. For genotypes the preferred specification is 50K SNPs in top strand forward AB with full marker names. [amendment 1.6, appendix 4]

10. Issuance of zootechnical certificates for purebred breeding animals

The issue of zootechnical certificates for purebred breeding animals is in accordance with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 and conform to the model forms as outlined in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/602

A zootechnical certificate will be issued which will state the pedigree of the animal with the lineage traced back to grandparents at a minimum.

In normal circumstances if no issues arise a zootechnical certificate will be issued within 4 weeks and registration considered complete.

The breeder is considered the owner of the animal at the time of birth.

Zootechnical certificates will not be issued to animals in the Supplementary section and progress will be monitored through the Association's database until such time as a particular animal qualifies for main section inclusion.

If the female animal was entered in the herd book of the breed before 01.01.2015, a zootechnical certificate will be issued on request by the breeder or where this animal is sold or moved to another breeding book. [amendment 1.5, appendix 4]

Breeding material must be accompanied by a Zootechnical certificate, issued by the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association or by a company approved and on the list at appendix 1 by way of derogation ref. article 31 where the progeny is intended to be entered into another breeding book for the breed. A zootechnical certificate will include a written record of the pedigree of the animal with the lineage traced back to grandparents at a minimum.

Change of ownership

All Changes of Ownership of Aberdeen-Angus cattle must be intimated by the purchaser if such cattle are to be subsequently used for pedigree breeding, in accordance with the following rules: -

(a) The seller shall comply with the procedures detailed in © below if he is selling Aberdeen-Angus cattle for pedigree breeding purposes at a public or private sale

(b) Breeders may register Changes of Ownership. [amendment 1.5, appendix 4]

(c) The following procedure shall be adopted: -

(i) A Private Sale. The seller shall hand the Zootechnical Certificate to the purchaser at the time of sale. The purchaser shall complete the Certificate of Transfer portion and send it to the Secretary with the appropriate fee.

(ii) A Public Sale. The seller shall lodge the Zootechnical Certificate with the Auctioneers as a condition of entry for the sale. The Auctioneers will deliver the Certificate to the Society who shall record the Change of Ownership and forward the Certificate to the purchaser, on receipt of the appropriate fee. The term "Public Sale" in (ii) above refers to a sale at a public auction for which a catalogue has been published and submitted to the Secretary.

The change of ownership will be recorded by the IAAA administrator on the ICBF Taurus animal maintenance section.

11. Selection and Breeding Objectives

It is the aim of the breeding objective to continue to improve the economic performance of the Irish Aberdeen Angus breed so that its popularity amongst suckler and dairy farmers is satisfied, and it becomes the breed of choice. The traits considered to meet the breeding objective for the breed are:

- focus on improving meat quality through engagement with the ICBF meat eating quality programme. Further information is available here

https://www.icbf.com/wp/?page_id=16736

- Selection for their calm character and excellent temperament the handling of the animals is made much easier. With their deep rib and trunk, they are well suited to pasture-based beef production which is appreciated worldwide by the Aberdeen - Angus Breed.
- Efficiency - The breed performs well in poor pasture conditions with animals thriving in these marginal environments.
- Due to the early maturity of Aberdeen-Angus cattle the breed is ideal for the first service of one year and three months onwards. The first calving takes place without any issues at the age of two years and the female animals reach their final weight in most cases after the third calving.
- The good milk yield of the cows allows a long suckling period of up to 9 months with good weaning weights of the calves. The above average capacity for roughage, the easy handling, and the good performances of the mastromonte justify the high profitability of the Aberdeen - Angus breed.
- Aberdeen - Angus cows are good mothers with high milk yield for suckling, combined with regular calving, short gestation and live-born calves, ensure the very best economic option and lead a long and productive life.
- It is very desirable that there are no double muscle characteristics expressed within the breed as this tends to be detrimental to eating quality, easy fleshing with soft tender meat.
- With good expression of the valuable cuts on the carcass the animals show a clear genetic superiority in the characteristic's tenderness and marbling of the meat a trait that is well documented worldwide.

These traits are all identified and measured, and the results are published in the ICBF Eurostar indexes.

Selection Criteria

Breeders should consider the following when selecting animals in order to meet the breeding objectives of the breed:

- A functionally correct animal, easily handled and docile in nature with good conformation, beefing ability with easy fleshing, good length, depth and balance of conformation to suit today's market.
- Maternally the females must have good pelvic width to enable calving ability, milking ability, neat udders and good teats, fertility, good functionality, longevity and still possess good terminal traits such as carcass conformation.
- These traits are all identified and measured where data is available, and the results are published in the ICBF Eurostar indexes.
- The selection of animals that are classified as Class 1 in the main section and are 4 or 5 Eurostar animals.

The Eurostar index allows the association to measure the success in the aforementioned traits. Further detailed information on the evaluation carried out by ICBF for the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association can be found at

<https://www.icbf.com/wp/wpcontent/uploads/2019/05/Beef-Evaluation-Document.pdf>

In addition, cattle are bred to meet the economic requirements of the suckler herd farms and the crossbreeding with Aberdeen- Angus bulls in dairy farms who seek short gestation period and easy calving traits from the breed. Breeding progress is aimed at, through performance testing and the application of Beef Eurostar Values aiding selection. The aim is to speed up improvement and assist in targeted selection.

Pedigree breeders use and cross family pure bred lines and use genetics in the form of Semen or Embryos to bring in new blood to their herds and make improvements to their own herd performance and keep family lines open.

12. Performance testing and genetic evaluations

The Irish Aberdeen Angus Association undertake 'Performance Testing' and 'Genetic Evaluation' as part of their breeding programme. These services are made available to breeders in Ireland and approved European territories and are provided by ICBF [amendment 1.4, appendix 4]. There are 3 main objectives for the Aberdeen Angus breed:

1. Replacement: To breed future economic cows for the suckler herd.
2. Terminal: To breed terminal sires for progeny that is destined for slaughter.
3. Dairy Beef: To breed terminal sires for progeny from the dairy herd that is destined for slaughter.

The Eurostar Index is a profit focused index designed for Ireland's beef sector. The Eurostar Index is divided into the Terminal and Replacement indexes, with traits grouped together according to their importance to achieving the overall goal. The principle of the Terminal Index is based on low costs of production, i.e. low cost associated with calving, low mortality, short gestation, less feed consumed per kilogram of carcass and as high a return on the carcass as possible.

In short, the Terminal Index estimates how profitable an animal's progeny will be with regards to live weight, carcass conformation and being finished for slaughter. Data and weightings collected are outlined in the table below.



The Replacement Index estimates how suitable an animal's daughters will be for calving ability, milk, fertility, and ultimately being low maintenance suckler cows. Cow Contribution accounts for the performance of direct daughters for Milk, Calving Interval, Cull Cow Weight, etc. Calf Contribution reflects the performance of the progeny of daughters for traits such as Feed Intake, Carcass Weight, Carcass Conformation, etc. The data collected along with the weightings is outlined in the table below.



Performance tests

The following data is collected as part of performance testing for animals in Ireland and approved European territories

Calving Ease:

1. Calving Survey Each Breed Society member records ancestry and calving data on their calves through the 'Animal Events' recording system.
2. The Calving Survey options are 1=Normal Calving, 2=Some assistance, 3=Considerable difficulty, 4=Vet assistance. 'Abortion or Calf died at birth' may also be recorded. This data is used in the calculation of calving difficulty of an animal

The performance test data can be recorded as follows: -

1. Through trained staff or representatives of the Association
2. The herd owner submits data that can be randomly audited by independent agents

3. Combination of 1 and 2 above

If an owner control is conducted on weighing, the owner must notify the Association of the planned task and the Association may elect to have an auditor in attendance, but all performance data is verified at scanning by an independent contractor.

Exterior/Exterior assessment:

[amendment 1.3, appendix 4]:

The desired frame should be considered in the exterior assessment according to the breed description. The range of frame size is important as depending on the territory that the cattle are to be kept will govern the frame size that will work for the breeder.

The exterior assessment is carried out according to the uniform regulations and the assessment system of the ICBF Linear Scoring team. Points are awarded for the type of characteristics displayed by the animal and the animal is graded on its final score over the traits against the breed classification. An example of the scoring system that is used and delivered by the assessors is below. The age of the animal will be taken into consideration when assigning classification score and composite box breakdown. The Linear Scores are added to the animal's records on ICBF

| Trait | Reference Point | Score Breakdown | Reference Scale | Visual Aid |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|------------|
| Body Traits | | | | |
| Outline | Neck to front of top of the upper hindquarter | 1-5 Score 1-2 Poor 3-4 Fair 5 Good | Best quality outline The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Body Depth | Distance between top of front and back ribs, measured at the widest point, using a tape measure | 1-5 Score 1-2 Poor 3-4 Fair 5 Good | Best quality outline The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Chest Width | Measure from the side surface between front of front ribs | 1-5 Score 1-2 Poor 3-4 Fair 5 Good | Best quality outline The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Development of Muscles | Curve of the rear part of the ribs | 1-5 Score 1-2 Poor 3-4 Fair 5 Good | Best quality outline The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Length from Withers to Pelvis (Rump) | Distance between withers and point of the pelvic bones | 1-5 Score 1-2 Poor 3-4 Fair 5 Good | Best quality outline The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Rump Width | Distance between front of pelvic bones | 1-5 Score 1-2 Poor 3-4 Fair 5 Good | Best quality outline The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. | 1 2 3 4 5 |

| Trait | Reference Point | Score Breakdown | Reference Scale | Visual Aid |
|-------------------------------|--|---|---|------------|
| Head & Neck Traits | | | | |
| Head Shape | Neck to front of top of the upper hindquarter | 1-5 Score 1-2 Poor 3-4 Fair 5 Good | Best quality outline The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Neck Length | Distance between front of front ribs and point of the pelvic bones | 1-5 Score 1-2 Poor 3-4 Fair 5 Good | Best quality outline The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Neck to Pelvis | Distance between withers and point of the pelvic bones | 1-5 Score 1-2 Poor 3-4 Fair 5 Good | Best quality outline The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Neck to Rump | Distance between withers and point of the pelvic bones | 1-5 Score 1-2 Poor 3-4 Fair 5 Good | Best quality outline The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. | 1 2 3 4 5 |

| Trait | Reference Point | Score Breakdown | Reference Scale | Visual Aid |
|--------------------------------|--|---|---|------------|
| Muscle & Fat Traits | | | | |
| Water Depth | Distance between front of front ribs and point of the pelvic bones | 1-5 Score 1-2 Poor 3-4 Fair 5 Good | Best quality outline The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Eye Muscle Area | Distance between front of front ribs and point of the pelvic bones | 1-5 Score 1-2 Poor 3-4 Fair 5 Good | Best quality outline The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Test Length | Distance between front of front ribs and point of the pelvic bones | 1-5 Score 1-2 Poor 3-4 Fair 5 Good | Best quality outline The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. The animal is well proportioned and the outline is smooth and flowing. | 1 2 3 4 5 |

GROW programme and the scores then influence the Eurostar Index either positively or negatively.

The traits above are used in the calculation of an animal's 'Linear Type' breeding values. They are grouped into 'Muscle', 'Skeletal' and 'Functional'. The breeding values of an animal in a herd participating in WHPR can be found by clicking on the 'Linear Type' page in an animal's 'Animal Search' output on the Association's Live Herd book or the ICBF website

<https://webapp.icbf.com/v2/app/bull-search/view/1839633841>

Breeders participating in this service can locate a scorer in their region as follows

| ICBF Linear Scorers | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-------------|
| Scorer | County | County | County | County | County | Mobile |
| John Breen | Longford | Resurrection | Leitrim | Galway | Westmeath | 086-2717213 |
| Brian | Donegal | Cavan | Monaghan | Dublin | Louth | 086-4619095 |
| Alan Rigney | Limerick | Offaly | Clare | Kildare | Wicklow | 087-4709778 |
| Gea O'Brien | Wexford | Filomena | Tipperary | Laois | | 087-2379466 |
| Robert Walsh | Cork | Kerry | Waterford | | | 086-4061018 |

Breeders outside of Ireland may contact the Association to arrange a linear scoring appointment. This is a service available through the Association and is not compulsory for breeders to subscribe to.

Performance testing through survey data for European Breeders

Performance testing through survey data collected on farm can be availed of by members participating in Breedplan. If an animal has a pedigree, it will get a parent average breeding value; as soon as on-farm records come in, the breeding value will include those and it will be reflected in the reliability; same when the animals gets records coming from siblings/ grand-progeny etc...; when the genotype come in, after QC, the breeding value will reflect the add-on of the genotype. Now for some animals / breed, ICBF get the breeding values from a foreign country or Interbeef; those value are also added as pseudo phenotypes in the evaluation.

Data will flow between ICBF and Breedplan if the consent of the breeder is attained. Animals may be intimated with Breedplan and this data (sex, date of birth, sire, dam, identification number) can be transferred to ICBF where the animals will be made eligible for registration. Animals initially registered with Irish Aberdeen Angus Association on the ICBF platform can have their data exported to Breedplan when the breeder wishes to enter these animals for on farm testing with Breedplan. [amendment 1.6, appendix 4]

Beef proofs are released six times annually. All proofs of pedigree animals are available through the ICBF Animal Search, also located on the website and new proofs can be found in online profiles for HerdPlus customers. Where a genotype has been received prior to the extract date (available under the Genetic Evaluations tab on www.icbf.com, approximately 6 weeks before the publication date), a blended genomic and domestic will be published. Where a genotype has not been received prior to this date, a non-genomic domestic proof is published in the new evaluation.

Growth Performance test in field

In suckler cow herds the birthweight, 200, 400- and 600-day weight, and slaughter weight, where appropriate, are taken into account in the performance data. The birth weight is required to determine the calculation of daily gain. Animals are scanned to ascertain Rib Eye measurements and area and marbling levels are considered. Weights at scanning are also recorded and the weights are compared to owner inputs and corrected to the last age at weighing.

Breeders may subscribe to Breedplan in mainland Europe to collect growth performance in field data which can be incorporated into an animal's genetic evaluation. Breeders in Ireland may subscribe to the ICBF Whole Herd Performance Recording (WHPR) service to collect this data and have it independently verified.

All required services will be available to all breeders irrespective if they are members or their location. All breeders having registered animals into the IAAA herd book can access the BreedPlan service if they pay for the Breedplan subscription. If a breeder subscribes to BreedPlan their animals will be eligible for that service. They do not have to be IAAA members for this. The BreedPlan service made available to European breeders is used to collect supplementary phenotypic data, beyond birth and pedigrees/ herd records. If BreedPlan is used by EU breeders to collect phenotypic data, the following additional phenotypic traits may be collected through the BreedPlan service:

- Birth weight
- Scrotal size
- Docility
- Eye muscle area (EMA)
- Fat depth
- Marbling
- Intramuscular Fat (IMF)
- 200 day weight
- 400 day weight
- 600 day weight
- Mature cow weight

Live animal ultrasound scans should be done by BREEDPLAN accredited scanners when the animal is between 300-800 days of age.

P8 Fat - Fat depth at the P8 rump site to the nearest whole mm
Fat - Fat depth at the 12/13 rib site to the nearest whole mm

Eye Muscle - Eye muscle area (rib eye area) to the nearest square centimetre. IMF% Avg - Intramuscular fat percent (eg 2.4)

IMF% Num - Number of readings (scans) used to estimate the IMF% value above (minimum of 3).

Breeders can also submit data through the IAAA registration app for fertility, calving interval, docility, illness, reason for culling

Growth performance test in station

This service may be delegated to approved third party organizations. Data received from such test stations may be incorporated into the genetic evaluation for the animal under test.

Fertility

Fertility of individual animals is recorded and birth weight is recorded along

with information on assistance given to the cow during birth. This is carried through to the calving interval each year for the animal and it is given an EBV according to this information of performance. If the birth weight is given it must be recorded and not estimated. It is recommended to use either a scale or a weighing tape.

Verification

The Association has a policy of random inspections of herds to verify data submitted by owners in the form of every one hundredth calf registered triggers an inspection. Association staff may weigh animals, look for signs of calving intervention equipment, and evidence on the farm and in the herd of Caesarean procedures having taken place. A DNA sample may be taken on inspection of a test group for verification against the owner sample submission.

Performance test data: A deadline for submission to the Association must be observed

| Type | Deadline |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Birth notification (intimation) | Up to 27 days from birth |
| Registration | Up to 6 months with late fees |
| Mating data (natural mating or AI) | With birth notification |

Genetic specialties and hereditary defects

The Association sets the mandatory list of genetic defects for the Aberdeen Angus breed. Class 1 genetic defects: Arthrogyposis Multiplex (AM) or Curly Calf Syndrome; Dwarfism; Fawn Calf Syndrome; Mannosidosis; Neuropathic Hydrocephalus (NH); Osteopetrosis (marble bone disease); and Syndactyly (mule foot). Any presence found of any of the class one defects will result in the animal being de-registered and removed from the herd book. Any resultant progeny will not be registered or entered into the herd book.

The list of genetic defects is part of the breeding programme. The procedure for the detection of genetic defects is based on scientifically approved principles and is not limited to certain groups. All animals in the herd book are subject to this rule. The results of tests carried out for genetic defects are declared on pedigree certificates and indicated on the zootechnical certificate.

Genetic specialties

Genetic specialties have no negative impact on the health or well-being of the carriers. All animals of the Aberdeen Angus bred are exclusively genetically polled. For the Aberdeen Angus breed, no other genetic peculiarities are currently known other than the Myostatin Variant presence which is associated with double muscling affecting meat quality and texture. This Gene does not affect the health and wellbeing of the animals. Double carrier animals of F94I or nt821 may be registered as Class 2 pedigree animals. These animals are not for pedigree breeding and may be used for commercial use only.

Hereditary defects

For the breed Angus there are currently no genetic defects known that are characterised by their animal welfare relevance and/or economic importance in breeding and are considered accordingly in the breeding programme.

Genetic Evaluations

The data collected on each animal as outlined in the calculation of the Eurostar Index above for the various traits leading to animals of high genetic merit being attributed the Eurostar rating for each. This is the recognised system of genetic evaluation employed by the ICBF. Further information on Beef Eurostar system can be found by following this link.

https://www.icbf.com/wp/?page_id=200

Evaluations for the breed are also performed across country through Interbeef. Breeders can assess the genetic merit of a bull in Irish conditions via his Interbeef ranking. These breeding values can not be compared to the national breeding values. Further information on this facility can be found at

https://www.icbf.com/wp/?page_id=13498

Genomics

The Association facilitates the usage of genomics by breeders (in Ireland and approved EU territories) to help better predict how well an animal will perform in the future from an earlier stage. Genomics can increase reliability figures (by about 20%) even before animal performance data becomes available, provides accuracy to gauge potential performance of the animal from the genetic traits and confirms parentage of the animal (assuming parents are genotyped) or can predict a sire. More details on the ICBF Genomics service can be found at:

https://www.icbf.com/wp/?page_id=7876

Methodology

ICBF extracts the performance, pedigree and genotype data from the database 6 times per year. The ICBF Animal Evaluation unit uses SAS for pre-processing and post-processing of data before and after the genetic evaluation run itself. 'Mix 99' is used for variance component estimation and for the actual running of the genetic evaluations. The ICBF genetic evaluations are computed 6 times

per year. Further information on the genetic evaluation schedules can be found at:

https://www.icbf.com/wp/?page_id=11285

The rules and standards applied for genetic evaluation are those established by Interbull. Further details can be found at:

https://wiki.interbull.org/public/beef_guidelines?action=print&rev=64

Communication and Use of Performance Testing and Genetic Evaluations Results

The star rating system (1-5 stars where 5 stars being good, 1 star being poor) is incorporated into the Euro-Star Index to assist breeders in assessing the results for their breeding animals and using this information when considering their selection objectives. However, breeders must note

- Stars 'within' and 'across' breed stars.
- Star rating are assigned to multiple indexes and traits
- The PTA for the specific index or trait first.

The Trait Emphasis is the average contribution of each trait to the index of the average, proven AI bull. Breeders should consider which trait is of importance to their breeding programme and the corresponding percentage assigned to this trait. The Reliability figure gives an indication as to how confident that an index or trait figure will not change in the future as more data is recorded.

Further information on the Eurostar's can be found on

https://issuu.com/herdplus/docs/euro-star_system_explained

<https://www.icbf.com/wp/?p=12929>

Information to breeders on Genetic Evaluations is available through

Online herdbook available on the association website <https://www.irishabderdeenangus.com>

ICBF Animal Search <https://webapp.icbf.com/v2/app/bull-search/>

AI Bull Listing https://www.icbf.com/wp/?page_id=206

Herdplus Reports (where relevant) <https://www.icbf.com/wp/wpcontent/uploads/2018/05/ICBF-Beef-User-Guide.pdf>

Zootechnical Certificates

Breed Society Sale Catalogue

Participating Market Boards (where relevant)

13. Technical activities outsourced:

| Implementation of technical tasks within IAAA breeding programme | |
|--|---|
| Type of implementation | Implemented by |
| Exterior assessment | Representative of IAAA |
| Acquisition of calving data | Owner of cow |
| Acquisition of fertility data | Owner of cow |
| Recording of growth performance (200, 400, 600 day weights) | Owner of cow/ Representative of IAAA |
| Implementation of breeding value estimation/genetic evaluations | Breedplan (Pedigree Cattle Services): robert@breedplan.co.uk ICBF: revans@icbf.com |
| Genetic specialties and hereditary defects | The acquisition of genetic specialties and hereditary defects takes place through the IAAA. The breeder is obliged to provide the Association with all test documents known for the management of the herdbook. |

The technical activities of the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association are outsourced to the Irish Cattle Breeding Federation (ICBF). ICBF provide

- the Taurus data base which contains all data relevant to the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association breeding book.
- All genetic evaluations for the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association.
- Training for Irish Aberdeen Angus Association staff in matters relevant to the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association data base.

ICBF's contact details are: Irish Cattle Breeding Federation, Link Road, Ballincollig, Co Cork, P31 D452. Email: query@icbf.com. www.icbf.com

The technical activity of performance testing through the collection of survey data collected on farm for breeders resident outside the Republic of Ireland is outsourced to Breedplan. The transfer and interpretation of breeders animal data from Breedplan is handled by ICBF. [amendment 1.7, appendix 4]

14. Approval date *Version 1.11 – 7th November 2023

Fees and Charges (Ireland) - from November 1st 2021



Fees 2021

| | Fees | VAT (23%) | Total |
|------------------------------------|--------|-----------|---------|
| Annual membership | | | €39.64 |
| Junior (u18) membership | | | €17.70 |
| Life membership | | | €991.20 |
| | | | |
| Herd name copyright | €11.51 | €2.65 | €14.16 |
| | | | |
| Online registration - bull | €28.78 | €6.62 | €35.40 |
| Online registration - heifer | €28.78 | €6.62 | €35.40 |
| | | | |
| Embryo registration fee - bull | €28.78 | €6.62 | €35.40 |
| Embryo registration fee - heifer | €28.78 | €6.62 | €35.40 |
| | | | |
| Paper registration fee - bull | €46.05 | €10.59 | €56.64 |
| Paper registration fee - heifer | €46.05 | €10.59 | €56.64 |
| | | | |
| Duplicate zootechnical certificate | €5.76 | €1.32 | €7.08 |
| Registration amendment | €5.76 | €1.32 | €7.08 |
| | | | |
| Change of ownership - member | €28.78 | €6.62 | €35.40 |
| Change of ownership – non member | €40.29 | €9.27 | €49.56 |
| | | | |
| Import registration - male | €57.56 | €13.24 | €70.80 |
| Import registration - female | €28.78 | €6.62 | €35.40 |
| Import registration - semen | €57.56 | €13.24 | €70.80 |

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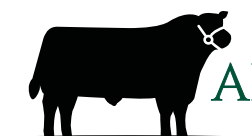
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