

Teagasc Johnstown Castle
Teagasc/ABP Dairy Beef Research Programme

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Animal Performance: *Older cattle*

- 43 trial heifers were killed on the 30th January; 15 AAX, 6 HEX and 22 LMX. The heifers killed out well, averaging 281kg carcass weight, O+ and 3=/3+ conformation and fat scores respectively. 37 animals met the QAS bonus specification.
- The average result for all the heifers killed this winter was:
 - 283kg carcass weight at 22 months of age
 - Conformation score of O+
 - Just below a 4- fat score
 - 77% of animals made QAS bonus specification
 - 77% and 63% of AAX and HEX heifers made QAS spec, respectively
 - 74% of AAX heifers made IAPG breed bonus spec
 - 83% of HEX heifers made IHP breed bonus spec

Heifer result, stocking density

	Age at slaughter	Carcass weight	Conformation	Fat
High	681	276	6 (O+)	9.5 (3+/4-)
Medium	683	286	6 (O+)	10.1 (4-)
Low	690	286	6.3 (O+)	10.1 (4-)

Heifer result, breed

	Age at slaughter	Carcass weight	Conformation	Fat
Angus	679	286	5.9 (O+)	10.3 (4-)
Hereford	682	281	5.7 (O=/O+)	11 (4=)
Limousin	693	281	6.7 (O+/R-)	8.5 (3=/3+)