

# Calf Health and Genetics

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### MY DAIRY CALF TO BEEF SYSTEM

**Peter O’Hanrahan, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny**

Peter farms 92 hectares in partnership with his father Thomas. The O’Hanrahans rear 200 calves through to finish between 24 and 28 months of age. A major focus on the farm is to:

- » Reduce the number of calf sources.
- » Implement a vaccination programme to improve calf health.
- » Reduce antibiotic usage and veterinary intervention.



### BLOAT IN YOUNG CALVES AND SUMMER SCOUR SYNDROME

**Michelle McGrath, Animal Health Ireland and member of the CalfCare Technical Working Group**

Bloat can occur in calves fed either whole milk or milk powder. We will present the latest information on minimising the problem in young calves. In addition, as the incidences of Summer Scour Syndrome seem to be increasing on some farms, we will also discuss this calf condition.



### USING THE NEW COMMERCIAL BEEF VALUE WHEN PURCHASING CALVES

**Chris Daly, HerdPlus, ICBF**

Are you a purchaser of beef stock? Do you know about the new Commercial Beef Value tool on ICBF? This newly launched tool will be of particular relevance and help to you when selecting stock.



### ANTI-MICROBIAL AND ANTI-PARASITIC RESISTANCE - THE NEW ERA WE NOW LIVE IN

**Natascha Meunier, Beef HealthCheck Programme Manager, Animal Health Ireland**

New legislative changes are coming into force on the use of both antibiotics and antiparasitic drugs. How will these changes have an impact on your farming practices?

Chair ▶ **Nicky Byrne**  
Research Officer, Teagasc, Grange



**Tuesday**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**7.30pm**



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