



NEWFORD FARM OPEN DAY

Tuesday 13 September

Newford Farm Athenry, Co Galway, will host its Open Day on Tuesday 13 September from 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

The theme of the day is 'Suckler Beef in Challenging Times'. Best practices in relation to grazing management, beef genetics, breeding and reproductive management, environment/carbon footprint, farm profitability and farm planning will be demonstrated and discussed on the day.

There will be a mix of technical presentations and interactive workshops dealing with all the main areas important to Newford Farm and it will be a unique opportunity to see

how the farm is performing.

The open day is free to attend and all suckler/beef farmers and those involved in the sector are welcome.

Areas that will be addressed on the main technical stands include;

- Farm profitability on Newford Farm.
- Is the cow type delivering on Newford Farm?
- How genetics and grazing is improving beef performance on Newford Farm.
- How Newford Farm is trying to improve its carbon footprint.

What's different on Newford Farm?

In recent months, a lot of attention has been placed on environment and carbon footprint while also increasing profitability, so Newford Farm aims to draft the 2021 progeny beef

heifers at 16-17 months of age for slaughter.

Through earlier drafting of these heifers, it is hoped to reduce the volume of fertiliser required while still building sufficient grass covers to extend the grazing season. The earlier slaughter dates will also reduce the carbon footprint of the production system and it is hoped this will coincide with the higher seasonal beef price during the months of June/July. The results of this will be discussed on the day and how it will affect the farm going forward.

Newford Farm is part of the Signpost/Future Beef Farms, so Newford Farm will continue to produce quality beef as efficiently as possible to make beef farming more profitable and at the same time, make it more environmentally and socially sustainable.

As Newford Farm looks to the future, the farm's main priorities will be to;

- Incorporate more clover into the paddocks and reduce the amount of chemical nitrogen fertiliser.
- Reduce age at slaughter of finished cattle.
- Reduce environmental losses by using protected urea.
- Continue to maximise profitability.

All of these will be discussed in detail at the open day.

We look forward to meeting you on Tuesday 13 September.



BALLYHAISE'22 OPEN DAY

Wednesday 13 July

Time: 10am-5pm.

Venue: Ballyhaise Agricultural College, Ballyhaise, Co Cavan.

Eircode: H12 E392

The theme of this year's event is, 'Futureproofing Irish Dairying'. Irish dairy farmers have expanded significantly since the abolition of milk quotas in 2015 and this has made a very significant addition to family farm income in rural communities throughout Ireland, in particular, in the border midlands and western region.

Future development of the dairy industry will require a close alignment with EU and national policy objectives, with a particular focus on reduced carbon emissions and improved water and air quality and biodiversity.

Ballyhaise'22 will highlight the various technologies and practices available to farmers to underpin future farm profitability and sustainability.

Ballyhaise'22 is an ideal opportunity to see, first-hand, the results of the comprehensive research programme undertaken by Teagasc and to meet research, advisory and education

staff. Financial support for our research programme from state grants and Dairy Levy Research Funds is gratefully acknowledged.

The main technical stands will cover the following topics:

Profitable milk production systems

- Key technical efficiency drivers.
- Sustainable production systems.
- Making dairy farming an attractive career.

New frontiers in breeding technology

- Are high-EBI cows more carbon efficient?
- Increasing the quality of beef from the dairy herd.
- Role of new technologies: sexed semen.

Adapting to clover-based low nitrogen systems

- Benefits of clover in dairy swards.
- Establishment techniques.
- Grazing management.

Benchmarking farm performance

- Budgeting for improved financial performance in 2022.
- Cost control options during periods of inflationary costs.
- Cash flow management options.

Technology village and demonstrations

Grazing practice

- Clover establishment and management.
- PastureBase Ireland.
- Importance of soil fertility.

Signpost Programme

- KPIs for dairy farms.
- Key drivers of farm sustainability.
- Profitable pasture-based systems of milk production.

Improving nutrient use and retention on-farm

- Agricultural Sustainability Support and Advisory Programme (ASSAP).
- Benefits of protected urea fertilisers.
- Heavy soils programme.

Breeding and reproduction

- DairyBeef 500.
- Breeding for lower GHG emissions.
- Advancements in reproductive technologies.

People Farming Smarter

- Increasing labour efficiency on dairy farms
- Training the next generation of dairy farmers.
- Succession planning – engaging the next generation.

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OPEN DAYS

Organic Farm Walk - Declan Houlihan **13 July**

Organic cereals and poultry-eggs farm walk.

Venue: Corrigeen Organic Farm, Rathcabin, Birr, Co Offaly.

Eircode: R42 C854

Organic Farm Walk - Rose O'Sullivan and Martin Fox **19 July**

Organic field-scale vegetables, protected cropping, cereals, poultry-eggs and direct selling farm walk.

Venue: Spring Cottage Organic Farm, Parke, Kinnegad, Co Westmeath.

Eircode: N91 XFW3

Event time: 2pm

Energy In Agriculture **19 July**

Event time:

Venue: Gurteen College, Ballingarry, Roscrea, Co Tipperary.

Energy and Farm Business Show 2022

The Energy and Farm Business Show is set to bring you an incredible day full of unmissable insights into the latest revolutionary products transforming the agri-industry. Gurteen College will be transformed into the ultimate hub on Tuesday 19 July, ready to turn your ideas into a reality.

The Energy and Farm Business Show is a must-see event for landowners who are forward-thinking and looking to diversify into the energy, leisure, hospitality, food and tourism industry.

This free-to-attend event is open to all who are interested in reducing energy consumption and increasing the production of renewable energy on farms.

This year, there will be a strong focus on diversification on the farm, with a whole set of talks designated to the topic.

Johnstown Castle Open Day - Technologies for farms of the future **30 August**

Event time:

Venue: Teagasc, Environment Research Centre, Johnstown Castle, Co Wexford

What will farms of the future look like? This open day will demonstrate technologies and practices that can be adopted on farms to help to maintain farm productivity and profitability, while increasing overall environmental sustainability.

The latest information for successful management of grass-clover and multi-species swards under winter and spring-calving dairy and dairy calf-to-beef systems will be available.

Practices to enhance on-farm biodiversity and reduce losses of valuable nutrients from the soil will be demonstrated. You will also learn about the latest fertiliser and slurry technologies and methods for enhancing carbon sequestration and soil health.

