

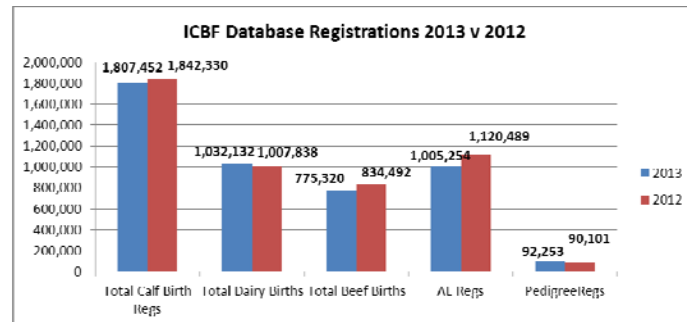
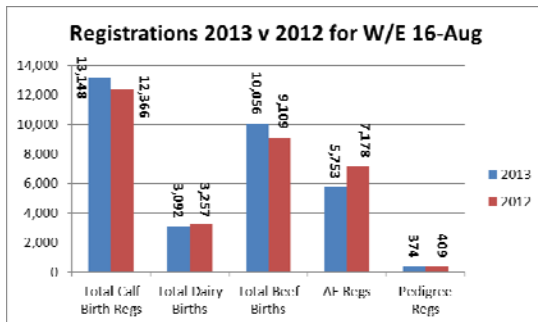








ICBF Weekly Update 16th August 2013

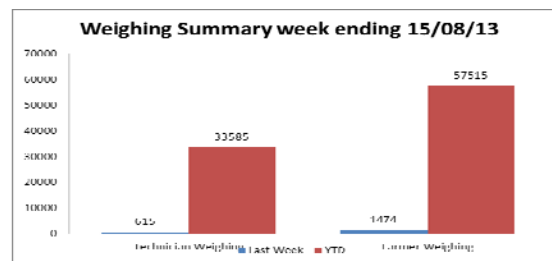
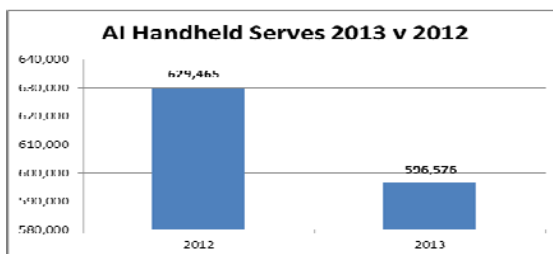
1 Important Dates

-  **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 12th September, 10:30 to 14:00, Highfield House, Bandon.
-  **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 19th September, 14:00 to 16:00, Tullamore Court Hotel.

2 Database





-  The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFM AIM systems.
-  In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2012 born calves with meal introduced is 651,142 with the number of animals weaned at 590,652.
-  BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. There have been 1,891,000 results received since January 1st, of which 17,000 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 2.38 million results have now been received.
-  The graph below shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2013 compared with 2012.
-  This week there were 615 weights received through the technician service and 1474 weights recorded by farmers.
-  The graph below shows the week and year to date totals.



3 HerdPlus

Beef

Beef HerdPlus Event Participation

-  More than 700 farmers attended the Teagasc Better Farm Beef Open Day, which took place on the farm of Heinz Eggert, Sheplands Farm, Sherlockstown, Sallins, Kildare on Tuesday 13th of August.
-  Over 700 farmers attended this farm walk. The farm is managed by Heinz Eggert and consists of 100 suckler cows on 166 acres. Heinz started out on the Better Farm Beef Teagasc programme four years ago with 60 suckler cows. He has 100 per cent spring calving.

- ✚ The output on the farm has improved significantly since it first entered the BETTER Farm programme 4 years ago. One of the main barriers to improving output is the very high variable costs on the farm. In particular, the cost of straw bedding in the sheds was very high and was proving difficult to reduce.

Topics that were covered on the day included:

- Farm plan and implementing change
- Grassland management, drainage and soil fertility
- Managing early turnout on a heavy farm
- Breeding performance from a spring calving herd
- Managing heifers for two year old calving
- Animal health protocols
- Financial progress made on the farm

ICBF Euro-Star Indices

ICBF Euro-Star Indices were presented over each of the 4 Stockbulls that were on display (catalogue attached). This display of the Stockbulls was very well laid out and drew a lot of attention on the day.

Some pictures from the day

		
<i>Gouldingpoll 1 Superduper ET</i> IE191198960474	<i>Baltracey Google ET</i> IE201318230118	<i>Sherlockstown Felix & Hugo</i> IE201057430945 & IE201057481031



Some of the crowd that viewed the Stockbulls in their pins

Dairy

The Irish Grassland Association Dairy Summer Tour held in Rathgormack, Co. Waterford on Wednesday 14th August.

The Dairy summer tour visited David and Isobel Kiwan's farm, near Stradbally in Co. Waterford. David is changing his system of farming from beef to dairy. He started milking 56 cows in 2012 he plans to milk 140 cows by 2016. David gave some advice for new entrants "I have an L plate in my back, I'm learning all the time". He is a firm believer in milk recording. Seamus Kearney is David's Teagasc advisor, he has been a major help planning this

change of enterprise. David believes the key to his successful change of system has been the careful and realistic planning that took place before he changed system, “if it doesn’t stack up in paper, it won’t stack up in reality”.



David Kirwan explaining the background to his farming system.

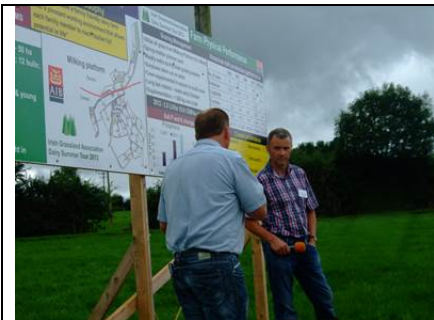


Seamus Kearney (Teagasc) and David Kirwan giving an outline of the economics of the conversion.



Some of David Kirwan's calf cross bred heifers.

The second farm that was visited was owned by Kieran and Ann Hearne, near Rathgormack, Co. Waterford. Kieran has a very impressive herd with an EBI of €180. The Hearne farming philosophy is “To have a family friendly dairy farm with a pleasant working environment that allows each family member to reach his/her full potential in life.” Since 2005 the farm has undergone significant expansion, with cow numbers at 58 in 2005 and now currently at 158. He shared some valuable lessons for those considering expansion; he thought that herd performance would stay the same but has learned that the cows need to adapt and that production won’t maintain to the same level. He wants to improve his cows by genetics. When selecting bulls, Kieran uses Irish bred, high EBI bulls. Kieran believes that “EBI has revolutionized bulls in Ireland”. He will never use bulls with a lower EBI than his herd average, he recommends to “pick traits that are weak in your herd and use EBI to fix them”. His aim is to have a “hardy, robust medium size cow with high milk solids and high fertility”. When asked if he would consider crossbreeding, Kieran replied “If it’s not broken, why fix it? I won’t be going down the road of crossbreeding.”



Michael Bateman and Kieran Hearne discussing the farms philosophy.



Some of Kieran Hearne's cows.



4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 15/08/13						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 15/08/13	No. EDIY Herds YTD 15/08/13	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 15/08/13	No. EDIY Cows YTD 15/08/13	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,675	1,058	29%	308,035	95,414	31%
Progressive	2,416	979	41%	227,523	95,028	42%
Tipperary	112	39	35%	9,752	3,553	36%
Total	6,203	2,076	33%	545,310	193,995	36%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2012 Cows Recorded 01/01/12 - 15/08/12	YTD 2013 Cows Recorded 01/01/13 - 15/08/13	2013 vs. 2012 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	302,787	308,035	1.7%
Progressive	218,835	227,523	3.8%
Tipperary	9,903	9,752	-1.5%
Total	531,525	545,310	2.5%

Please see milk recording stats attached.

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 06-AUG-2013 To 15-AUG-2013

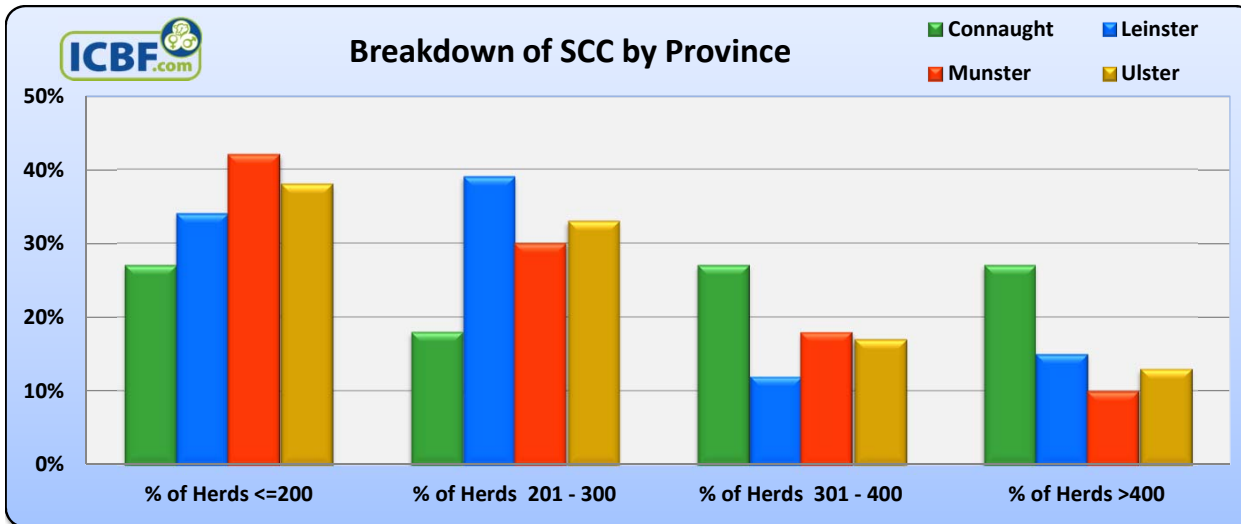
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	11	941	86	23.1	3.89	3.25	1.65	285
Leinster	115	9,180	80	20.9	3.85	3.42	1.52	234
Munster	523	39,012	75	21.3	3.87	3.43	1.56	217
Ulster	24	1,607	67	21.3	3.79	3.34	1.51	245
National Statistics	673	50,740	75	21.3	3.87	3.42	1.55	222

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 06-AUG-2013 To 15-AUG-2013

ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	% of Herds <=200	% of Herds 201 - 300	% of Herds 301 - 400	% of Herds >400	Average SCC*
Connaught	11	941	86	27%	18%	27%	27%	285
Leinster	115	9,180	80	34%	39%	12%	15%	234
Munster	523	39,012	75	42%	30%	18%	10%	217
Ulster	24	1,607	67	38%	33%	17%	13%	245
National Statistics	673	50,740	75	40%	32%	17%	11%	222

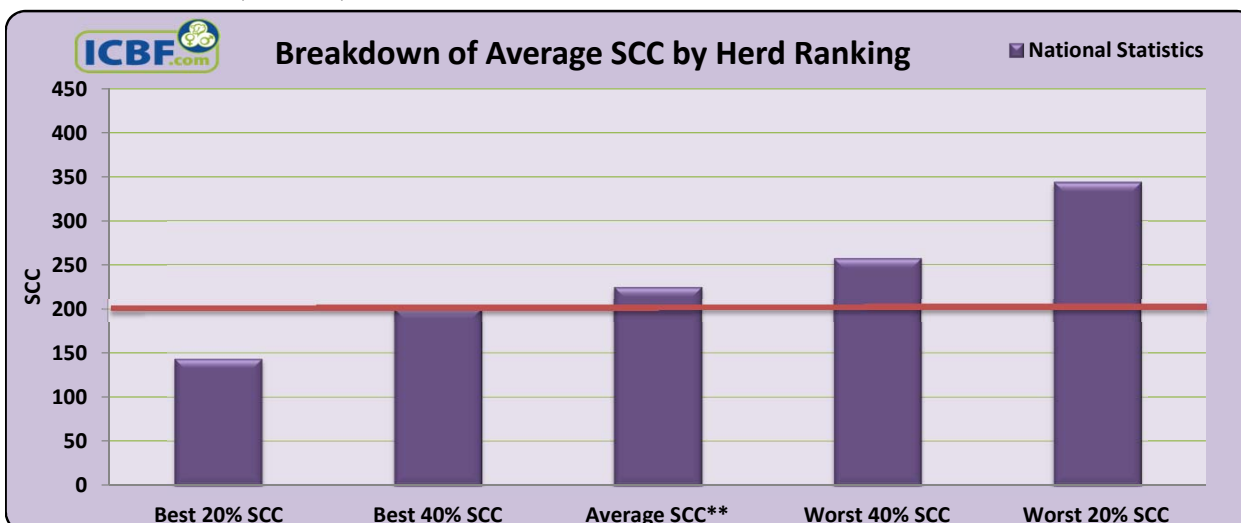
* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 06-AUG-2013 To 15-AUG-2013

ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Best 20% SCC	Best 40% SCC	Average SCC**	Worst 40% SCC	Worst 20% SCC
Connaught	11	941	86	164	283	350	378	428
Leinster	115	9,180	80	156	210	238	259	347
Munster	523	39,012	75	140	198	220	251	338
Ulster	24	1,607	67	146	221	255	284	341
National Statistics	673	50,740	75	144	201	225	258	344

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)





VENDOR

Heinz Eggert

Sherlockstown Sallins Co Kildare

Lot 1 Sherlockstown Hugo

ID: IE201057481031

Breed: Limousin

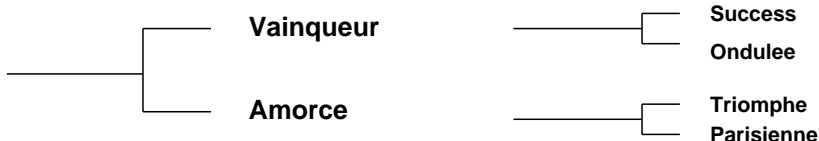
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DOB: 21-Feb-2012

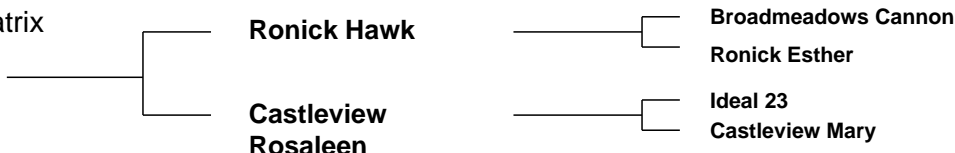
Owner: Heinz Eggert - Sherlockstown Sallins Co Kildare

Breeder:

Sire: Imperial
IPI



Dam: Castleview Beatrix
IE191567170380



Star Rating (Within Limousin breed)	Economic Indexes	€uro value per progeny	Index Reliability	Star rating (across all beef breeds)
★★★★★	Terminal Index	€121	34% (Low)	★★★★★
★★★★	Replacement Index Maternal Cow Traits : Maternal Progeny Traits :	€108 -€81 €189	33% (Low) 31% 35%	★★★★
	Dairy Beef			

Star Rating (Within Limousin breed)	Key profit traits	Index Value	Trait Reliability	Star rating (across all beef breeds)
Expected progeny performance				
	Calving difficulty (% 3 & 4) Breed ave: 4.75%,All breeds ave: 4.99%	+6%	38% (Low)	
★★★★★	Docility (1-5 scale) Breed ave: -0.07,All breeds ave: -0.01	0.01 scale	36% (Low)	★★★
★★★★★	Carcass weight (kg) Breed ave: 22.88kg,All breeds ave: 22.43kg	+28kg	38% (Low)	★★★★★
★★★★★	Carcass conformation (1-15 scale) Breed ave: 2.13,All breeds ave: 1.91	+2.35 scale	31% (Low)	★★★★★

Expected daughter breeding performance				
	Daughter calving diff (% 3 & 4) Breed ave: 4.65%,All breeds ave: 5.19%	+6.3%	28% (Low)	
★★★★★	Daughter Milk (kg) Breed ave: -0.28kg,All breeds ave: 0.49kg	+3.8kg	34% (Low)	★★★★★
★	Daughter calving interval (days) Breed ave: 1.58days,All breeds ave: -0.02days	+3.37days	29% (Low)	★

Additional Information:

Linear composites	Value	Reliability
Muscle	115	37%
Skeletal	114	36%
Function	109	27%

Herd data quality index

N/A

Animal not scored.

Lot 2 Sherlockstown Felix

ID: IE201057430945

Breed: Limousin

Sex: Male

DOB: 22-Nov-2010

Owner: Heinz Eggert - Sherlockstown Sallins Co Kildare

Breeder:

Sire: Castlevieview Virulent (Et)
CVV

Geant

Dauphin

Cerise

Gentile

Concert

Usuelle

Dam: Castlevieview Beatrix
IE191567170380

Ronick Hawk

Broadmeadows Cannon

Ronick Esther

Castlevieview
Rosaleen

Ideal 23

Castlevieview Mary

Star Rating (Within Limousin breed)	Economic Indexes	€uro value per progeny	Index Reliability	Star rating (across all beef breeds)
★★★★★	Terminal Index	€113	37% (Low)	★★★★★☆
★★★★★☆	Replacement Index Maternal Cow Traits : Maternal Progeny Traits :	€135 -€41 €176	34% (Low) 29% 38%	★★★★★
	Dairy Beef			

Star Rating (Within Limousin breed)	Key profit traits	Index Value	Trait Reliability	Star rating (across all beef breeds)
Expected progeny performance				
	Calving difficulty (% 3 & 4) Breed ave: 4.75%,All breeds ave: 4.99%	+5.8%	48% (Average)	
★★★☆☆	Docility (1-5 scale) Breed ave: -0.07,All breeds ave: -0.01	-0.08 scale	37% (Low)	★★☆☆
★★★★★	Carcass weight (kg) Breed ave: 22.88kg,All breeds ave: 22.43kg	+29kg	37% (Low)	★★★★★
★★★★★☆	Carcass conformation (1-15 scale) Breed ave: 2.13,All breeds ave: 1.91	+2.36 scale	31% (Low)	★★★★★

Expected daughter breeding performance				
	Daughter calving diff (% 3 & 4) Breed ave: 4.65%,All breeds ave: 5.19%	+4.4%	26% (Low)	
★★★★★	Daughter Milk (kg) Breed ave: -0.28kg,All breeds ave: 0.49kg	+1.6kg	32% (Low)	★★★★★
★★★★★☆	Daughter calving interval (days) Breed ave: 1.58days,All breeds ave: -0.02days	+0.78days	28% (Low)	★★★☆☆

Additional Information:

Linear composites	Value	Reliability
Muscle	119	37%
Skeletal	111	36%
Function	102	26%

Herd data quality index

N/A

Animal not scored.

Lot 3 Gouldingpoll 1 Superduper Et

ID: IE191198960474

Breed: Hereford

Sex: Male

DOB: 21-Jan-2011

Owner: Heinz Eggert - Sherlockstown Sallins Co Kildare

Breeder: Matthew Goulding - Kilmore Ballyduff Co Kerry

Sire: Remitall Super Duty 42s
S860

Remitall Patriot Et
13p

Remitall Olympian Et 262l
Remitall Ginger 23g

Remitall Rita 91h

Feltons 517
Remitall Floral Rita 102f

Dam: Romany 1 Lucy A84 F26
UK562010400628

Baybridge 1 Atlas

Doonbiddie Hustler (P)
Baybridge 1 Jane

Romany 1 Lucy A49
Imp Can

Remitall Online 122l
Jvj 832w Mindy 6h

Star Rating (Within Hereford breed)	Economic Indexes	€uro value per progeny	Index Reliability	Star rating (across all beef breeds)
★★★☆☆	Terminal Index	€16	18% (V Low)	★☆☆☆☆
★★★★★★	Replacement Index Maternal Cow Traits : Maternal Progeny Traits :	€111 €99 €12	14% (V Low) 8% 20%	★★★★★☆☆
	Dairy Beef			

Star Rating (Within Hereford breed)	Key profit traits	Index Value	Trait Reliability	Star rating (across all beef breeds)
Expected progeny performance				
	Calving difficulty (% 3 & 4) Breed ave: 4.05%,All breeds ave: 4.99%	+6%	38% (Low)	
N/A	Docility (1-5 scale) Breed ave: 0.07,All breeds ave: -0.01	N/A scale	1% (Too Low)	N/A
★★★★★	Carcass weight (kg) Breed ave: 6.38kg,All breeds ave: 22.43kg	+10kg	14% (V Low)	★★★☆☆
N/A	Carcass conformation (1-15 scale) Breed ave: 0.76,All breeds ave: 1.91	N/A scale	4% (Too Low)	N/A

Expected daughter breeding performance				
N/A	Daughter calving diff (% 3 & 4) Breed ave: 5.15%,All breeds ave: 5.19%	N/A	5% (Too Low)	N/A
★★★★★★	Daughter Milk (kg) Breed ave: 4.28kg,All breeds ave: 0.49kg	+10.3kg	14% (V Low)	★★★★★★
★★★☆☆	Daughter calving interval (days) Breed ave: -3.87days,All breeds ave: -0.02days	-3.66days	9% (V Low)	★★★★★

Additional Information:

Linear composites	Value	Reliability
Muscle		
Skeletal		
Function		

Herd data quality index

N/A

Animal scored. Scores or weaning weights NOT included in evaluation

Lot 4 Baltracey Google Et

ID: IE201318230118

Breed: Limousin

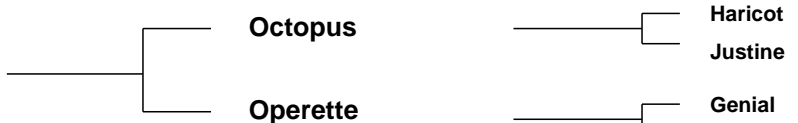
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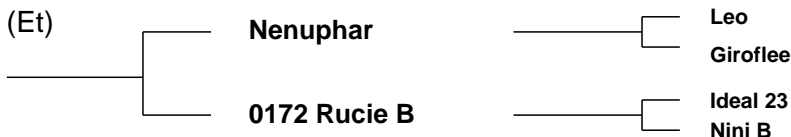
Owner: Heinz Eggert - Sherlockstown Sallins Co Kildare

Breeder: Frank Daly - Blessington Road Naas Co Kildare

Sire: Sympa
SYP



Dam: Bremore Cindy (Et)
IE171088860234



Star Rating (Within Limousin breed)	Economic Indexes	€uro value per progeny	Index Reliability	Star rating (across all beef breeds)
★★★★★★	Terminal Index	€139	30% (Low)	★★★★★★
★★★★★★	Replacement Index Maternal Cow Traits : Maternal Progeny Traits :	€156 -€63 €218	29% (Low) 28% 30%	★★★★★★☆
	Dairy Beef			

Star Rating (Within Limousin breed)	Key profit traits	Index Value	Trait Reliability	Star rating (across all beef breeds)
Expected progeny performance				
	Calving difficulty (% 3 & 4) Breed ave: 4.75%,All breeds ave: 4.99%	+5.7%	29% (Low)	
★★★★★	Docility (1-5 scale) Breed ave: -0.07,All breeds ave: -0.01	-0.02 scale	42% (Average)	★★★☆☆
★★★★★★	Carcass weight (kg) Breed ave: 22.88kg,All breeds ave: 22.43kg	+36kg	35% (Low)	★★★★★★
★★★★★★	Carcass conformation (1-15 scale) Breed ave: 2.13,All breeds ave: 1.91	+2.66 scale	29% (Low)	★★★★★★

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	Daughter calving diff (% 3 & 4) Breed ave: 4.65%,All breeds ave: 5.19%	+3.9%	23% (Low)	
★★★☆☆	Daughter Milk (kg) Breed ave: -0.28kg,All breeds ave: 0.49kg	-0.5kg	35% (Low)	★★★☆☆
★★★	Daughter calving interval (days) Breed ave: 1.58days,All breeds ave: -0.02days	+2.02days	25% (Low)	★★☆☆

Additional Information:

Linear composites	Value	Reliability
Muscle	126	34%
Skeletal	129	34%
Function	110	26%

Herd data quality index

N/A

Animal scored. Linear scores and weaning weights in evaluations