

## Beef Environmental Efficiency Programme Sucklers (BEEP-S)

The Beef Environmental Efficiency Programme – Suckler aims to increase the efficiency of Ireland’s suckler herd. It will do this by improving the data that is collected about the herd.

### Programme Requirements

#### **Mandatory action:**

Weigh the un-weaned calf and dam and send details of the weights data to ICBF by 1st November 2021.

This action must be completed to be eligible for payment under the programme.

#### **Optional actions**

You can get an extra payment if you carry out optional welfare actions.

Optional action 1 - Vaccination or Meal Feeding at weaning as set out in the Terms and Conditions.

Optional action 2 - Faecal Egg Testing as set out in the Terms and Conditions. List of approved labs can be found here <https://assets.gov.ie/137974/781280ca-8df7-46fa-9f11-98887d87abc0.pdf>

Any queries on the additional actions can be address directly to DAFM on [beep@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:beep@agriculture.gov.ie) or 0578674422

#### **What Animals are eligible?**

Beef breed calves born in the herd of the applicant between 1st July 2020 and 30th June 2021 and their beef breed dams.

#### **When should I weigh my animals?**

Calves should be weighed when they are between 5 and 8mths old. The cow and calf must be weighed on the same day before the calf is weaned. If you are participating in the meal feeding option, weighing and weaning must happen at least 2wks before selling the calf. All weights must be on the ICBF database by 5:30 Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Rented scales, technicians and borrowed scales will be busy in Sept/Oct so weighing early is advised.

#### **How will I weigh my animals?**

Animals must be weighed on-farm using a weighing platform and indicator. The platform is placed in a cattle race (crush) and animals are weighed as they pass over it. An owned/borrowed scales can be used or a scales can be rented.

#### **How do I register an Owned scales?**

If you are the owner of a scales you must register your scales with ICBF. You can do so by logging onto your ICBF account via the internet or downloading the ICBF Weight Recording app on Google play for Android users or in the App store for iPhone users. You will need to enter your username and password.

- Username: your username is your Herd Number.
- Password: your password is a minimum of 6 characters. If you need a password or cannot remember your current password, there are 3 ways to get your password:
  1. Text the word PASS to 089 4577663 to receive your password. NOTE: Your mobile number needs to be stored on our database for this system to work.
  2. Email Support ([beep@icbf.com](mailto:beep@icbf.com)).
  3. Call ICBF on 023-8832883 during office hours (9am-5.30pm).

Once you have logged in, click Services > BEEP-S > View/Register Owned Scales. You will need to provide the Make, Model, Serial Number and Year of Purchase of the scales. Once registered, you will receive a scales registration number specific for your scales. If you plan on giving your scales to other herd owners, they must register the scales registration number to their account via the View/Register Third Party Scales option.

### **How do I register a Third Party scales?**

If you are registering a third party scales, you must login to your ICBF account online or download the ICBF Weight Recording app on Google Play for Android users or the App store for iPhone users. You will need to enter your username and password. If you need help retrieving these details, please refer back to the previous question.

Once you have logged in, click *Services > BEEP-S > View/Register Third Party Scales*. You will need to insert the scales registration number you received from the owner of the scales and the date you received and returned the scales.

### **How do I rent a scales?**

Weighing scales are available throughout the country for farmers to rent for the purposes of carrying out BEEP-S weighing at a cost of €50 per day.

Scales can be rented via the [www.mybeep.ie](http://www.mybeep.ie) website or by clicking [here](#)

### **How do I submit the weights?**

Weights should be submitted to ICBF within 7 days after weighing and all weights must be submitted before the 01 November 2021. Weights can be submitted online via your ICBF account or a paper form can be requested if necessary. A scales must be registered to your herd or a reservation for a scales in place before any weight recording forms can be issued. To request a paper form, call 023-8832883.

If you have need further information on BEEP-S please visit [mybeep.ie](http://mybeep.ie) or if you have any queries please contact ICBF on 023-8832883 or email [beep@icbf.com](mailto:beep@icbf.com).

More information and the Full Terms and Conditions of the programme can be found here <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/a52418-beef-environmental-efficiency-pilot-beep/>

