

FAQ Dairy Beef Calf Programmes 2022

The purpose of this scheme is to support beef farmers who are rearing calves from the dairy herd and to facilitate further the integration of the dairy and beef sectors.

Programme requirements:

- Weigh a minimum of 5 calves up to a maximum of 40 calves. More calves can be weighed but won't qualify for payment.
- Weights must be submitted to ICBF before 01 November 2022.
- Only on farm weights recorded with the use of suitable livestock weighing equipment will be accepted. Mart weights, group weights etc will not be accepted.

What calves are eligible?

- Calves born on or after the 01 July 2021.
- Male calves of a dairy breed, and/or a male or female calf sired by a beef breed sire born to a dairy breed dam.
- Calves must be at least 12 weeks of age at the time of weighing.
- Calves must on the farm for a minimum of 10 days prior to weighing.

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.

When will I weigh my animals?

The best time to weigh a dairy beef calf is when they are over 5ths old, it might suit to tie weighing into another routine job like dosing. All weights must be on the ICBF database by 5:30 Nov 1st.

Rented scales, technicians and borrowed scales will be busy in Sept/Oct so weighing early is advised.

How do I register an Owned scales?

If you are the owner of a scales you must register your scales with ICBF.

Note: if you registered your scales in previous years you do not need to re-register it and your scales registration number will be the same as it was last year. If you are new to the scheme or have bought a new scales you can register it by logging onto your ICBF account via the internet or downloading the ICBF Web 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)

3. Call ICBF on 023-8832883 during office hours (9am-5.30pm).

Once you have logged in, *click Services > Dairy Beef Calf Programme > 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 link 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 Web 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 > Dairy Beef Calf Programme > 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 weighing at a cost of €50 per day. Scales can be rented via the www.mybeep.ie website.

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 2022. 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 the Dairy Beef Calf Programme

please visit www.mybeep.ie or if you have any queries please contact ICBF on 023-8832883 or email beep@icbf.com

More information and the Full Terms and Conditions of the programme can be found here <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/4ea72-dairy-beef-calf-programme-as-part-of-beef-sector-efficiency-programmes/>