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When the winter period starts, the Teagasc Calf to Beef programme was set up over two years ago. One of the key aims was to measure and monitor the performance of cattle on Irish farms. Regular weighings, used to collect these data points, were once every three months during the winter period. The former format was changed last year, with one other battle the farmers were asked to complete a series of three times throughout the year. With weight of cattle waning over the winter period, monitoring their performance during this time is crucial. In the past, our one-off battle the farmers were asked to complete a series of three times throughout the year. Weight of cattle waning over the winter period, monitoring their performance during this time is crucial.

Conor Greene’s cattle gained exactly on target. Feeding a large number of high quality silage, making good savings based on making high quality silages. Shortly after turnout, Greene removed the cattle in the first April, where they averaged 175kg. In this stage, they were just shy of 14 months of age. As they gained Winter, over a 160-day period was a very respectful 0.66kg per day, which is well where the target of 1kg. Given they were gaining 0.66kg per day the animal would have weighed in at 208kg in the middle of March, which was again on target. The store cattle (20) months were weighed on March 10, which was the target set for Conor.

10. Reseeding programme helped Michael double his stock numbers

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Michael has an up to date soil test which is always sprayed off with a particular field in the growing season. For Michael, the Teagasc Calf to Beef Programme is a great help. To have a range of grass options, he selects a mix with four different grass cultivars plus clover. The range used for Michael is a mix of Aber Choice and Drumbo, with a tetraploid (AberGain and AberAnswer) and a triad or Underclear. This mix is 15kg of seed per acre.

Since joining the Teagasc Calf to Beef programme, Michael Kran has doubled his stock numbers and used his knowledge from the farm. Carrying higher stock numbers on the same acre of land requires more grass. Therefore, Michael has been using a technique in which the grass grows and is then taken out of the paddock. This technique is known as grassland. Michael has also been using a technique in which the grass grows and is then taken out of the paddock. This technique is known as grassland. Michael has also been using a technique in which the grass grows and is then taken out of the paddock. This technique is known as grassland.