

**Teagasc Johnstown Castle**  
**Teagasc/ABP Dairy Beef Research Programme**

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**Animal Performance: *Older cattle***

- 43 trial heifers were killed on the 30<sup>th</sup> January; 15 AAX, 6 HEX and 22 LMX. The heifers killed out well, averaging 281kg carcass weight, O+ and 3=/3+ conformation and fat scores respectively. 37 animals met the QAS bonus specification.
  
- The average result for all the heifers killed this winter was:
  - 283kg carcass weight at 22 months of age
  - Conformation score of O+
  - Just below a 4- fat score
  - 77% of animals made QAS bonus specification
  - 77% and 63% of AAX and HEX heifers made QAS spec, respectively
  - 74% of AAX heifers made IAPG breed bonus spec
  - 83% of HEX heifers made IHP breed bonus spec

**Heifer result, stocking density**

	Age at slaughter	Carcass weight	Conformation	Fat
<b>High</b>	681	276	6 (O+)	9.5 (3+/4-)
<b>Medium</b>	683	286	6 (O+)	10.1 (4-)
<b>Low</b>	690	286	6.3 (O+)	10.1 (4-)

**Heifer result, breed**

	Age at slaughter	Carcass weight	Conformation	Fat
<b>Angus</b>	679	286	5.9 (O+)	10.3 (4-)
<b>Hereford</b>	682	281	5.7 (O=/O+)	11 (4=)
<b>Limousin</b>	693	281	6.7 (O+/R-)	8.5 (3=/3+)