

John Heslin, Teagasc Grange

John was appointed as a research officer in suckler beef systems with Teagasc and is head of The Derrypatrick Herd in Grange. Current projects within The Derrypatrick Herd include; the potential benefits of including white clover in pastures in suckler beef systems and the effect of using either a high replacement index or high terminal index sire, on carcass output. John Heslin is also currently undertaking a PhD with Teagasc, Grange and his project is assessing the effect of nutrition and genotype on beef heifer puberty and pregnancy rate.



Stephen Connolly, ABP

Stephen Connolly qualified from UCD in 2013 with a B.Agr.Sc. He is currently the operations manager of the Anglo Beef Processors (ABP) calf rearing enterprise. This programme is working with the Gene Ireland Dairy Beef Programme in conjunction with Teagasc and the ICBF. He is undertaking a PhD to examine if animals of higher genetic merit on the terminal beef index have a higher performance on farms. He is also looking at the effect of different beef sires used in dairy herds on the entire production cycle.



Dr. Mark McGee, Teagasc Grange

Dr. Mark McGee is a principal research scientist working at Teagasc, Grange Beef Research Centre. His current areas of research include; feed efficiency - residual feed intake; beef cattle nutrition and feed evaluation; and various aspects of grass-based suckler beef production systems.



Dr. Kevin Hanrahan, Teagasc

Dr Kevin Hanrahan was recently appointed Head of the Teagasc Rural Economy Development Programme. Kevin was previously a principal research officer in Teagasc's Agricultural Economics and Farm Surveys Department. Kevin studied economics at Trinity College Dublin and has a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Missouri, USA. Kevin's research is mainly focused on the development and use of partial equilibrium models of Irish and EU agriculture.



National Beef Conference 2017 *'Planning for Healthy Profits'*

Tuesday, 17th October | 3pm

Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

This is a KT Approved Event

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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

This years Teagasc **National Beef Conference** will focus on planning for healthy profits and increasing productivity from your beef herd.

AGENDA

3pm	Welcome <i>Con Feighery, Teagasc Regional Manager, Offaly/Westmeath/Cavan/Monaghan</i>
3.10pm	Opening Address <i>Professor Gerry Boyle, Teagasc Director</i>
Session One:	Increasing Productivity from the Beef Herd
<i>Chaired by:</i>	<i>Dr. David Graham, Chief Executive Officer, Animal Health Ireland</i>
3.20pm	Improving the control of liver & rumen fluke in suckler cows and beef cattle <i>Dr. Theo de Waal, University College Dublin</i>
4pm	Successfully using AI in a 100 cow suckler herd <i>Matthew Murphy, Newford Suckler Demonstration Farm</i>
4.40pm	Lessons learned from the beef finalists in the Teagasc Grass10 Farmer of the Year Competition <i>John Maher, Teagasc</i>
5.20pm	Panel Discussion
5.30pm	Break and Refreshments
Session Two:	Beef Research Updates
<i>Chaired by:</i>	<i>Dr. Alan Kelly, University College Dublin</i>
6.30pm	Impact of different feeding levels on age at puberty and pregnancy rate in beef heifers <i>John Heslin, Teagasc Grange</i>
6.50pm	Influence the choice of bull has on the lifetime performance of beef calves coming from the dairy herd <i>Stephen Connolly, ABP & Ruth Fennell, Teagasc</i>
7.10pm	Feeding value of various imported feedstuffs for beef cattle <i>Dr. Mark McGee, Teagasc Grange</i>
7.30pm	BREXIT Update - Possible impacts on the Irish Beef Industry <i>Dr. Kevin Hanrahan, Teagasc</i>
7.50pm	Panel Discussion
8pm	Close of Conference

SPEAKER PROFILES

Dr. Theo de Waal, University College Dublin

Theo is a Veterinary Graduate and European Veterinary Specialist in Parasitology with twenty five years professional experience and general research interest in the field of veterinary parasitology, and epidemiology with specific expertise in the diagnosis, vaccine production, epidemiology and integrated control of animal parasites. He also has a particular interest in food safety focusing on the transmission and control of food- and water-borne parasitic infections. Current research projects include toxoplasmosis, cryptosporidiosis, anthelmintic resistance and the development of alternative helminth control strategies.



Matthew Murphy, Newford Suckler Demonstration Farm Farm Manager

Matthew Murphy is the Farm Manager at the Newford Suckler Demonstration Farm in Athenry. He completed his Level 6 Drystock Production Course in Kildalton Agricultural College. As part of his work experience he worked on a farm participating in the Teagasc Dawn Meats pilot Friesian Calf to Beef Programme. On completing his agricultural education he took up his current role on the Newford Suckler Demonstration Farm.



John Maher, Teagasc

John Maher is based in Teagasc, Moorepark. He worked in grassland research for four years and subsequently worked as a Teagasc Dairy Specialist for 20 years primarily working in industry joint programmes in the south. John is also a member of the Teagasc Heavy Soils Programme. He is currently the campaign manager for Grass10 which works with the industry partners of DAFM, AIB, Grassland Agro, FBD and the Irish Farmers Journal to promote sustainable grassland excellence for Irish livestock.

