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National Beef Conference

'Applying Technologies to Sustain Profitability'



Tuesday, 13th October 2015
Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone



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Teagasc National Beef Conference - *Applying Techno*

- 2.30pm Tea/Coffee on arrival
- 3.15pm Welcome: Tom Kellegher, Teagasc
Regional Manager, Longford/Roscommon
- 3.25pm Opening Address: Professor Gerry Boyle,
Teagasc Director

Session One

Improving the Breeding Performance of the National Suckler Herd

Chaired by: Dr. Ger Ryan, Dovea Genetics

- 3.40pm **Optimising AI use in the suckler herd**
Mervyn Parr, Teagasc; Artie Birt, Co. Down;
Federico Randi, UCD; Michael Diskin &
David Kenny, Teagasc
- 4.20pm **Performance of high and low replacement
index cows across a range of commercial
suckler beef herds**
Noirin McHugh, Teagasc & Thierry Pabiou, ICBF
- 4.50pm **Teagasc Suckler Demonstration Farms -
Past, Present and the next steps**
Adam Woods, Teagasc; Mathew Murphy,
Newford; Paul Crossan, Michael Fagan & Liam
McWeeney, Teagasc
- 5.20pm General Discussion
- 5.45pm Break - Refreshments served



Session Two

Optimising Performance in Beef Finishing Systems

Chaired by: Aidan Murray, Teagasc

- 6.30pm **Planning to profit from beef production - principles and guidelines**
Paul Crosson, Aidan Murray, Mark McGee and Edward O'Riordan, Teagasc
- 7.10pm **Feeding strategies to optimise performance from pasture in steer and bull finishing systems**
Edward O'Riordan, Mark McGee, Paul Crosson, Pdraig O'Kiely, Declan Marren and Kevin McMenamin, Teagasc
- 7.40pm **Technologies used on the Teagasc/ Irish Farmers Journal BETTER Beef Farms to maximise profit from finishing cattle**
Alan Dillon, Teagasc; Michael Dillane, Co. Kerry; Donal Scully, Co. Limerick and James Madigan, Co. Kilkenny
- 8.15pm General Discussion
- 8.30pm Close of Conference: Pearse Kelly, Teagasc





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Tuesday, 13th October | Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone | 3pm

The Hodson Bay Hotel is located just 5km from Athlone Town
Centre on the N61 Roscommon Road

Sat Nav Coordinates: Lat: 53.468528, Lon: -7.988867
+53:27:46.03", -7:59:13.42"

Attendance is free of charge | Refreshments available

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