Beefing Up On-Farm Profit Using Genetics

Take home messages

- Calves bred from bulls with higher genetic merit for beef traits can have a major impact on a beef farmer’s income.
- Aim to purchase calves on their genetics rather than just appearance alone.

Bull A
Low Terminal Index bull

Bull B
High Terminal Index bull

- €112 higher carcass value
- More feed efficient: 0.6kg less feed/kg weight gain
- 38kg heavier carcasses
- 22 days younger at slaughter

€178 difference in profit per animal
Worth €17,800
Based on 100 head dairy beef herd