

# **Beef Environmental Efficiency Programme – BEEP Suckler Scheme 2022**

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If you were in BEEP-S in 2020 and or 2021, you must apply again this year to be in the scheme for 2022. **The closing date for online applications is 25 April 2022.** The scheme is for one year's duration and participation is voluntary. This scheme is opened to all Suckler Farmers who own an active herd number, who submit a Basic Payment Scheme application in 2022 and have suckling calves (beef sire x beef cow) born in herd between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022. This scheme aims to improve the quantity and quality of on farm performance data recorded, improve the welfare of calves at weaning and improve the monitoring of liver and rumen fluke in adult suckler cows.

**Weighing and submission of weights to Irish Cattle Breeding Federation (ICBF) is Mandatory Action 1.** This action must be completed in full. The payment rate is €50 for the first 10 cow and calf pairs weighed per herd and €40 thereafter to a maximum of 100 pairs. The four key requirements are:-

1. All suckling calves (beef sire x beef cow) being submitted for weighing must have been born between 01 July 2021 and 30 June 2022.
2. The cow and calf must be weighed separately on the applicants holding on the same day before weaning.
3. Only weighing scales registered and used in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the scheme may be employed.
4. Weights data must be submitted to ICBF between the 01 Jan 2022 and 01 Nov 2022 in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the scheme.



## Additional support available for Optional Welfare Enhancement Actions

It is important to note that participants will not be eligible for payment under Optional Actions 2 and/or Action 3 unless they complete the full requirements of Mandatory Action 1. The number of cows and calves you weigh sets the number of animals you get paid for on all actions.

**Optional Action 2** - Introduce meal feeding for a period of 4 weeks pre weaning and 2 weeks post weaning to reduce stress on calves and record action. Do not sell calves immediately after weaning, instead feed meals for at least 2 weeks. Calves must be supplemented with compound feedstuffs containing appropriate minerals and vitamins.

**Or/Implement a Vaccination Programme** in consultation with your local vet for respiratory disease in suckler calves and record action. The additional payment for completion of optional action 2 is €30 per calf. Maintain records on farm for meal feeding and/or vaccination programme as the DAFM may request records to verify compliance.

**Optional Action 3** - Faecal Egg Testing is targeted at the control of liver and rumen fluke in adult suckler cows. Samples must be taken as per Terms and Conditions and submitted to an approved laboratory before 03 October 2022. Payment for optional action 3 is an additional €10 per cow.

### List of Approved Laboratories for the Faecal Testing measure (for the presence of fluke eggs) of the Beef Sector Efficiency Programme BEEP-S Scheme 2022

Company Name	Contact Address	Contact Email	Contact No:
Irish Equine Centre	Johnstown, Naas, Co. Kildare.	<a href="mailto:iec@irishequinecentre.ie">iec@irishequinecentre.ie</a>	045 866266
Animal Health Laboratories Ltd	Shinagh House, Dunmanway Road, Bandon, Co. Cork.	<a href="mailto:info@ahli.ie">info@ahli.ie</a>	023 8854100
Oldcastle Laboratories	Cogan Street, Oldcastle, Co. Meath.	<a href="mailto:reception@oldcastlelabs.ie">reception@oldcastlelabs.ie</a> ; <a href="mailto:rachel@oldcastlelabs.ie">rachel@oldcastlelabs.ie</a>	049 8541160
Agri Diagnostics Ireland Ltd	Dunrine, Kilarney, Co. Kerry V93 X860	<a href="mailto:labs@agridiagnostics.ie">labs@agridiagnostics.ie</a>	064 6633922
Paralabs	Unit 2 Manderville, Patrick St,Portumna Co Galway	<a href="mailto:info@paralabs.ie">info@paralabs.ie</a>	087 293 1167
Farm Lab Diagnostics	Elphin, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon	<a href="mailto:info@farmlab.ie">info@farmlab.ie</a>	071 9630792
Alpha Analytical Services Ltd	Cappagh Cross, Fermoy, Co. Cork	<a href="mailto:laboratory@alphaanalyticalservices.ie">laboratory@alphaanalyticalservices.ie</a>	025 39333

## Dairy Beef Calf Scheme

Last week also saw the launch of the Dairy Beef Calf Scheme which supports farmers who are rearing calves from the dairy herd. This is a one year scheme and the online closing date is also the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022. A maximum payment of €800 is available per farmer. Terms and Conditions and further information for Beef Sector Schemes can be found on [www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie).

The next two months are busy times for farmers with calving, managing slurry and fertiliser spreading, grassland preparation for stock and first cut silage, getting stock market ready, managing farm costs and cash flow for 2022 and 2023. Contact your farm advisor early and get all essential jobs completed on time.