



WHY USE BLONDE ?

- * Highest carcase weight and fastest to slaughter (ICBF August 2012)
 - * Easy calving
- * High Kill out percentage - 65%+
 - * High meat to bone ratio
- * Exceptional cull cow values
- * In high demand for Italian export market
- * The ultimate breed when crossing with Belgian Blue
 - * Excellent maternal traits

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Irish Blonde d'Aquitaine
Cattle Society

Breed Journal 2017

Chairman's Foreword

It's hard to believe a year has passed and another new journal on the way. At the moment we have new challenges and changes with the reduction in suckler herds due to the explosive expansion in Dairy.

With increased demand for top quality lean beef, the Blonde is at the fore with its lean meat with excellent taste, excellent carcass grades, very high weight gain, feed conversion, kill out percentages and meat to bone ratio. With the decrease in suckler herds nationally, I am delighted to say that the usage of Blonde Bulls is increasing.

The Irish Blonde d'Aquitaine commercial herd competition has gone from strength to strength with entries rising and the quality of stock improving dramatically each year.

The rapid expansion in dairy has led to less suckler herds nationwide but has also led to more blonde bulls being used on dairy cows. The main reasons for this being the easy calving nature of the blondes and the higher quality calves coming from the blonde bulls, therefore enhancing the value whether selling calves, stores or finishing stock. Blonde X females off good British Friesian cows are always in high demand.

These heifers make great cows that cross well with any breed and especially blonde again. Farmers who produce quality blonde cattle can be reassured that they have the product for the top lucrative home and export markets.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all the people who showed pedigree and commercial blondes this year. Thanks also to all who entered in this year's herd competition and to those who judged it. Keep up the good work!

Again I would like to extend a special thanks to the council members, the secretary, members, breeders and breed enthusiasts who devote their time and efforts to the growth and promotion of the blonde breed. I am looking forward to working with all of you in the future.

John O'Halloran.
Society Chairman.



**Home to 9 of the top 10
most used Beef A.I. Sires**

PROGRESSIVE

GENETICS



Stonlea Inzagi BA2308

- 5 star on Replacement Index
- A son of the renowned Seaview Barney from a Shanvalley Dancer dam
- Long well-muscled bull
- Great temperament



Inzagi's sire - Seaview Barney

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Johnstown Blondes



• *Johnstown James*

Bulls & Heifers always for sale

Contact James Carey, Johnstown, Enfield, Co. Meath. Est. 1980
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Glenwood Blondes

**Selection of top quality 4 and 5 star bulls for sale.
Exciting new bloodlines from Imported and AI Sires**





**Pictures of a selection of this years young halter trained bulls.
Well muscled, easy calved and exceptionally quiet bulls.**



John O'Halloran & Family.

Glenwood, Mullinahone, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.

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Terelton Blondes



- Award winning herd with top quality pedigree and commercial stock always for sale
- Many of the young bulls for sale have a 4 or 5 star Maternal/Terminal Index, ideal for the Beef Data & Genomics Programme (BDGP)



- Producing cattle with excellent temperament and muscling while still retaining ease of calving and maternal traits.

Top bloodlines from bulls including:

- Ark Diego • Eilean Godfather • Blackwater Ainsley • Blackwater Jockey
- Aramis • Uvay • Crack • Landais • Hiver • Budore Utah • Stonelea Inzagi

Contact **Sean Galvin, Sleaveen West, Macroom, Co. Cork**
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Stonelea Blondes



• *Stonelea Inzagi Sold to NCBC*

• *Stonelea Blondes was founded in 2012 when I purchased four females from the Seaview herd and four from the Shanvalley herd in Northern Ireland*

• *Bulls and females always for sale*



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Contact **Ollie Naughton, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.**
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Milltown Blondes



- Bulls for sale • Heifers occasionally
- Crossbreed and purebred



Contact Ken Hill, Glassleck Shercock, Co. Cavan
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Gortnalee Blondes



Contact Willie & Anne Fitzpatrick, Gortnalee, Donaghmore, Co. Laois
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Brocca Blondes



• All top ai sires used bulls and heifers usually for sale



Contact **John Barry Moran**, Fardrum, Athlone, Co. Westmeath
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Kilmoney Blondes



Contact **Enda & Aisling O'Loughlin**, Kilmoney Cottage, Rathangan, Co. Kildare.
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Breeder Focus

Kilmoney Blondes

Philip talks to Enda O' Loughlin of Kilmoney Blondes, who have just sold Kilmoney King Kong into the Gene Ireland programme. I bought the first pure bred blondes onto my farm back in 2007, a cow, a calf and a weanling heifer. They were purchased from well know breeder Stephen Byrne. The cow went on to breed a Tullamore champion Kilmoney Bruce, who then was purchased by Dovea ai. Over the past 10 years I've tried to breed an animal with the temperament and shape that could command a top price. I think I'm my own biggest critic when it comes to the quality of my cattle. I've a herd of 10 breeding cows with the hope to build to about 25 quality animals. I find it very hard to get the type of cow I want so last year I decided to start flushing my best cows with the hope of getting the breeding I want. Recently Kilmoney King Kong entered in to icbf's maternal bull breeding program. Hopefully he'll breed the cows breeders are looking for. The potential of the blonde breed has been proven in feed and finishing trials conducted by icbf's Tully Test Centre, with the breed finishing top of the many tests. Any farmer who wishes for ease of calving, weight gain, growth, kill out % and cattle that finish at a young age the blonde breed ticks all the boxes.



Lattin Blondes



- Pedigree registered herd using top A.I bloodlines for the past 25 years
- Currently 66% of females in the herd are rated 4 or 5 star on the replacement index
- Selection of pedigree registered bulls for sale



Contact **Pauline or Pat Finnan, Lattin, Co. Tipperary**
M: 086 820 7568

Results 2017

OSSORY SHOW:

Golden Heifer:

1st Shane Naughton, Doohan, Ballydangan, Athlone, Co Roscommon

2nd Creed Family, Derryleigh, Inchigeela, Macroom, Cork

3rd Creed Family, Derryleigh, Inchigeela, Macroom, Cork

4th Creed Family, Derryleigh, Inchigeela, Macroom, Cork

5th John Barry Moran, Brocca, Fardrum, Athlone, Co. Westmeath

Pedigree Bonde d'Aquitaine Bull or Heifer calf born after 01.08.16

1st John Barry Moran, Brocca, Fardrum, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

Broccagh Kingfisher ET, IE361509090059, 28th Sept 2016, Aramis, Brockagh Winnie

2nd Oliver Naughton, Doohan, Ballydangan, Athlone, Co. Roscommon

Stonelea kaden, IE311056309100, 3rd Sep 2016, Sire: Stonelea Inrique,

Dam: Maxboley Empey

3rd Michael C Creed, Derryleigh, Inchigeela, Macroom, Co. Cork

Kimego Kreed, 191848330345, Sire: BA Ballycraddack Henry, Dam: BA Kimego Cindy



Ossary Champion Brocca Kingfisher et



Golden Heifer at The Ossory Show

TULLAMORE SHOW:

Pedigree Blonde d'Aquitaine Male/Female Born on/after 01.08.16

1st John & Stephen Lynch, Ballinascrew, Ballinalee, Co. Longford
Ballinascrew Lady in Red, IE251388760612, 20th Jan 2017, Sire: Gazou,
Dam: Glory

2nd John Galvin, Moyasta, Kilrush, Clare
Stonelea Kira, IE311056380099, 30th Aug 2016, Sire: Kilmoney Bruce,
Dam: Shanvalley Emo

3rd John Barry Moran, Brocca, Fardrum, Athlone, Co. Westmeath
Broccagh Lisa McHugh, 372226059520080, 3rd Jun 2017, Sire: Lockhead Tyson,
Dam: Broccagh has it all



Champion at the Tullamore Show (Gazou x Arawn) bred by John Lynch, Ballinalee, Co. Longford

Pedigree Blonde d'Aquitaine Male/Female Born on/between 01.08.2015 & 31.07.2016

1st Robert Tormey, Lisduff, Errill, Rathdowney, Co. Laois
Lisduff Katie, IE221394020164, 9th Jul 2016, Sire: Tito, Dam: Clondown Candy

2nd John O' Halloran, Glenwood, Mullinahone, Thurles, Co. Tipperary
Glenwood Jojo, IE341052721420, 22nd Aug 2015, Applecroft Van, Glenwood Bernadette



Tullamore Reserve Champion 2017 from Eddie and Robert Tormey



2nd prize winner at Carrick Winter Fair - Creed Family. 425kg €1920

3rd Michael Creed, Derryleigh, Inchigeela, Macroom, Co. Cork
BA, 141735531029, 18th May 2016, Sire: Ballycraddock Carlos, Dam: Ardebook Dina

Pedigree Blonde d'Aquitaine Male or Female on/before 30.07.2015

1st John & Stephen Lynch, Ballinascrew, Ballinallee, Co. Longford
Ballinascrew Glory, IE251388790466, 6th Jan 2012, Arawn, Ballinascrew Ballerina

2nd John Barry Moran, Brocca, Fardrum, Athlone, Co. Westmeath
Broccagh has it all, IE361509050014, 18th Dec 2013, Ark Diego, Toarlisnamore Wonda

3rd John Galvin, Moyasta, Kilrush, Co. Clare
Doncombe Let It Go, UK328495400848, 18th May 2015, Sire: Doncombe Coolibah, Dam: Doncombe Free Spirit

AIB National Livestock Show Blonde d'Aquitaine Champion

Champion: John & Stephen Lynch, Ballinascrew, Ballinallee, Co. Longford
Ballinascrew Lady in Red, IE251388760612, 20th Jan 2017, Sire: Gazou, Dam: Glory

Reserve Champion: Robert Tormey, Lisduff, Errill, Rathdowney, Co. Laois
Lisduff Katie, IE221394020164, 9th Jul 2016, Sire: Tito, Dam: Clondown Candy



TULLOW SHOW

Champion: John Barry Moran, Brocca, Fardrum, Athlone, Co. Westmeath
Broccagh Has It All, IE361509050014, 18th Dec 2013, Ark Diego, Toarlisnamore Wonda

Reserve Champion: John Barry Moran, Brocca, Fardrum, Athlone, Co. Westmeath
Broccagh Kingfisher ET, IE361509090059, 28th Sept 2016, Aramis, Brockagh Winnie

VIRGINIA SHOW

Champion: John & Stephen Lynch, Ballinascrew, Ballinalee, Co. Longford
Ballinascrew Glory, IE251388790466, 6th Jan 2012, Arawn, Ballinascrew Ballerina

Reserve Champion: John & Stephen Lynch, Ballinascrew, Ballinalee, Co. Longford
Ballinascrew Lady in Red, IE251388760612, 20th Jan 2017, Sire: Gazou, Dam: Glory

IVERK SHOW

Pedigree Blonde d'Aquitaine Bull and Heifer Calf born after 01-08-16

1st John Barry Moran, Brocca, Fardrum, Athlone, Co. Westmeath
Broccagh Kingfisher ET, IE361509090059, 28th Sept 2016, Aramis, Brockagh Winnie

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Kimego Kreed, 191848330345, Sire: BA Ballycraddack Henry, Dam: BA Kimego Cindy

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Dam: Glory

2nd Robert Tormey, Lisduff, Errill, Rathdowney, Co. Laois
Lisduff Lollie, IE221394050167, 9th Jan 2017, Sire: Stonelea Gino,
Dam: Lisduff Flirt

3rd John Barry Moran, Brocca, Fardrum, Athlone, Co. Westmeath
Broccagh Lisa McHugh, 372226059520080, 3rd Jun 2017, Sire: Lockhead Tyson,
Dam: Broccagh has it all



Pedigree Blonde d'Aquitaine Female born after 1-08-15 to 31-07-16

1st John O' Halloran, Glenwood, Mullinahone, Thurles, Co. Tipperary
Glenwood Jojo, IE341052721420, 22nd Aug 2015, Applecroft Van, Glenwood Bernadette

2nd Michael Creed, Derryleigh, Inchigeela, Macroom, Co. Cork
BA, 141735531029, 18th May 2016, Sire: Ballycraddock Carlos, Dam: Ardebook Dina

3rd Robert Tormey, Lisduff, Errill, Rathdowney, Co. Laois
Lisduff Katie, IE221394020164, 9th Jul 2016, Sire: Tito, Dam: Clondown Candy

Pedigree Blonde d'Aquitaine Cow

1st John Barry Moran, Brocca, Fardrum, Athlone, Co. Westmeath
Broccagh Has It All, IE361509050014, 18th Dec 2013, Ark Diego, Toarlisnamore Wonda

2nd John & Stephen Lynch, Ballinascrew, Ballinalee, Co. Longford
Ballinascrew Glory, IE251388790466, 6th Jan 2012, Arawn, Ballinascrew Ballerina

Pedigree Blonde d'Aquitaine Championship

Champion: John Barry Moran, Brocca, Fardrum, Athlone, Co. Westmeath
Broccagh Has It All, IE361509050014, 18th Dec 2013, Ark Diego, Toarlisnamore Wonda

Reserve Champion: John O' Halloran, Glenwood, Mullinahone, Thurles, Co. Tipperary
Glenwood Jojo, IE341052721420, 22nd Aug 2015, Applecroft Van, Glenwood Bernadette



Glenwood jo jo Heifer class winner at Piltown



Champion at Iverk Show, Brocca has it all! pictured with Lisa McHugh



First prize winner
in Roscommon
Winter Fair sired by
Brockagh Eddie



Champion at the Carrick Winter
Fair owner John Barry Moran

DoveaGENETICS

GAZOU (BA2300)



- ♦ Progeny are Very Impressive Combining Length, Size & Exceptional Muscle
- ♦ Average Calving Difficulty Ideal for Cows

BALTRA ICEMAN (BA4131)



- ♦ Iceman Comes from an Excellent Cow Family
- ♦ He Combines Length, Muscle, Style & Exceptional Weight for Age



Evolution France



- *Marketing worldwide the very best proven and qualified bulls from the French beef and maternal programmes*
- *Hashtag our most complete sire for the Irish market , easy calving, muscle, milk and docility*

Contact Irish Blonde d'Aquitaine Cattle Society, Lisenanagh, Ballinagh, Co. Cavan
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• *Ark Diego*

- *Progeny excelling in the show / sales rings (Sired: Royal Highland Show Champion 2017)*
 - *Exceptional conformation & consistent thickness throughout*
 - *Powerful bull with growth and correctness*
 - *Flashy pedigree with Abricot & Ashtonlodge Jet*
 - *Large selection of Blonde Sires available*

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Lisduff Blondes



• ***Aneto Son for Sale***



• ***Tito Daughter, Reserve Champion, Tullamore 2016***

• ***Bulls for Sale • Heifers occasionally for sale • Top AI Sires used: Aneto, Tito***

Contact **Robert Tormey**, Lisduff, Errill, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
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Mountbrown Blondes



- *Using top UK genetics, with foundation cows selected from the very best herds in UK*
- *Bulls, females and cross bred Blondes always available by top UK AI sires
Ainsley, Lance & Destiny*

*Contact Martin Lyons, Sandyhill, Westport, Co. Mayo
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Ballinascrew Pedigree Blondes



- *Top Ai sires used from France and UK*
- *Ballinascrew Glory Champion Tullamore Show 2016 (4 times Champion)*

Contact John Lynch, Ballinalee, Co. Longford. M: (086) 806 1568

Ballycraddock Blondes



- *Large selection of bulls and heifers always for sale*
- *25 years of top French genetics used*

Contact **Jimmy, Ballycraddock Blondes, Ballycraddock, Kilmeaden, Co. Waterford**
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Togher Blondes



- *Top AI sires used: Arawn, Ainsley, Aneto, Tito and Lance*
- *Bulls usually for sale*
- *Blonde and Blonde X Freisian heifers available*

Contact **Padraig & Connie Costigan, Templetuohy, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.**
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Kingdom Blondes



- 100% PBR Herd all bred on own farm
- 100% A.I. from top bloodlines since 1991
- Photo of Kingdom Emma sired by Tokapi and her current calf Kingdom John sired by Elgean Godfather
- Kingdom John weighed 425 Kgs at 270 days fed on mothers milk and grass !
- Bulls/Heifers for sale

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Scaughmolin Blondes



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Glenwood Fagan



• *Glenwood Fagan recently exported to UK*



• *Aramis daughter sold for beef at Paris show 2017 at 19€/ kg*



Derryleigh Blondes



- *Specialising in breeding top class Blonde cross breeding heifers*
- *Blonde heifers always for sale*
- *We attend Carrick Winter Fair every year*



*Contact Micheal Creed, Derryleigh Blondes, Inchigeela, Macroom, Co. Cork
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Commercial Herd Competition

OVERALL WINNER

Shane Naughton, Athlone, Co. Westmeath

Shane farms 100 suckler cows , half spring calving and half autumn calving. His cows are a mixture of blonde, limousin and blue x cows all well muscled. Shane runs 3 stock bulls at the minute, he has 2 blonde stock bulls and 1 Belgian blue. Both Blonde bulls were breed by his brother Oliver from his stoneleigh herd. Stoneleigh jasper he has been using this past 3 years with some exceptional calves including this years €3000 "Golden heifer " at Ossary Show.

Jasper is a grandson of Seaview Barney and a drop mother. Shane's newest Stock bull is Stoneleigh Inzagi, a son of Seaview Barney. Inzagi was of coarse standing in the national cattle breeding centre until recently. First calves are very promising!! He farms 300 acres 1/2 rented 1/2 owned. Shane targets to sell his weanlings bulls at 10 months and his heifers at 12/14 months. Last year he averaged €1250 for his calves, he sells privately to shippers or in the local mart but is always targeting that export trade.

This year shane has kept back a bunch of blonde bull calves to finish under 16 months he believes the growth of the blonde breed and carcase traits will prove to generate extra income.



Commercial Herd Competition

LEINSTER REGION WINNER

**Carmel Lawlor
Co. Laois**

Winner of the Leinster region herd competition was Carmel Lawlor from Co. Laois. Carmel farms 200 acres, with 90 Blonde cross cows producing weanlings. She calves 40 in autumn and 50 in spring time.

Carmel has 3 stock bulls, the best known of these is of coarse Clondown Eddie, former Ai sire with Bova genetics Limerick. Recently she has purchased her 3rd blonde bull Kilmoney Kasbian a Gumdrop son from Enda O'Loughlins Kilmoney herd in Co. Kildare.

Carmel produces some of her own replacements out of her best cows but mostly she buys her replacements from last years overall winner Micheal, Creed, Co. Cork. These replacements would be mostly 1/2 blonde, 1/4 blue x 1/4 dairy blood.

The reason Carmel started to use Blondes was for calving ease, but also the versatility of the breed, she can sell weanlings, finish or keep as replacements.



Carmels senior stock bull Clondown Eddie

Commercial Herd Competition

MUNSTER REGION WINNER

**Donat O'Brien
Kilfenora, Co. Clare**

Donat farms 350 acres of land in the centre of the Burren, Co. Clare. Not your typical grassland farm, By law Donat cannot spread fertiliser or spray weeds etc. It is a beautiful setting with cows grazing high on the mountains.

Donat farms 50 blonde x cows and runs 2 blonde bulls, 1 the Northern bull as he calls him was purchased from William Mcelroy, Co. Antrim and is a son of the famous Druk Lance, the other an oulou son bought from Sean Galvin, Co. Cork.

The interesting part of this herd is the consistency of the cows like peas in a pod, very much medium sized and selected with the type of farm in mind.

The ease of management is a major part of why Donat uses Blondes, his cows calve out on the mountain side unattended as he lives 15 miles away !! He tells the story of a couple of years ago 7 cows calved the same night, there was wind and rain, 2 of the calves were not from the blonde but another breed I'll not name here, the following morning the 5 blonde calves has sucked but he had to take the other 2 outfits down of the mountain, hardship !!

Donats blonde calves are famous in the local mart for there style and shape. They are renowned for the thrive they do for repeat buyers.

Donat believes the blonde x cow is the key, use whatever bull you like on her but she is the key. If you want the real consistency go blonde x blonde.



Terelton Feature

Sean Galvin and his daughter Áine, run a pedigree and commercial Blonde D'Aquitaine herd in Macroom Co. Cork on a 40 acre holding, calving most of the year but trying to avoid May - July. Sean believes strongly in performance recording and using the best AI bulls whether that be French, British or Irish based bulls and is a member of Herd plus and the new Whole herd recording scheme.

Years of using top high index genetics combined with recording and predicted performance figures has put his herd in a strong position. Last year he sold the high maternal index Terelton Isaac a son of French maternal sire Hiver, into the gene ireland programme with Semen now available for use.

Sean sells pedigree bulls to commercial farmers and has been up until last Autumn 2016 selling the bottom end of the pedigree and his commercial calves for the export weanling market. In a change of practice he decided to keep on these bull calves and finish them himself, to utilise the full potential of the Blonde breed, he wasn't disappointed. The below table shows the results.

It proves that blonde sires can increase the out put of any suckler farm explosive weight for age, massive kill out % and top grades achieved. The other interesting thing about Sean and Aine's herd is the strong maternal performance it is achieving using 100% Blonde AI. Every cow has a calf every 362 days. With 0% mortality at calving !! These are the kind of figures suckler farmers need to aim for both maternal but powerful terminal power that only the Blonde D'Aquitaine breed can deliver.

DOB	Age	Tag	Slaughter Date	Carcass weight	Grade
31/08/2015	14 mths	436	10/11/2016	390kg	U+ 2+
15/08/2015	14mths	435	10/11/2016	414kg	U+ 3-
05/02/2016	14mths	456	24/04/2017	465kg	E= 2=
24/01/2016	14mths	452	24/04/2017	491kg	E= 2=
21/10/2015	19 mths	444	07/06/2017	495kg	E= 2+





Parental Performance of the Tereilton Blonde



Beef Calving Statistics (01/07/2016 --- 30/06/2017)

Call 023-8820452

Herd Owner: SEAN GALVIN

Herd Number: D2341132

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1. Summary Data

Report is based on beef cows with a calving record in the cattle breeding database and where the calving date is between 01/07/2016 and 30/06/2017 (Embryo births excluded)

	All	Heifers		All
Total Beef Calvings	24	8	No. of Cows not calved	1
No. of Calves - Live at Birth	26	8	No. of Calves - Live at 28 days	26
No. Calves - Dead at Birth	0	0	No. of eligible females ¹	25
No. Male Calves - Live at Birth	12	4		
No. Female Calves - Live at Birth	14	4	Average age at calving	Cows 11m 2y 0m Heifers 6y 11m 2y 0m

2. Top 5 Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)

1. Calving Interval (days)

Average number of days between successive calvings for cows calved during the period

Your Herd 362 days
National 400 days
Average

Btm 15% 437 days Achievable Top 15% 362 days

7.1%

2.1%

2. Mortality - Dead at Birth (%)

Number of calves born dead (0) as a proportion of all births during the period (26)

Your Herd 0%
National 4.6%
Average

9.1%

2.5%

3. Mortality - Dead at 28 Days (%)

Number of calves born dead or dead within 28 days. (0) as a proportion of all births recorded during the period. (26)

Your Herd 0%
National 5.7%
Average

0.65

0.98

4. Calves per cow per year²

Number of calves per cow per year, expressed as a proportion of all eligible females in the herd. (25)

Your Herd 1.05
National 0.82
Average

0%

50%

5. % of Heifers calved 22-26 months of age

The number of heifers calved in the period. (8) that were between 22 and 26 months of age. (6)

Your Herd 75%
National 24%
Average

1. Eligible females are defined as:

- All females that calved, in your herd, in the period from 01/07/2016 – 30/06/2017.
- All females that calved, at any time, before 01/07/2016, did not calve in the report period and are still in your herd on 01/07/2017.

2. The calves per cow per year figure is calculated as follows:

- $(365 / \text{Your calving interval figure}) \times (\text{No. of calves alive at 28 days} / \text{No. of eligible females})$



Parental Performance of the Terelton Blonde



Beef Calving Statistics (01/07/2016 --- 30/06/2017)

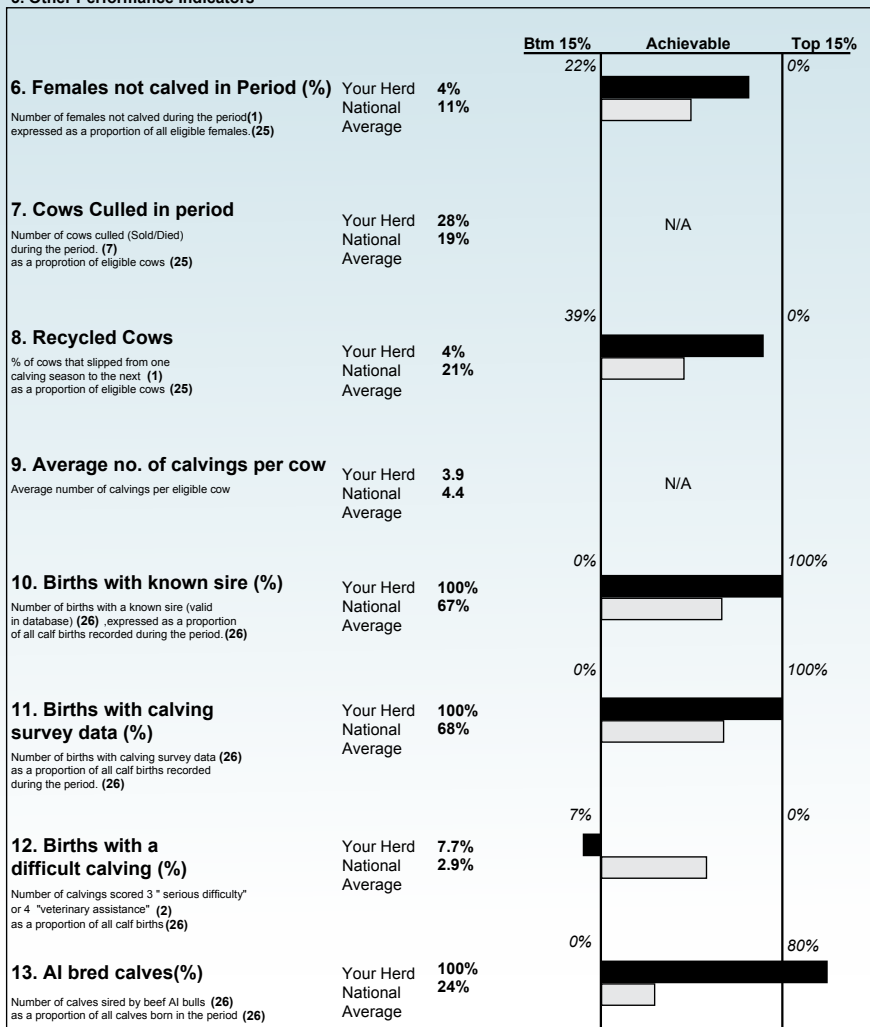
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Herd Owner: SEAN GALVIN

Herd Number: D2341132

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3. Other Performance Indicators





French Trip

In June this year myself Dessie Green Scaughmolin Blondes and Martin Lyons Sandyhill Blondes flew to Toulouse in the south west of France for 3 days of farm visits, to view what the French Blonde programme could do for Irish breeders. With the new beef data genomics scheme the focus has become more maternal and we arrived hoping to find 1 or 2 new bulls that could add maternal qualities. You will see on page 32 the detail this program goes into to select 2/3 of the top bulls every year (costing €600000 per bull to test !!)

We arrived in Toulouse at 16.00 French time, wow what a day 36 degrees. Our guide Cyril (who works for Evolution France, the export arm of the French program) was dressed in a t-shirt, shorts and sandals !!

FARM 1

We drove straight to the first farm owned by the father of the head technician with Auriva France (the company that arrange the whole maternal test program) Ludo Izard.

This was a large farm 250 hectares, 140 for grazing, 80 for hay, 20 for maize, 20 Lucerne and 10 Barley. 95% of feed produced on the farm.

100 pure bred Blonde cows and 20 montebeliarde cows, plus 180 ewes of the Romanie bred. 100% ai on this farm with year round calving. The top 20% of cows are mated to the best maternally tested sires Frenchy, Aramis and Fuxeen and from these the replacements are retained. The other 80% are ai'd to proven beef sires Gazou, Vivaldi and Aneto. After replacements are selected everything else is for veal production, slaughtered at 6 months of age, calves are kept inside on concentrates with the mothers let in twice daily. (calves are not allowed access to grass because it will turn the meat red). All the veal and lamb are sold in the farm shop at a premium price (€8.50 kg)

Cows graze from march to June when the temperature reaches 40 degrees the cows are

rehoused on silage until September time. This farm culls 30% of its cows yearly and this is a major part of the income, Cull cow prices for blonde cows at 500 kg carcase are € 6 / kg. Interestingly the calving index on this farm is 366 days. After this farm we drove back to our hotel.

FARM 2

The following morning we had an early start and drove 2 hours to the first farm of Mr. Alain Terrell.

Again all the cows were housed. This farm was 80 hectares (20 grazing, 20 crops, 40 hay/silage) with 70 Blonde cows, 18 incalf heifers and 18 yearling heifers all by maternally tested sires out of the highest index cows in the herd. Everything in this herd was performance recorded and high importance put on the figures.

100% artificial insemination again, maternally tested blonde on the best 25 cows and beef blonde on the rest. All calves not for replacements are sold to Italy at €3 / kg. Very nice calves by Gazou, Cabrel and Aramis. 374 day calving interval (100% ai remember) Next farm was close by.

FARM 3

Owner Marty Jerome, 65 hectares and 100 pure Blonde cows. Highly intensive farm, little or no grazing but a lot of maize grown. This was a real breeders/ show type herd , big cows but with power and width. Again very much into the performance data and using the right proven maternal bulls.

What was retained was sold to Italy and the growier males were slaughtered locally. Exceptional females here by the sire Edison, big but with muscle We were told that the Edisons females change after 12 months and grow a bit plain for the Irish market. Calving index here was 375 days. After a beautiful french style lunch, we travelled 1 hour to the next farm.

French Trip



• Angelo Cows



• Blonde cows housed in June



• Aramis Cows



Gazou's Daughter



• Aramis Daughter



• Carbel Daughter



• Required Signage on French Farms



French Trip

FARM 4

This farm is owned by Coq Bernard. A smaller farm for this area of 50 hectares, with 60 pure Blonde cows. 15 replacement heifers are retained every year, cows are culled for poor performance or when they reach 10 years old.

Label rouge approved farm so all calves except the bottom end which are sold to Italy are sold as veal under 7 months of age approx 350 kgs, which equates to 235 kg carcase @ €6, over €1400.

Again a big part of this farms income was the Cull cow targeting 550 / 600 kg carcase. 100% artificial insemination, very good cows here by anis and Angelo, with best calves by fuxeen and gazou. This breeder really liked Gaelic for growth and weight but they really were not our type (to big) Calving interval 373 days. Our last farm of the trip was near the town of Brive where we were staying the night.

FARM 5

45 hectare farm, with 45 cows. 30 hectares grass, 15 hectares cereals. Again label rouge approved so all calves targeting the veal market. So calves always inside cows in by night out by day. The cows here were the least quality we saw, plain types, but maybe one of the best farms in terms of calf quality.

Again using 100% Ai, the best calves here were gazou, Vivaldi and Aramis. This farm was a 1 man show, making a good living on 45 cows.

Bull Stud

The following morning we drove to the bull stud, owned by Auriva France where we viewed some of the beef bulls most notably Gazou. And were given a presentation of the whole French testage system and the bulls that we might find interesting for Ireland.

It was a very busy 3 days but we saw alot and I believe we have seen 2 or 3 bulls that can do a job here in Ireland. On the beefier type Gazou stood out, rated as good for calving, his progeny as very

thick and easy fleshing he really suits the plainer type cows. Gazou is the heaviest used beef blonde Sire in France 2017.

Glacon is another bull that will be useful, extreme muscle but not the power or fleshing of Gazou but more style. On the maternally proven bulls, 1 bull stands out as the next big thing.

Hashtag, a son of Aramis who we also saw very good progeny on the trip, out of an Angelo cow (the Angelo daughters were outstanding in France absolute power houses). Hashtag stands out in 5 vital areas, extremely easy calving, exceptional milk ability of daughters (the highest of his year), medium sized but very beefy, the best bull for docility of progeny on test and and excellent high performance pedigree.

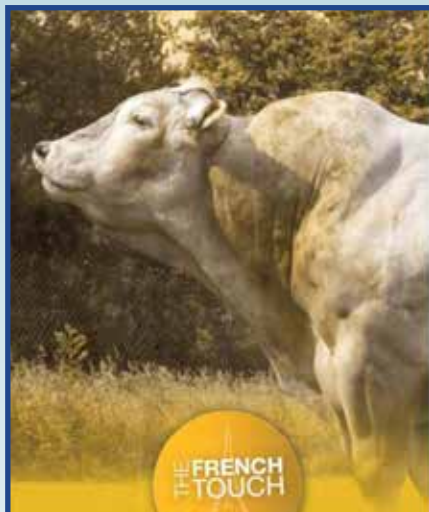
Aramis, Progeny stood out wherever we saw them, very correct types with square pelvic areas. He is easy calving and produces very milky daughters. Maybe not as good as his son Hashtag though.

Cabrel was another stand out bull, he breeds super cows but he's harder calving and has less milk than maybe is needed. But definitely a good bull.

Edison was another super cow breeder, the No1 bull used by the top breeder to produce cows, but again this is a big bull, with later maturing cattle that may not be suitable for Irish conditions.

So we selected these 6 bulls and have sent Semen straws for genotyping, with a view to importing Semen of Hashtag and Glacon this autumn through Ncbc and possibly a small amount of Edison and Cabrel on a pre order basis only. I would like to thank Auriva France and Evolution France for a very interesting trip and for the fantastic hospitality we were shown. The French system gives us another option at least.

Philip Crowe
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CRqms	Growth
DMqms	Muscular Development
DSqms	Skeletal Development
BIQOQqms	Type Growth
PREQqms	Early Sexual Development
IFERqms	Fertility
IVELqms	Calving Ability
IMERqms	Incidence Dam At Weaning
PLATqms	Milk Production
IQM	Maternal Qualities



BEEF ABILITIES

CRjbs/vbs	Growth w
DMjbs/vbs	Muscular Development
DSjbs	Skeletal Development
PCARjbs / vbs	Carcass Weight
RDJbs /vbs	Killing-Out Rate
CONFjbs /vbs	Conformation
GRASjbs / vbs	Fat
IABjbs/ vbs	Beef abilities
ICRCjbs /vbs	Carcass growth
CONFjbs /vbs	Carcass conformation
IABjbs /vbs	Total merit for beef abilities
IABE	Economic proof for beef abilities



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CRsev	Growth
DMsev	Muscular Development
DSsev	Skeletal Development
ISEVR	Weaning Proofs
AVel	Calving Ability
ALeiv	Suckling Ability
IVMAT	Total merit for maternal qualities



A Young Farmer in the Making!

Caitlin Creed from Macroom Co. Cork at Iverk Show Piltown Co. Kilkenny.



Congratulations to Eamonn and Ned O'Mahoney, Kiskeam on winning the Autumn Born Weanling Show and Sales. With an 8 month old Blonde D'Aquitaine Bull weighing 430kgs selling for €1,620 (€3.76/kg)

Using Blondes to Maximise Farm Profit

Andrew Carleton from Co. Monaghan has been using Blondes sires in his 50 cow suckler herd for the past 15 years. He runs 2 Blonde bulls, a son of the ever popular Fronfedw Arawn and other by Rayneside Brett.

This is a Birth to beef operation, with all calves reared to beef. Andrew feeds a 4 way blend with 36% Maize. All bull calves are finished as young bulls under 16 months, but normally from 13 to 15 months. Carcase weights of 360 kg to 400 kg are achieved, all e and u grade. The heifers are finished between 16 to 20, at 330 kg to 390 kgs. Interestingly 95% of what Andrew finished in 2017 have achieved a fat score of 3.

Andrews admits the bulls do have a better kill out than the heifers with bulls averaging 65% & heifers around 60 to 62%.

Andrews cows are either shorthorn or shorthorn cross blonde. He sights along with the exceptional growth and carcase of the blonde calves, that the ease of birth is a major advantage with calves up and suckling within minutes of birth. The calves only get creep for 3 weeks before weaning, if a cow can't feed her calf andrew culls her no 2nd chances here!



Why Blonde ?

When Andrew is asked why he only uses blondes sires his reasons are clear. Andrew says the Blonde breed is easy calving, with excellent temperament. On the performance side he believes nothing performs like a Blonde when fed, for Feed conversion, growth rate, Kill out % and grades the Blonde cannot be beaten. Andrew believes the breed is very under estimated and believes blonde genetics can improve profit margins for many Irish suckler farmers. We agree with you 100% and wish you continued success using the Blonde D'aquitaine breed.





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The Eurostar index's are not published as they are constantly changing in value and accuracy, but are available on the bull search www.icbf.com or on the Live herd book link on

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Sire Directory



• Vivaldi x messenger • Vivaldi x messenger • Ai : code BA2300

Gazou

- Progeny tested in France for beef traits
- Excels for growth, carcase confirmation and fleshing ability

Available Dovea Ai Thurles, Co. Tipperary
T: 050 421 755

Sire Directory



• Eilean godfather x Shapfell Vimto • Ai code : BA 4131

Baltra Iceman

- Irish bred test bull
- First progeny due autumn 2017
- High muscle and growth
- Excellent pedigree

Available Dovea Ai Thurles, Co. Tipperary
T: 050 421 755

Sire Directory



• Ardmore gargoye x Blackwater Ainsley • Ai code : pending

Silverwood Mark

- N.I bred test bull
- Progeny due 2018
- Mark was junior bull class winner at the N.I pedigree calf fair 2016

Available Bova Genetics Ballyart, Brittas, Limerick
M: 087 790 6085

Sire Directory



• Whistley Dollar x Ashtonlodge Jet • Ai code BA4031

Ark Diego

- Well bred British bull
- Good growth and carcase
- Well haired progeny

Available Eurogene AI Services, Carrigeen Commercial Park, Cahir, Co. Tipperary
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Sire Directory



• *Rocker (ogre) x Neuville* • *Ai code BA 2197*

BA 2197 Adonis

- *French maternally tested bull*
- *Big long progeny lacking muscle*
- *Exceptional for milk index 117 in France*

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Sire Directory



• *Oulou x Eder x Hyalin* • *Ai code WOA*

Courtwood Aidan

• *Irish bred bull*

• *3 generations of proven French Genetics*

• *Progeny have nice length and shape*

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• Druk lance x Druk Leo • Ai code DGK

Doncombe Aga Khan

- British bred bull by the famous Druk Lance
- Very successful show career behind him
- Progeny excel for growth and carcass
- Mature cows only

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• Budore Utah x Easerton Rowan • AI code YHG

Glenvale Harry

- Northern Irish bred bull
- Medium size with plenty of muscle
- Excellent carcase traits

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Sire Directory



• Iholdy x Golfe • Ai code S757

Romarin

- French proven bull
- Very easy calving (110 French index)
- Good muscle and growth with medium size
- Daughters come on heat at a young age
- Below average Milk

Available NCBC Partners

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Sire Directory



• Aramis x Angelo • Ai code Pending

Hashtag

- **Star of the 2017 French maternal programme**
 - **Very easy calving (118 French index)**
 - **Good muscle and carcass**
- **Highest Milk index of the test group 113**
- **Full package easy calving, muscle and milk**

Available NCBC Partners

Munster AI Contact T: 022 43228 / Progressive Genetics T: 1850 20 20 50

Sire Directory



• Tournesol (landais) x Orion • Ai code BA4283

Faust

- French progeny tested sire
- Easy calving (105)
- Red bull with good carcass traits
- Correct bull and thick

Available NCBC Partners

Munster AI Contact T: 022 43228 / Progressive Genetics T: 1850 20 20 50



Sire Directory



• *Druk Genisis x Yogi* • *AI code S985*

Blacwater Ainsley

- *Highly proven British bred sire*
- *Sons are topping UK sales year in year out*
- *Good carcase and growth , excellent fleshing ability*

Available NCBC Partners

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Sire Directory



• Eugene x Impact • Ai code S1266

Aneto

- French beef tested sire
- Easy calving (108 French index)
- Excellent muscular development
- Poor skeletal development

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• Jet x Fronfedw Medwin • Ai code s984

Arawn

- *Highly proven British bred sire*
- *Easy calving*
- *Excellent carcase and growth*
- *Medium sized*

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Sire Directory



• Leo (Crack) x Inedit • Ai code BA 2139

Aramis

- *Proven high maternal sire from French maternal programme*
- *Easy calving*
- *Medium sized with good muscle development*
- *High milk (114 French index)*

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Sire Directory



• Ballygowan Noble x Whistley Dollar • Ai code S2178

Eilean Godfather

- *British Bred bull*
- *Former champion at British Blonde society premier sale Carlisle*
- *First son sold to Dovea ai Baltra Iceman*
- *Progeny are heavy and very thick*

Available **Dessie Donhoe, Oldcastle Co. Meath**
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Sire Directory



Seaview Barney x Shanvalley Dancer • Ai code BA2308

Stoneleigh Inzagi

- *Irish bred bull*
- *Son of super carcase bull Seaview Barney*
- *First reports are positive on progeny*

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