

SALERS CATTLE SOCIETY OF IRELAND LTD.

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NATIONAL HALL OF FAME AWARDS

2017 HALL OF FAME FOR BERNARD HUNT:

Bernard is from Gurteen, Co. Sligo. His father Brian Hunt established the famous "Sligo" Herd since 1995. The Sligo herd grew by importing Salers annually over the following years from top Salers herds in France. The success of the herd can be attributed to the careful selection and importation of females from proven French lines.

Bernard has great success at showing cattle at Regional shows every year. His winning titles include Overall National Large Salers Herd, All Ireland Calf Champions both Male and Female, All Ireland Cow Champions and winning Overall Salers Champions at Tullamore Show for four years in a row and many Overall Champions at numerous Regional shows.

Bernard is and has been an active member of the Salers council for many years.

He is supported by his wife Liz and his two sons, Einri and Caelan.



Aogan O Fearghail, GAA President, presenting National Hall of Fame Award to Bernard Hunt.

2018 HALL OF FAME FOR JOHN O'MALLEY:

John O' Malley became interested in Salers Cattle when he heard the words describing them as cattle that thrive on rough grazing, he thought they might suit the rough terrain of Connemara where he farms. In spring of 1999 his first commercial calves were born from Al Salers Bull, all born outside without any problem. The following Autumn he sold his weanlings at the local mart, they had best growth rate of any breed he had used before and got the best price in the mart on the night, from then on, he was hooked on Salers.

He bought his first Salers bull in 2000. In 2002 he went to France to the National Salers show and has been a regular visitor since. He bought his first pedigree heifer from the Brihat herd in France in 2004, which started the Connemara Salers Herd. He bought some pedigree heifers in Ireland and another French heifer from Dauzet France herd in 2006. John organizes the Salers Class at Oughterard Show for many years. He travels regularly to Shows in Balmoral, Royal



Mr. Denis Naughten TD presenting National Hall of Fame Award 2018 to John O'Malley.

Highland and Royal Welsh and has shown successfully at shows and sales in Ireland. He has been a council member for many years. His latest interest is to get a Polled Gene into the herd to which the first Homozygous heifer calf was born in 2018, to an imported English polled heifer. John helps out on the Salers stand at the National Ploughing every year. For his dedication to the breed he receives the Hall of Fame award.

Congratulations to David Oliver, Earlsquarter, Riverstown, Dundalk, Co. Louth winner of the photo competition for his photo on the front cover.

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SERCRETARYS REPORT



It's this time of year again when we are putting together the Salers for Suckling Journal 9th edition. I am amazed how far we have come as we have no problem filling this journal with loads of very informative articles and events which have gone on since our last publication.

We held our very first social evening and dinner dance to raise funds for two charities close to our hearts and to enjoy meeting other Salers breeders on a social occasion. It was a great night had by all and you can read all about the presentations and speeches on page 46.

The Salers breed is going from strength to strength. The ICBF (Irish Cattle Breeding Federation) graph shows how Salers have the Top Replacement Index Breed Percentiles. We as Salers breeders know how good Salers cattle are and now it is starting to show and prove how good Salers really are, through ICBF.

Replacement Index Breed Percentiles (May 2018)

I would like to thank all Salers breeders for their continued support over the years, no matter what is on we get great support, it could be at Show & Sales, Regional Shows, Gort Sale, the Grooming day, the Salers stand at the National Ploughing, the Social night and Dinner Dance or buying a raffle ticket, we appreciate your support.

Finally, thanks to our Council members for giving up their time to travel to meetings during the year and to our Chairman Eddie Brennan and a special thanks to Em Farrell who helps behind the scenes of the Salers Cattle Society of Ireland.

Meryl Gillespie Secretary

(ICDE	20%	40%	60%	80%
ICBF	**	***	****	****
All Breeds (Across Breed)	€45	€64	€80	€99
Angus	€69	€84	€97	€112
Aubrac	€110	€129	€142	€157
Blonde d'Aquitaine	€27	€44	€58	€73
Belgian Blue	-€23	€4	€25	€47
Charolais	€14	€36	€54	€74
Hereford	€28	€44	€58	€73
Limousin	€56	€74	€89	€107
Piedmontese	€86	€105	€120	€135
Parthenaise	€76	€93	€106	€121
Salers	€125	€140	€153	€168
Shorthorn	€98	€110	€120	€132
Simmental	€91	€108	€122	€138
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Chairman's Report

Over the last couple of years, we have some great Salers bulls gone through the Gene Ireland Programme. I feel we are making great progress working with I.C.B.F. and we are fulfilling all the criteria for the B.D.G.P. suckler scheme, with most of our cows and bulls being mostly 5-star rating. As we have all known for many years Salers have high fertility and excellent milk yield. I would like to encourage more breeders to use the Whole Herd Performance Recording Programme (WHPR) with I.C.B.F. as I think this is a great bonus to us for the B.D.G.P. scheme and for selling bulls.

In the future I would like to see more breeders involved in the promotion of the Salers breed. Only for two or three breeders who exhibit at all shows, our numbers would be very small. Showing is your shop window and continues to be the cheapest and best form of advertisement for both the breed and your herd.

This year we also had our first social dinner dance. It proved to be a great success. On the night we had a very

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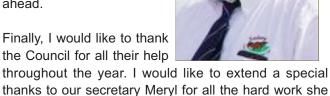
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successful raffle which raised money for charities Ataxia Ireland and Duchenne. We would like to thank everyone for their support and we look forward to many more in the years ahead.

Finally, I would like to thank the Council for all their help



does for the society. Wishing all breeders and council members every

Eddie Brennan Chairman

success in the future.



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Desire to drink urine = Reduced growth

Fertility problems

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REGISTRATIONS

NEW MEMBERS: All new breeders will be requested to complete an "Application for Membership" form & sign a "white form", this form allows us access to your Pedigree Salers Data through ICBF for Pedigree Registrations.

All Pedigree animals have to be registered on line or through the Animal Events Recording Sheets, making sure to name a pedigree calf, (instead of the old white cards, as notification of birth now goes through to I.C.B.F.). **Do not send any money with sheet to I.C.B.F.**.

Payment Fee and Notification of Pedigree Calf Registration must be paid before calf reaches 40 days of age, otherwise late penalties will apply. Calf National I.D. number must be supplied with payment. Send to Salers Secretary.

DIRECT DEBITS. Payment by Direct Debit for calf registrations means no need to send cheques or notify society when calves are born, as long as the calves are named when registering, and inseminations have been recorded. A statement detailing the registrations will be sent out to the breeder 12 days before payment is taken, allowing ample time to query the invoice if necessary.

Direct Debit avoids late penalties and is hassle free. If you choose to pay by Direct Debit please contact secretary.

Herd Prefix. This is a name you choose to call your herd.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION No animal will be registered until Annual Subscription for the year is paid. Subscriptions are due on 1st January each year. Standing Order Form/Direct Debit Form is available from Secretary. No invoice is sent so it would be helpful if all members would pay promptly.

CALF REGISTRATION When a calf is born and you register it either on line or through the Animal Events Recording Book, you must name the calf for it to become a pedigree. If it is not named it won't be picked up. Only name the calves you want pedigree registered. Do **NOT** name a calf if you don't intend to pedigree register it. A cancellation fee of €5. applies for calves that are named and not completed with pedigree registrations.

Name of calf. All calves born in the year 2018, their name should start with the letter "T", e.g.Tom or Tina, the year 2019, start with the letter "U" etc..

The Birth notification time is 40 days from date of birth. Late penalties will apply. (See charges).

INSEMINATIONS If your A.I. technician, has a handheld linked to I.C.B.F. it should go through on the system automatically.

If your A.I. technician hasn't a handheld, the insemination must go through ICBF, this can be done various ways. You will have to go through the ICBF web-site (www.icbf.com) (help desk 1850625626), then go to "Record Events" Record A.I./ Natural Services, the date of insemination must be manually put in by you and the A.I code of the bull used for that dam.

If you use the "Animal Events Recording Book", you must complete the Insemination or Service section, completing the date of event, ear tag number of the dam, AI code or ear tag number of bull.

Send A.I. Certificates to Secretary with payment for Registrations of calves.

D.I.Y. A.I. Inseminators must record all inseminations through I.C.B.F. either on line or through the Animal Events Recording Book.

STOCK BULLS Stock Bull owners should record the date of when the Bull is put into the herd and record through Animal Events again when the Bull is taken away. This will have to be done through the "Animal Events Recording Book".

All Stock Bulls **must** be DNA typed or Geno typed to register pedigree calves born

DNA bags are available from Secretary. Breeder pays for his own bull to be DNA'd.

IMPORTS The original Pedigree Certificate and Beta-mannosidosis Certificate along with payment, should be sent to Secretary within 3 months from date of entry or late penalties apply.

EXPORTS Any pedigree animals being exported from Ireland must have an Export Pedigree Certificate which can be got from Salers Cattle Society by the seller and all males must be full parent DNA'd for Sire and Dam.

The Society will cover the cost for the Export Cert for Bulls only that are sold at our Pedigree Show and Sale. The beta-mannosidosis test would have been done by parentage.

The Salers Cattle Society Herdbook in the U.K requires a Betamannosidosis Cert report for an animal that's imported into the U.K or Northern Ireland for Pedigree Registrations. (This requirement is not required for cross-bred breeders. This only effects Pedigree breeders who wish to Register Pedigree animals in the U.K. herdbook.)

This test can be done by getting a Beta test form from the Irish Salers Society at a fee of €75.00 and a blood sample taken by the vet which is sent to Weatherbys.

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP This fee (see charges) is payable by the purchaser who should obtain the Certificate from the seller and forward to the Secretary to transfer into his/her name.

EMBRYO TRANSPLANT (ET) If a calf is got by Embryo Transplant, (ET) will follow its name.

ET Pedigree calves must be parentage DNA'd within 6 months of birth.

No calves will be registered unless they have a two generation pedigree certificate for Sire and Dam and have been tested as non-carriers for Beta-mannosidosis or are non-carrier by parentage.

No transactions complete until all payments are paid and paperwork correctly supplied. It is the responsibility of the member to get all relevant information to the Society Office on time or late penalties will be incurred.

CHARGES	€	CHARGES	€
All female and male calves (except ET) up to 40 days	50	Registration of Imported Cattle	
40 days to 90 days	70	up to 3 months from date of entry	50
91 days to 180 days	120	3 - 6 months from date of entry	85
6 months to 12 months, Full parentage DNA required. Over 12 months old must be inspected and		after 6 months from date of entry	135
Full parent DNA'd and all expenses paid by the owner.		Registration 1st and 2nd cross up to 1 yr.	15
		Over 1 yr.	40
Cancellation fee	5		
		Embryo transplant (ET) calves up to 40 days	55
Transfer of Ownership	25	40 days to 90 days	100
		91 days to 180 days	150
Annual Subscription - Standing order form	45		
		Registration of Embryos (including Imported) minimum per	
By cheque/cash/postal order	50	animal flushed (up to 10 embryos)	14
		thereafter per embryo	1
Associate members annual subscription	25		
		After 3 months - minimum per animal flushed	
Joining Fees and registration of herd prefix	50	(up to 10 embryos)	30
		thereafter per embryo	2
Export certificate	40		

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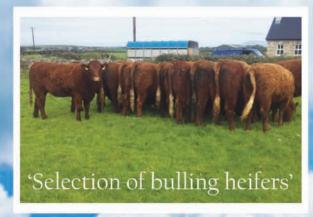
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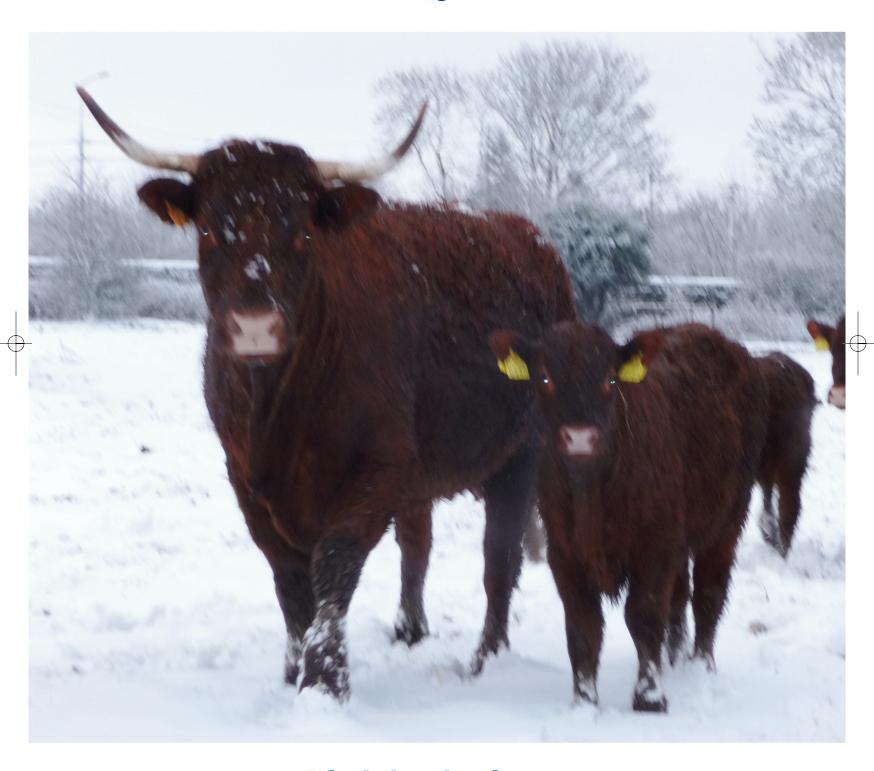
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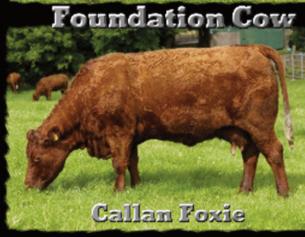
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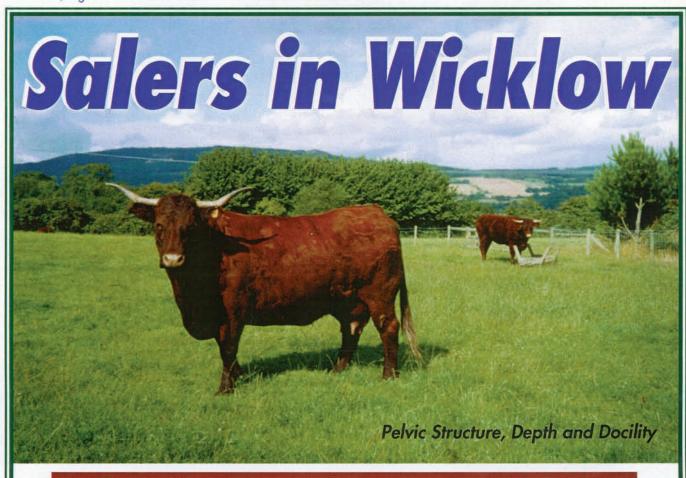


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SALERS BULL TICKS ALL THE BOXES ON CO. MEATH DAIRY FARM

I farm 200 acres in Kells, Co. Meath and milk 140 cows. Over the years I have been listening to farm research organisations advocating that the replacement heifers should be put in calf to high index dairy bulls which I have practised but with extreme difficulty as a high percentage of my heifers can have difficult calvings. Losses occur and animals are down which increases workload and in a modern dairy farm the last thing you want to be doing is increasing workload that are already horrendous anyway.

A few years ago at the Tullamore Show I got talking to a Co. Clare Salers breeder who told me all about this wonderful breed he was exhibiting. John Burke extolled at length their attributes, ease of calving, fertility etc. etc. I had never heard of them let alone seen them until then. However, the one thing that caught my attention was the ease of calving bit. He went so far as to tell me that he would give me a written guarantee that by using a Salers bull on my Holstein heifers I would eliminate difficult calvings down to a tiny percentage if not altogether. He explained that a low sized long thick bull was what would be required for Holsteins.

I came away from Tullamore and thought no more about Salers cattle until the following spring when on one particular week I had a lot of difficult calvings and I suppose due to lack of sleep and feeling very fed up, my thoughts went back to Tullamore and this easy calving breed. Luckily I had picked up a copy of the Salers society journal and was able to track down the breeder's details. I rang him and there and then purchased a bull over the phone. It was a move that was to make my life so much easier.

After the first 10 heifers had calved the following spring I knew I was on to a winner. In fact, I was so pleased I rang John to thank him for putting me on the right track. I am now on to my third Salers bull and life is great, calving wise

anyway. I have also reared some of these crosses to beef and am astounded how easily they finish so am baffled as to why this breed is not being promoted more with dairy men as it has so much to offer in terms of ease of calving, hardiness and quick thrive.

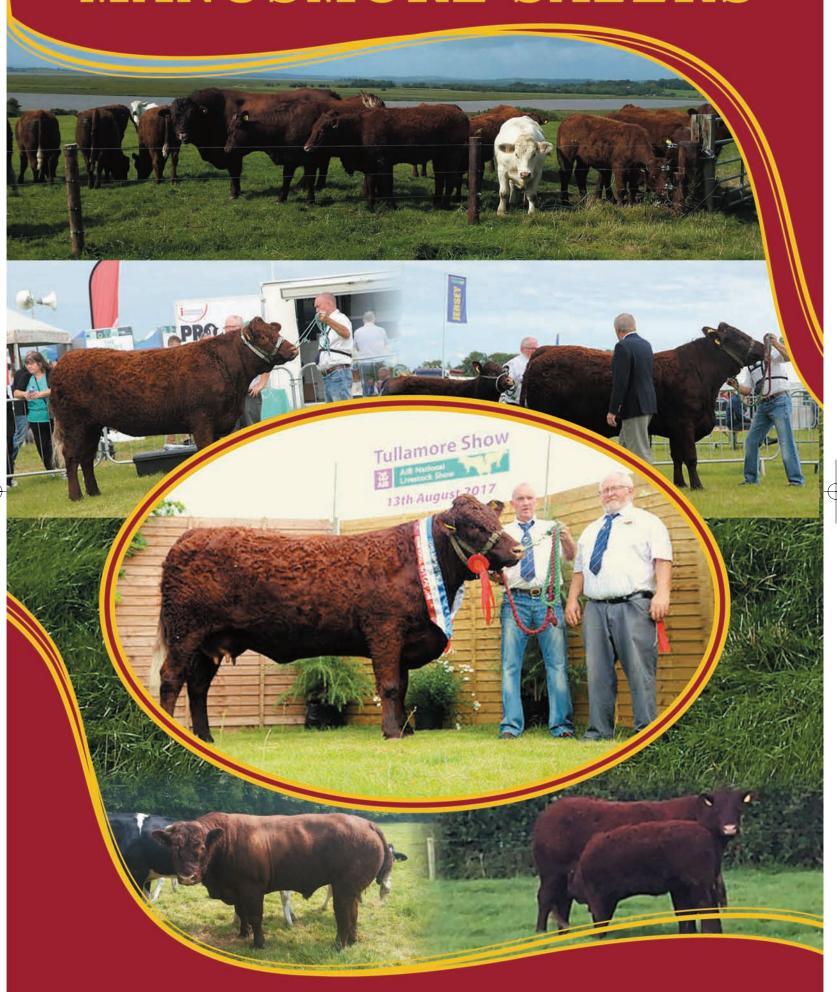
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SALERS X DAIRY COWS DOING THE BUSINESS IN PALLASKENRY

Having heard that the new look suckler herd in Pallaskenry Agricultural College had a strong Salers influence, I decided to arrange a visit. John Flannery, beef specialist and teacher in the college, was kind enough to give me a tour of the impressive college farm in July 2018.

Consisting of 500 acres on the banks of the River Shannon in Co. Limerick, Pallaskenry Ag College contains a 265 strong dairy herd, a 30 cow suckler herd and a 150 ewe flock. Throw in 750 students between all the various courses and you quickly realise that, in this busy and dynamic environment, everyone and everything need to do what they are supposed to do. Little wonder then that the Salers breed features so prominently in the college's suckler herd.

Having heard about the Salers cow's calving ability, fertility, docility and milk ability, the college decided to source Salers cross heifers bred from dairy cows. Their aim was to have a medium sized cow that would do the basics well; go in calf easily, calve without problems and rear a good calf, all while being easily maintained. They found what they were looking for on the farm of Pádraig Condron in Co. Limerick. They purchased 20 yearling heifers from him in February 2017. They weighed approximately 220kg on average at purchase.

The heifers were synchronised and bred using fixed time AI on 18th May 2017 with great success. Twenty-six out of thirty animals kept to AI (There are ten non-Salers cows in the

herd). Limousin bull ZAG was the chosen sire. I saw these first calving 2 year olds with their late February born calves at almost 5 months of age. Due to the drought conditions and poor grass growth, the suckler herd was being buffer fed hay in a paddock. Calves were of good quality and clearly growing well. The SAX first calvers were also in good condition, despite rearing good calves, coping with drought conditions, lack of grass and still only 27 – 29 months old. My host, John Flannery, informed me that they now weighed 500kg on average.

The college are very pleased with their decision to turn to Salers and have purchased further replacement heifers from the same source this year. They are also running a Salers bull with the herd to catch any repeats following Al. Incidentally, increasingly more farmers, both suckler and dairy, are opting for a Salers bull to mop up after Al due to their fertility and their ability to cover large numbers of cows with ease.

While the Salers x dairy first calvers are working well thus far in Pallaskenry Agricultural College, the real test will be next year when progeny is slaughtered. The college presently plan to bring all progeny, both male and female, to beef. We await the first results of the under-16 month bull beef in anticipation. *Watch this space!*



2018 RDS SPRING AWARDS

Congratulations to Joe & Richard Fortune, Knottown, Co. Wexford on winning the RDS Beef Herd Award for the Highest Genetic Indexes at a ceremony in Ballsbridge, Dublin in April. The Fortunes who farm the Knottown Salers herd also received in 2013 the RDS Maternal Index Award for their outstanding Salers cow Usance.

Their winning beef herd have an average €uro-Star replacement index of €192, an average calving interval of 375 days, and an average calves/cow/year rate of 1.03/calves/cow/year.



Stasia and Joe Fortune receiving the presentation from Andrew Doyle T.D. Junior Minister of State of the Department of Agriculture.

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UNDER 16 MONTH BULL BEEF

In spring 2016 Ross Brady from Tullamore decided to AI some of his continental suckler cows to Salers bull Highfield Odran in order to breed his own replacements. When his cows calved down in spring 2017, he ended up with a number of bull calves.

Initially disappointed not to get as many heifers as he had hoped for, Ross noticed that his Salers cross bulls calves were of good quality. He monitored them with interest. Pleased with what he saw, Ross decided to finish them as under-16 month bull beef.

The bulls were put on their finishing diet at a live weight of 500kg. They were built up to 12kg concentrate along with grass silage. They averaged an impressive 1.8kg daily live weight gain over the final 100 days feeding. They were finished at 15 months.

The bulls were weighed the morning before being loaded for the factory. The three Salers cross bulls in the group weighed from 675kg to 682kg live and killed out from 58% to 61%. Their grades and fat scores can be seen in the table. The Salers bulls are tag numbers 116, 118 and 119.

Some finishers report that the Salers bullock can keep growing and can therefore take a little longer to finish than his other continental comrades. This is certainly true of the taller, leggier type of Salers. However, with more breeders selecting for easier fleshing, while not losing sight of the key maternal characteristics of calving ease, milk and fertility, we can expect to see less of these tall types into the future.

While the Salers is predominantly a maternal breed, Ross's experience of finishing male Salers in a bull beef system, proved very successful. Indeed, many beef farmers who finish as bulls report that the Salers bulls perform very favourably in this system. It is worth mentioning that bull beef is not for the faint hearted and should not be entered into without giving due consideration to safety issues and having adequate handling facilities.

Declan Bell





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ALL IRELAND COW 2017 -MANUSMORE-KIM





DECLAN BELL ALL IRELAND COW 2016 PRESENTATION

WHY DID THAT BULL'S FIGURES FALL?

Pat Donnellan (ICBF)

ICBF have used a Limousin bull as a case study example but the breed is irrelevant – there are points to learn for all breeders out of the explanations as to why the bull's figures fell in this article (sure its

hard to find a Saler bull whose figures fall anyway!)

A bull's €uro-Star figures dropping is very frustrating for a farmer that had used that bull based on his figures before they changed. Following is an example of a Limousin AI bull called 'Wilodge Cerberus' (WGE) whose figures have fallen. The very same explanations would hold true for a Saler bull also.

In May 2018 he is €48 (1 star) for 'Replacement Index' with a reliability of 90%. In May 2017 he was €111 (5 stars) for 'Replacement Index' with a reliability of 83%.

Table 1: 'Replacement Index' with a reliability of 83%.

WGE - Replacement Index										
Eval Date	Replacement Index	Reliability %	€uro-Stars							
May-18	€48	90%	*							
May-17	€111	83%	****							

Table 1: 'Replacement Index' €uro-Stars for 'WGE', May'18 v May'17

Q1. WHAT ARE THE MAIN REASONS FOR THE BULLS FIGURES DROPPING FROM 5 STAR TO ONE STAR IN ONE YEAR GIVEN HIS RELIABILITY % WAS ALREADY HIGH WITH OVER 1000 PROGENY INCLUDED IN THE EVALUATION?

Reliability %: 80% reliability for an overall index is not extremely high – there is still room for movement. It is only when a bull goes over 95% reliable that his index will remain extremely stable.

Replacement Index Structure:

'WGE' progeny were found to perform well for the main beef and calving traits which makes up 55% of the overall 'Replacement Index'. So he started out with a good index.

It was only then later on when 'Milk' and 'Fertility' could be recorded on his daughters after they calved that it was found they were far heavier and not as fertile as the other cows in their herds. 40% of the 'Replacement Index' is made up of beef traits, as we need our suckler cows to have good conformation as well as good milk and fertility. He has always been rated highly for the beef traits which are always the first traits to be collected on a bull's progeny so his Terminal

Index has always been high and until large numbers of his daughters started calving for a second time his 'Replacement Index' was being largely driven by his beef traits e.g. carcass weight. However, the maternal aspect of a bull's proof is always the last piece of the jigsaw and it is that part of his 'Replacement Index' that is now affecting 'WGE's' overall figure.



Figure 1: 'Replacement Index' makeup traits

WGE - Daughter Fertility

Eval Date Calving Interval Reliability % €uro-Stars Daughters

May-18 8.11 days 73% ★ 278

May-17 2.52 days 57% ★ 140

Daughter Fertility: The main reason that the Replacement Index for 'WGE' has decreased is because it is only now that the fertility performance of his daughters has become fully known. He does have over 1000 calves born

Table 2: 'Calving Interval' index figures for 'WGE'

in Ireland but it is only his daughters that calve that contribute to his fertility index. Given that 'Calving Interval' is a lowly heritable trait, you need a lot more records to lift its reliability% than you would for other more highly heritable traits such as calving difficulty. So although he has sired over 1000 calves, in May 2017 he only had 140 cows with calving interval figures. The performance of his daughters for fertility in Irish herds and the data returned on him by Irish farmers always had him rated as a 1 or 2 star bull for calving interval.

Cow Liveweight: His daughters were found to be 17kgs heavier and 1.5 parities younger than their herdmates. Given the number of his daughters that have been weighed, mainly through the WHPR program, this information is now 97% reliable.

	WGE - Cow Liveweight									
Eval Date	No of I	Records	Avg. Days	since Calving	Avera	ge Parity	Avg. Cow Liveweight (kg)			
Eval Date	Progeny	Herdmates	Progeny	Herdmates	Progeny	Herdmates	Progeny	Herdmates		
May-18	154	948	203	170	1.8	3.2	739 kgs	722 kgs		

Table 3: Cow Liveweight data for daughters of 'WGE'

Genomics: He was also only genotyped in December 2017 which also contributed to his 'calving interval' index decreasing and his terminal traits increasing. If he had been genotyped earlier then this reduction in his proof would have happened earlier in his career.

Q2. WHY HAS THIS CHANGE ONLY OCCURRED IN THE PAST YEAR SUBSEQUENT TO NUMEROUS YEARS AS A HIGHLY RANKED BULL?

He was never ranked highly for 'Calving Interval'. His overall 'Replacement Index' was being helped greatly by his excellent terminal traits but both his index for 'Calving Interval' and the reliability of same were always low.

He gained an extra 50 daughters in his proof in May 2018 and the average 'Calving Interval' of his daughters disimproved by 2 weeks and was further behind that of their herdmates who calved in the same herds.

WGE - Daughter Fertility								
Eval Date	Daughters	Herdmates		Herdmate Calv. Int				
May-18	278	1318	435 days	401 days				
Dec-17	228	1170	421 days	398 days				

Table 4: Calving Interval data for daughters of 'WGE'

Q3. IS IT COMMON FOR BULLS WITH SUCH A HIGH RELIABILITY BEHIND THEIR INDEX TO DROP SO SEVERELY IN THE SPACE OF A YEAR?

His 'Calving Interval' index reliability % was only at 57% which indicates that there is large room for movement. Even for an overall index reliability of 80% there is still room for movement, especially when there is such a shift in performance for a trait as economically important as 'calving interval'.

Q4. HIS SIRE WILODGE TONKA HAS A REPLACEMENT VALUE OF €132 AT 87% RELIABLE. WITH HIS SON SEEING SUCH A DROP IS IT LIKELY HIS INDEX WILL CHANGE OVER THE COMING MONTHS?

WTA has 262 daughters of his own in Ireland and their calving intervals, although behind that of their herdmates, the difference is not as great as it is for WGE:

His reliability for 'Calving Interval' is 71% so again there is room for movement but compared to WGE the on the ground performance of his daughters to-date is better. Another point to note on him is that he is not genotyped – again if he was this could also move his figures but will always increase his reliability%.

WTA - Daughter Fertility									
Eval Date	Daughters	Herdmates	Daughter Calv. Int	Herdmate Calv. Int					
May-18	262	1407	416 days	408 days					
Dec-17	232	1237	415 days	409 days					

Table 5: Calving Interval data for daughters of 'WTA' who is the sire of 'WGE'.

Q5. WHAT IMPACT DOES UK DATA HAVE ON HIS PROOF?

UK data is used for the calving, weight and milk traits but is currently not sent to us for the fertility traits. It is however planned to include it as part of the international sharing of beef evaluations project called 'Interbeef' which is making great progress in this area. That said, for this bull, given the number of daughters that he now has here together with his genotype tells us everything about his genetic ability, without including UK data.

$\mathbf{Q6}_{\blacksquare}$ at what number of progeny will the level of fluctuation on stars drop?

That depends on the trait. Normally once an Al bull is already genotyped and is over 95% reliable then the expected movements of the proof will be small.

Q7. IS THERE A CHANCE WILODGE CERBERUS WILL RETURN TO FIVE STARS BEFORE HE IS FULLY PROVEN?

He is currently at 73% reliable for calving interval so there is room for change but if his daughters continue to demonstrate their current poor fertility performance then this is unlikely.

Q8. A LOT OF HIS DAUGHTERS WERE FLUSHED FOR EMBRYO TRANSFER WORK, WOULD THIS HAVE AFFECTED HIS FIGURES?

No, these daughters are always excluded from his €uro-Star calculations.

Q9. IN GENERAL HIS PROGENY EXHIBIT SUPERB CONFORMATION AND HAVE DONE WELL AT SHOWS AND ACHIEVED VERY HIGH PRICES AT SALES, IS THIS NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT?

His 'Terminal Index' which includes the traits that would contribute to show success and visually looking very well such as carcass weight, conformation and muscle, has always been in '5 star' territory. The 'Replacement Index', as already explained includes a

mixture of these traits together with the maternal traits of milk and fertility. It is these maternal traits that disimproved and caused his drop in index.

r				WGE - Terminal Index						
ĺ	Eval Date	Terminal Index	Reliability %	€uro-Stars	No of Records		Avg. Age at Slaughter		Avg. Carcass Weight	
ł	May-18	€156	91%	****	Progeny	Herdmates	Progeny	Herdmates	Progeny	Herdmates
	May-17	€168	88%	****	154	948	714 days	719 days	406 kg	398 kg

Table 6: Terminal index data for progeny of 'WGE'

Q10. HOW DO BREEDERS PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST USING BULLS WHOSE FIGURES DROP?

- ▶ Pay close attention to reliability%. If a bull is under 95% for the 'Replacement Index' he should not be over used.
- ▶ Use 'teams' of bulls otherwise new bloodlines will not be discovered. However make sure that some high reliability bulls are part of your team.
- ▶ Support the 'Gene Ireland' progeny test program. By routinely progeny testing young bulls with high 'replacement index' figures you will have a wider selection of proven Al Sires with high reliability % figures from which to choose from.

All of the data used in this article is freely available on the ICBF website. Enter an animal's tag number into the 'Animal Search' and then click on the tabs to find out more about how an animal's index is calculated.

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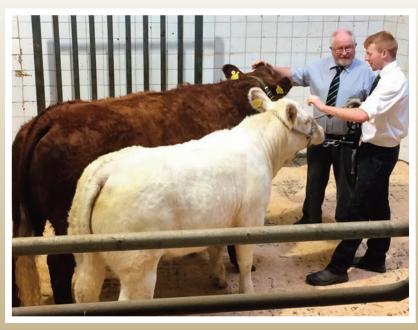


A Pedigree Showing & Grooming Spectacular was held in Tullamore Mart.

Pedigree Societies got together for a one day technical information sharing event.

Thanks to Declan Bell and John Burke for providing cattle for this event and a big thanks to the handlers Amanda Ward and Niall Hunt, also thanks to Aidan Houlihan who demonstrated clipping and grooming techniques.

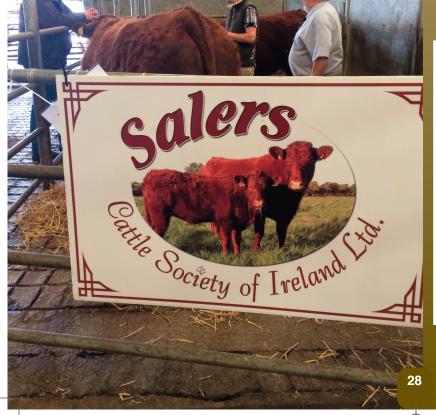
Preparing the cattle at Grooming day



Grooming Day



Jimmy McGroarty, Eddie Brennan, Anne and Em Farrell attending the Grooming Day





Parade at Grooming Day

SALERS CROSSBRED HEIFER SALES



Bernie (Manager Gort Mart), Kieran Bell, Michael Fox (Judge) & Declan Bell.



Bernie (Manager Gort Mart), Michael Kelly, Michael Fox (Judge)

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Bernie (Manager Gort Mart), Michael Fox (Judge), Mark keating

Salers Crossbred Heifer Sale Gort 2017

The Salers Cattle Society held their 12th annual crossbred heifer show and sale in Gort Mart on Saturday 21st October. Having gone from strength to strength in recent years and with ever increasing demand for Salers females, it was decided that a stand-alone Saturday sale was a better option to the normal Thursday evening sale. This proved to be an inspired move with the daytime sale proving popular with buyers and sellers alike. There were classes for weanling heifers, maiden heifers and in-calf heifers with a large entry in each class. Organisers feared that Storm Brian may have proven a deterrent to buyers but such fears proved unfounded. In front of a large attendance, quality lots met with strong demand. Weanling heifers averaged €900 with a top of €1220. Maiden heifers averaged €1110 with a top price of €1500 while the in-calf heifers sold to a maximum of €1900 with an average of €1620. Prize-winners on the day included Michael Kelly with the 1st placed in-calf heifer, Michael O'Sullivan with the top maiden heifer and Declan Bell, Clarecastle with 1st in the weanling heifer section.

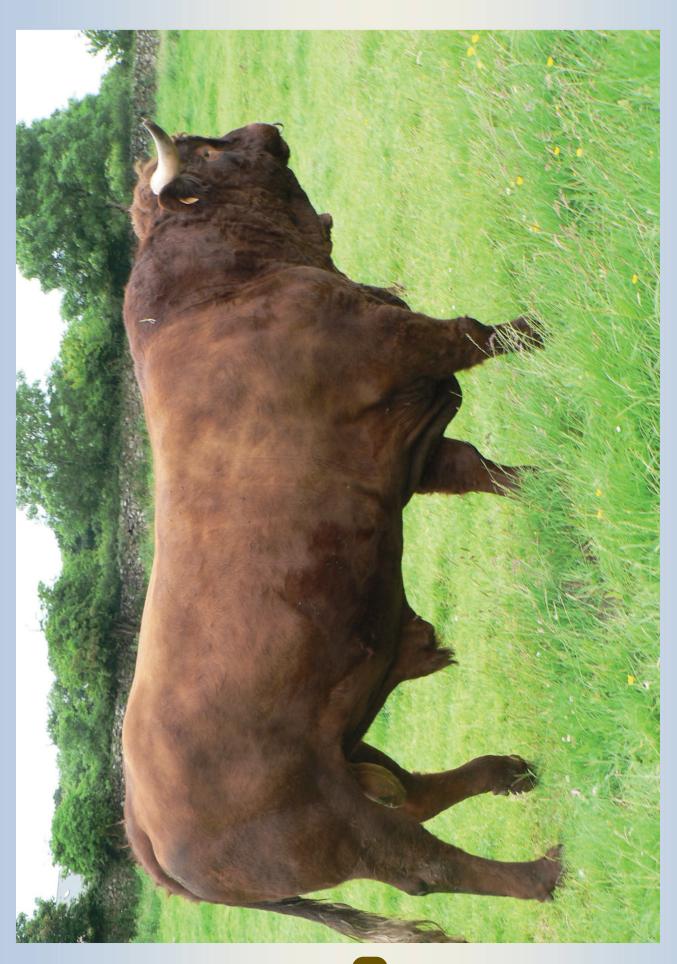
Salers Crossbred Heifer Sale Gort 2016

The 11th annual Salers crossbred heifer sale took place on Thursday 27th October in Gort Mart, Co. Galway. The evening sale saw its biggest ever entry, reflecting the increased number of suckler farmers running Salers bulls with their herds. The current downturn in beef prices played its part, with prices slightly back on last year's very successful sale. However, despite this year's difficult circumstances there was strong demand for quality lots on the night with buyers coming from right across the country including Northern Ireland. In-calf heifers averaged close to €1400 with a top price of €1710. Maiden heifers averaged €1060 with a top price of €1750. Weanling heifers, many of which were late spring born and consequently quite light, averaged €850. The top priced weanling heifer, achieving €1950, was a promising ten month old pedigree registered heifer from the Clew Bay herd of Mr. Tom McGeal, Westport, Co. Mayo. She found a new home in the Manusmore herd of Mr. John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.



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It is a pity that the same level of optimism does not surround the suckler industry in this country. The question is are there lessons to be learned from the rugby? I think there is.

Given that so many of the players involved are so young

this gives us reason to be very optimistic for the future.

Anyone who has watched as much rugby as me will be very familiar with two phrases regularly used by the pundits on television to describe why a team is being successfull or not.

"Forwards win matches and the backs decide by how

"You've got to earn the right to go wide"

So how may you ask does all of this apply to suckler farming? Well let us look at the first phrase. In rugby terms it means that the forwards lay the foundations for winning and the backs decide the score or you can have the best backline in the world but if your forwards aren't up to it you will lose. In my mind your cows are your forwards and your backs are your bulls be they stock bulls or AI sires. Your cows are the main influence on the number and weight of the weanlings you have to sell or your kilograms of output each year with the bull having a large influence on the price/kg. You might have a bull that will produce weanlings that will top the sale every time

minimal concentrate feeding to cow or calf. So the cows are the foundation of all success or profitability for a suckler herd.

The second phrase "You've got to earn the right to go wide" basically mean you have to perform the basic parts of the game well such as the scrum, ruck or lineout before you start to throw the ball around.

This can be applied to the type of cow you need. First and foremost your cows need to do the basic things well. They need to be docile, fertile, have good calving ability and produce plenty of milk. Only when they meet these standards should we worry about their conformation. I am not saying that conformation is not important but it should not take priority over any of the other traits. A cow that only has a calf every15/16 months, needs a vet to get the calf out or cannot feed that calf will not make a positive contribution to your families income at the end of the year no matter how good that calf looks. You are really winning when you can balance these basic maternal traits with growth rate and conformation.

So where do you go to find these balanced cows. Personally I go to the rugby mad area of South central France which is the home of the Salers breed. No other breed does the basics better and still have the ability to produce quality carcasses. They have taken us from bottom of the table to regular winners and being very optimistic about the future.



2017 SPRING

PEDIGREE SHOW & SALE

The 2017 Annual Spring Show and Sale was held in Tullamore Mart. The cattle were all presale inspected for the haltered and un-haltered classes and the Bulls were Fertility tested.

With the sun shining it brought a great attendance, to see 75% sale clearance similar to last years Spring Sale.

The overall top price of €3,500. went to Reserve Champion Male "Ballyconneely Poseidon" exhibited by Sean & Terence Sweeney, Dunloughan Road, Bunowen, Ballyconneely, Co. Galway, at just 2 years old, he has a Replacement Index value of €165. (Reliability 46%), 5 stars across all beef breeds and 4 stars within Salers Breed. He is a son of A.I. bull, "RIO" and out of Dam "Corlurgan Gleda".

THE MALE CHAMPION of the show sold for €3,000. "Lisbawn Paul", exhibited by Brian McNulty, Lisbawn, Swinford, Co. Mayo, a 15 month old bull with a Replacement Index value €145. and 5 stars across all beef breeds and 5 stars within the Salers breed for Terminal Index, sired by A.I "Vanlooy" S1545 and out of Dam "Sligo Miata".

The average price for Bulls was €2,350.

THE FEMALE CHAMPION of the show went to "Connemara Riona" sold for €2,400 to a Northern Ireland Salers breeder. She was exhibited by John O'Malley, Bohesial, Recess, Co. Galway. Just over 14 months old, sired by A.I "Bronson" S1209 and from Dam "Connemara Laoise". She has 5 stars across all beef breeds and €122 Replacement Index value.

THE RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE was won by "Glenmore Robin" owned by Thomas Mulcahy, Glenmore, Strand, Co. Limerick sold for €2,200. She is sired by his own stock bull "Glenmore Oscar" and grand sire is Vaillant one of the top 3 Maternal A.I sires in Ireland. Her Dam is an imported French heifer "Eclipse". At just 11 months old she has €164. Replacement €uro value and has 5 stars Replacement Index across all beef breeds and 4 stars within the Salers breed.

THE OVERALL TOP PRICED FEMALE was 14 month old "Highfield Rebel" sold for €2,500. which was exhibited by Niall O'Connell, Toames East, Macroom, Co. Cork. Replacement €uro value €186. and both 5 stars within the breed and across all beef breeds. This heifer is sired by his own imported French bull "Icare" and Dam "Highfield Maria".

The average price for maiden heifers was €1,800.



Champion
Heifer
2017
Connemara
Riona owner
John
O'Malley



Powerstown
Pablo
2nd Bull
Class
born 1.9.15
to 31.1.16

THE TOP PRICED IN-CALF HEIFER, 1st in her class, a 26 month old heifer "Highfield Petal" which sold for €2,400, out of A.I. Sire "Whitebog Convener" SA4033 and Dam "Highfield Julie", exhibited also by Niall O'Connell, Macroom, Co. Cork.

In the un-haltered section the top price made €2,450. for "Cuan Princess". This 2 year old heifer came 2nd in her class and was bred by Tadgh Crowley, Ballydwan West, Stradbally, Co. Waterford. Replacement Index value €188. and both 5 stars within Salers breed and across all beef breeds. Sired by stock bull "Knottown Hermes" and Dam "Cuan Kylie".

THE YOUNGEST WEANLING that sold made €1,550. an 8 month old "Ballygar Rebecca", sired by "Sligo Norman" and Dam "Dunlo Juanita", bred by Padraic McConn, Ballygar, Co. Galway.

Average price for weanling heifers made €1,570.

The Salers heifer at the sale with the overall highest Replacement Index value of €197. with both 5 stars within Salers breed and across all beef breeds was "Cuan Profit" a 2 year old heifer which sold for €1,900. Sired by stockbull "Knottown Hermes" and Dam "Cuan Jane".

The Salers male at the sale with the overall highest Replacement Index value of €181. with both 5 stars within Salers breed and across all beef breeds was "Ashbury Pluto" a 23month old bull which was un-sold. Sired by stockbull "Gavroche" and Dam French imported "Urfa".



Champion Bull 2017
Lisbawn Paul owner Brian McNulty



Reserve Champion Bull 2017
Ballyconneely Poseidon
owner Sean Sweeney



Reserve Champion Heifer 2017 Glenmore Robin owner Thomas Mulcahv

SPRING SHOW & SALE RESULTS

2017

CLASS 1. BULLS Born between 01/01/'15 to 01/06/'15

1st Ballyconneely Poseidon owned by Sean Sweeney 2nd Ashbury Prime owned by Alfred Melvin 3rd Ashbury Pluto owned by Alfred Melvin

CLASS 2. BULLS Born between 01/09/'15 to 31/01/'16

1st Lisbawn Paul owned by Brian McNulty 2nd Powerstown Pablo owned by Patrick Cronin 3rd Sligo Ralph owned by Bernard Hunt

CLASS 3. BULLS Born between 01/02/'16 to 01/04/'16

1st Ballyrea Ronnie owned by Michael Cahill 2nd Connemara Recess owned John O'Malley 3rd Rath Reese owned by Joe Cross

CLASS 4. FEMALE - HALTERED Born between 01/02/'15 to 01/04/'15

1st Highfield Petal owned by Niall O'Connell 2nd Glenmore Page owned by Tom Mulcahy 3rd Ashbury Princess owned by Alfred Melvin

CLASS 5. FEMALE - HALTERED Born between 20/7/'15 to 03/11/'15

1st Sligo Phoebe owned by Bernard Hunt

CLASS 6. FEMALE - HALTERED Born between 01/01/'16 to 01/03/'16

1st Connemara Riona owned by John O'Malley 2nd Highfield Roxanna owned by Niall O'Connell 3rd Highfield Roisin owned by Niall O'Connell

CLASS 7. FEMALE - HALTERED Born between 01/03/16 to 14/05/16

1st Glenmore Robin owned by Tom Mulcahy 2nd Lisnalee Rita owned by Liam McIntyre 3rd Glenmore Rosa owned by Tom Mulcahy

CLASS 8. FEMALE - Un-Haltered Born between 01/02/'15 to 01/04/'15

1st Cuan Penny owned by Tadgh Crowley 2nd Cuan Princess owned by Tadgh Crowley 3rd Prospect Pandora owned by Michael B. Mullally

CLASS 9. FEMALE - Un-Haltered Born between 24/02/'16 to $31/07/^{\circ}16$

1st Prospect Ruby owned by Michael B. Mullally 2nd Ballygar Rosemary owned by Padraig McConn 3rd Ballygar Rachael owned by Padraig McConn

CLASS 10. FEMALE - Un-Haltered Born between $01/08/^{\circ}16$ to $25/08/^{\circ}16$

1st Ballygar Rebecca owned Padraig McConn

Champion Male: Lisbawn Paul owner Brian McNulty Champion Female: Connemara Riona owner John O'Malley Reserve Champion Male:

Ballyconneely Poseidon owner Sean Sweeney

Reserve Champion Female: Glenmore Robin owner Tom Mulcahy





Show & sale 2018 Conor Melvin



2018

Cashelard Ryan 1st in the Bull Class Show & Sale 2018 owner Ryan Griffith

CLASS 1. BULLS Born between 01/12/'15 to 01/07/'16

1st Cashelard Ryan owner Ryan Griffith 2nd Ashbury Plough owner Alfred Melvin 3rd Ashbury Pot-Luck owner Alfred Melvin

CLASS 2. BULLS Born between 01/08/'16 to 1/12/'16

1st Sligo Rudde owner Bernard Hunt 2nd Ballyconneely Remus (ET) owner Sean Sweeney 3rd Brownhall Roman owner Jimmy McGroarty

CLASS 3. BULLS Born between 01/02/'17 to 02/03/'17

1st Woodview Sandy owner Eddie Brennan 2nd Woodview Sammy owner Eddie Brennan 3rd Carrentubber Sinndar P owner David Kirrane

CLASS 4. IN-CALF FEMALE – HALTERED Born between 01/12/15 to 02/05/16

1st Sligo Pepita owner Bernard Hunt 2nd Ashbury Risque owner Alfred Melvin

CLASS 5. FEMALE – HALTERED Born between 01/12/16 to 20/01/17

1st Highfield Sultana owner Niall O'Connell 2nd Highfield Shirley owner Niall O'Connell 3rd Brownhall Sibhone owner Jimmy McGroarty

CLASS 6. FEMALE – HALTERED Born between $30/01/^217$ to $16/05/^217$

1st Brownhall Sarah owner Jimmy McGroarty 2nd Brownhall Shona owner Jimmy McGroarty 3rd Connemara Sabina owner John O'Malley

CLASS 7. IN-CALF FEMALE – UN-HALTERED Born between 01/03/'16 to 14/05/'16

1st Ballyrea Ruby owner Peatsai O'Conghaile

CLASS 8. FEMALE – UN-HALTERED Born between 01/12/16 to 24/02/17

1st Clewbay Sheila owner Thomas McGreal

CLASS 9. FEMALE – UN-HALTERED Born between 25/03/17 to 02/07/17

1st Clewbay Suzie owner Thomas McGreal

Champion Male: Sligo Rudde owner Bernard Hunt Champion Female: Highfield Sultanna owner Niall O'Connell Reserve Champion Male: Woodview Sancy owner Eddie Brennan Reserve Champion Female: Sligo Pepita owner Bernard Hunt

2018 SPRING PEDIGREE SHOW & SALE

The 2018 Annual Spring Show and Sale was held in Mountrath Mart. The cattle were all presale inspected for the haltered and un-haltered classes and the Bulls were Fertility tested.

A sale clearance of 72% similar to the previous year.

The overall top price of €2,700. went to an unhaltered female heifer, 1st in her class, "Clewbay Sheila" exhibited by Thomas McGreal, Prospect, Westport, Co. Mayo. At just 14 months old, she has a Replacement Index value of €175. 5 stars across all beef breeds and 5 stars within Salers Breed. She is a daughter off the bull Laois Nathan and out of Dam "Clewbay Jill".

The Male Champion of the show sold for €2,500. "Sligo Rudde", exhibited by Bernard Hunt, Sligo Salers, Lisbaleely, Gurteen, Co. Sligo, a 19 month old bull with a Replacement Index value €143. and 5 stars within the Salers breed for Terminal Index, sired by A.I "Halley" S3006 and out of Dam "Sligo Heitti".

The Reserve Champion Male, "Woodview Sandy", a 14 month old bull, owned by Eddie Brennan, Coon East, Coon, Co. Kilkenny. Sired by "Ballymackeogh Lucas" KKB and Dam "Kilshanny India". He has a Replacement Index value €135. with 5 stars across all beef Breeds. He was unsold.

The average price for Bulls was €2,300.

The Female Champion of the show went to "Highfield Sultana" sold for €2,000. She was exhibited by Niall O'Connell, Toames East, Macroom, Co. Cork. Just 15 months old, sired by French Stock Bull "Icare" and from Dam "Highfield Ophelia". She has 5 stars across all beef breeds and €130 Replacement Index value.

The Reserve Champion Female was incalf "Sligo Pepita" owned by Bernard Hunt, Sligo Salers, Lisbaleely, Gurteen, Co. Sligo, sold for €2,500. She is sired by A.I. Bull "Garou". Her Dam is Sligo Hearty. At 2yrs 4 months old she has €156. Replacement Index €uro value and has 5 stars Replacement Index across all beef breeds and 4 stars within the Salers breed.

The average price for maiden heifers was €2,000.

The youngest weanling that sold made €1,500. a 9 month old "Dunlo Salome", sired by "Dunlo Nelson" and Dam "Dunlo Oriana", bred by Kathleen & Michael Ward, Mackney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Average price for weanling heifers made €1,500.

The Salers heifer at the sale with the overall highest Replacement Index value of €218. with both 5 stars within Salers breed and across all beef breeds was "Ashbury Risque" an incalf heifer which was unsold. Sired by stockbull "Knottown Leo" and French Dam "Union".

The Salers male at the sale with the overall highest Replacement Index value of €192. with both 5 stars within Salers breed and across all beef breeds was "Sligo Rebel" a 17 month old bull which was un-sold. Sired by A.I "Ulsan" SA2189 and Dam "Sligo Leila".

A total of 8 Females were sold to Northern Ireland Salers breeders.



2018 Reserve Male Champion for Eddie Brennan.



Reserve Heifer Champion for Niall Hunt with Sligo Pepita



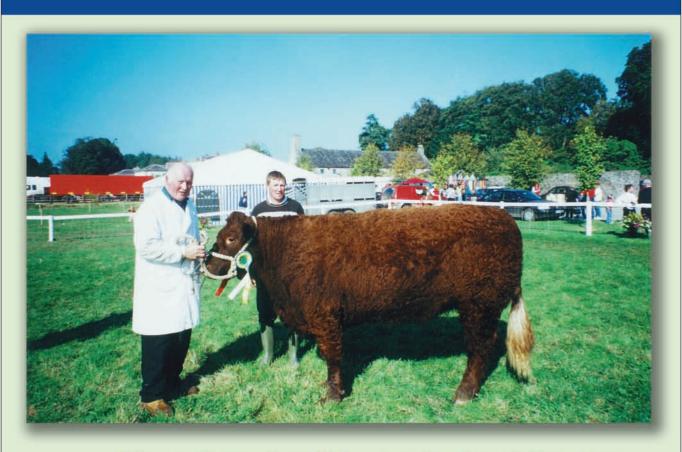
Champion for Bernard Hunt with Sligo Rudde with Judge Michael Fox



Champion heifer for Niall O Connell with Highfield Sultana with Judge Michael Fox

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Sligo Rachel All Ireland Calf Competition Reserve Champion at Tullamore show, Handler Niall hunt owner Bernard Hunt



Ballyvonnavaun Ria All Ireland Calf Champion at Tullamore Show 2017 with owner Declan Bell.

ALL IRELAND PEDIGREE SALERS SENIOR BULL CALF

Born on/between 01.09.'16 and 31.12.'16

1st Manusmore Result owned by John Burke2nd Sligo Rebel owned by Bernard Hunt

ALL IRELAND PEDIGREE SALERS SENIOR HEIFER CALF

Born on/between 01.09.'16 and 31.12.'16

1st Ballyvonnavaun Ria owned Declan Bell
 2nd Sligo Rachel owned by Bernard Hunt
 3rd Manusmore Ripple owned by John Burke
 4th Manusmore Ross owned by John Burke

Show Results



Rathdowney Champion 2017



Rathdowney 2017 Pat Fitzpatrick

Rathdowney Show 23rd July 2017

Pedigree Salers Senior Cow in calf or with calf at foot

1st Manusmore Kim; John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.
2nd Laois Maxi Hold; Tommy Fitzpatrick, Ballybrophy, Co. Laois.

Pedigree Salers Senior Heifer born before 1st September 2015

1st Brownhall Palm; Eddie Brennan, Coon, Co. Kilkenny. 2nd Manusmore Olay; John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

Pedigree Salers Junior Heifer born on or after 1st September 2015 and before 1st September 2016

1st Ballyvonnavaun Penny; Declan Bell, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

2nd Clew Bay Pretty; John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

rd Glenmore Pandora; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick

4th Woodview Ruby; Eddie Brennan, Coon, Co. Kilkenny

Pedigree Salers Bull Calf born on or after 1st September 2016

1st Laois Ronaldo; Tommy Fitzpatrick, Ballybropht, Co. Laois.

2nd Manusmore Result; John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

Pedigree Salers Heifer Calf born on or after 1st September 2016

1st Ballyvonnavaun Ria; Declan Bell, ,Clarecastle, Co. Clare

2nd Manusmore Ripple; John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

3rd Glenmore Roxanne; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick 4th Manusmore Regina: John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

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Champion:

Manusmore Kim, John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

Reserve Champion:

Brownhall Palm; Eddie Brennan, Coon, Co. Kilkenny

Cork Show 17th June 2017

Pedigree Salers Senior Cow in calf or with calf at foot

- 1st Manusmore Kim Owner John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare
- 2nd Clew Bay Kate Owner Declan Bell, Clarecastle, Co. Clare
- 3rd Manusmore Nikita Owner John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare
 - th Glenmore Nicole Owner Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick

Pedigree Salers Heifer Calf born on or after 1st September 2016

- 1st Ballyvonnavaun Ria Owner Declan Bell, ,Clarecastle, Co. Clare
- 2nd Glenmore Roxanne Owner Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick 3rd Manusmore Ripple Owner John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

Pedigree Salers Bull Calf born on or after 1st September 2016

- 1st Manusmore Result Owner John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare
- nd Glenmore Ralph Owner Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick

Champion:

Manusmore Kim, John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

Reserve Champion:

Clew Bay Kate, Declan Bell, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

Cappamore Show 2017

Pedigree Salers Senior Cow in calf or with calf at foot

1st Laois Maxi; Tommy Fitzpatrick, Ballybrophy, Co. Laois. Dam: LaoisHilarey

Pedigree Salers Senior Heifer born before 1st September 2015

- 1st Manusmore Olay; John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare Dam: Manusmore Kim; Sire: Manusmore Modesty
- 2nd Brownhall Palm; Eddie Brennan, Coon, Co. Kilkenny.
 Dam: Uranie (FR 05); Sire: Ibis (FR 13)

Pedigree Salers Junior Heifer born on or after 1st September 2015 and before 1st September 2016

- 1st Clew Bay Pretty; John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare Dam: Clew Bay May; Sire: Laois Nathan
- 2nd Ballyvonnavaun Penny; Declan Bell, Clarecastle, Co. Clare Dam: Clew Bay Kate; Sire: Manusmore Norris
- 3rd Woodview Ruby; Eddie Brennan, Coon, Co. Kilkenny Dam: Lataster Imelda; Sire: Onyx

Pedigree Salers Bull Calf born on or after 1st September 2016

- 1st Laois Ronaldo; Tommy Fitzpatrick, Ballybropht, Co. Laois. Dam: Laois Michelle; Sire: Brownhall Monty
- 2nd Manusmore Result; John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare Dam: Manusmore Kim; Sire: Manusmore Lord

Pedigree Salers Heifer Calf born on or after 1st September 2016

- 1st Ballyvonnavaun Ria; Declan Bell, ,Clarecastle, Co. Clare Dam: Clew Bay Kate; Sire: Manusmore Norris
- 2nd Glenmore Roxanne; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick Dam: CorlurganGittle; Sire: Cumbrian Joker Poll
- 3rd Manusmore Ripple; John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare Dam: Manusmore Nikita; Sire: Manusmore Lord

Champion: John Burke, Manusmore Olay

Reserve Champion: Declan Bell, Ballyvonnavaun Ria





Cork Champion & Calf



Cork Reserve & Calf



Cappamore Champion 2017

National Ploughing Championship





Charleville Show 24th June 2017

Pedigree Salers Senior Cow in calf or with calf at foot

1st Manusmore Kim; John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare 2nd Clew Bay Kate; Declan Bell, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

3rd Glenmore Nicole; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick

Pedigree Salers Senior Heifer born before 1st September 2015

st Manusmore Olay; John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

Pedigree Salers JuniorHeifer bornon or after 1st September 2015 and before 1st September 2016

1st Clew Bay Pretty Star; John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare 2nd Ballyvonnavaun Penny; Declan Bell, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

Pedigree Salers Calf born on or after 1st September 2016

1st Ballyvonnavaun Ria; Declan Bell, ,Clarecastle, Co. Clare

2nd Glenmore Roxanne; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick

3rd Glenmore Ralph; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick4th Manusmore Result; John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

Iverk Show 2017

Pedigree Salers Senior Cow in calf or with calf at foot

1st Manusmore Nikita, John Burke Manusmore, Clarecastle, Clare. RIO, Manusmore Harmony

2nd Laois Maxi Hold; Tommy Fitzpatrick, Ballybrophy, Co. Laois. Dam:Laois Hilarey

Pedigree Salers Senior Heifer born before 1st September 2015

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2nd Brownhall Palm; Eddie Brennan, Coon, Co. Kilkenny. Dam: Uranie (FR 05); Sire: Ibis (FR 13)

Pedigree Salers Junior Heifer born on or after 1st September 2015 and before 1st September 2016

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2nd Ballyvonnavaun Penny, Declan Bell, Clarecastle, Co. Clare Dam: Clew Bay Kate; Sire: Manusmore Norris

3rd Woodview Ruby; Eddie Brennan, Coon, Co. Kilkenny Dam: Lataster Imelda; Sire: Onyx

Pedigree Salers Heifer Calf born on or after 1st September 2016

1st Manusmore Ripple; John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare Dam: Manusmore Nikita; Sire: Manusmore Lord

2nd Laois Ronaldo; Tommy Fitzpatrick, Ballybrophy, Co. Laois.

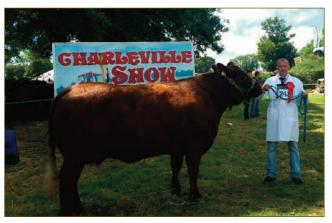
Dam: Laois Michelle; Sire: Brownhall Monty

3rd Manusmore Regina; John Burke, Clarecastle, Co. Clare Dam: Manusmore Olive; Sire: Highfield Odran

Champion: John Burke, Manusmore Nikita Reserve Champion: John Burke, Manusmore Olay



Eddie Brennan with Brownhall Palm 2nd Senior Heifer



Charleville 1st Cow



Cian Mulcahy from Charleville show 2017

Tullamore Show Photos 2017



1st prize winner in Pedigree Salers Bull Class
Tullamore show 2017



Tullamore show 2017

Tullamore Show 2017

Pedigree Salers Senior Cow In Calf or with Calf at foot Born on/before 31.08.13

1. Manusmore Kim, John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Ennis, Clare.

Pedigree Salers Junior Cow

Born on/after 01.09.2013 and before 31.08.14

 Manusmore Nikita, John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Ennis, Clare.

Pedigree Salers Senior Heifer

Born on/after 01.09.14 and on/before 31.08.15

- 1. Manusmore Olay, John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Ennis,
- 2. Brownhall Palm, Eddie Brennan, Coon east, Coon, Kilkenny.

Pedigree Salers Junior Heifer

Born on/after 01.09.2015 and on/before 31.08.16

- 1. Clew Bay Pretty, John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Ennis, Clare.
- Ballyvonnavaun Penny, Declan Bell, Ballyvonnavaun, Clarecastle, Clare.
- 3. Woodview Ruby, Eddie Brennan, Coon east, Coon, Kilkenny.
- Ashbury Prelude, Alfred Melvin, Ashbury Hse, Kilmartin Lane, Hollystown,

Pedigree Salers Bull

- Ashbury Prime, Alfred Melvin, Ashbury Hse, Kilmartin Lane, Hollystown, Dublin 15.
- 2. Skelligs Rock, Kieran Sugrue, Kinnard west, Ballinskelligs, Co.Kerry.

Best Pair of Animals

- Manusmore Harmony, Mansmore Kim, John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Ennis, Clare.
- 2. Brownhall Palm, Woodview Ruby, Eddie Brennan, Coon east, Coon, Kilkenny.
- 3. Sligo Rebel, Sligo Rachel, Bernard Hunt, Lisbaleely, Gurteen, Sligo.

AlB National Livestock Show Salers Champion 1. Manusmore Nikita,

John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Ennis, Clare.



Eddie Brennan with Woodview Ruby 3rd Salers Junior Heifer



Hunts best pair class.



Tullamore Show Photos 2017



John Burkes Reserve Champion Clew Bay Pretty



Sligo Rebel 2nd prize winner in Senior Bull calf class Tullamore show 2017 owner is Bernard Hunt



Rathdowney heifer calf 2017



Rathdowney Reserve 2017



Salers Champion Tullamore Show 2017 Manusmore Nikita owner John Burke



Manusmore Olay 1st Senior Heifer Class Tullamore show 2017



Junior Heifer Class - Tullamore Show 2017



Mulcahys Tullamore Show 2017



Skelligs Rock 2nd in Pedigree Bull Class at Tullamore owner Kieran Sugrue

Rathdowney Show 22nd July 2018

Pedigree Salers Senior Cow in calf or with calf at foot

1st Ashbury Lynx; Alfred Melvin, Hollystown, Dublin. Dam: Union (FR 05); Sire: Volcan (FR 05)

Pedigree Salers Senior Heifer born before 1st September 2016

1st Ashbury Risque; Alfred Melvin, Hollystown, Dublin. Dam: Union (FR 05); Sire: Knottown Leo

2nd Sligo Philana; Niall Hunt, Templeboy, Co.Sligo. Dam: Bijoux(FR 06); Sire: Vanlooy (S1545)

Pedigree Salers Junior Heifer born on or after 1st September 2016 and before 1st September 2017

1st Sligo Selma, Bernard Hunt, Gurteen, Co. Sligo. Dam: Sligo Niata 2; Sire: Josquin (FR 14)

2nd Glenmore Roxanne; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick Dam: Corlurgan Gittle; Sire: Cumbrian Joker Poll

Pedigree Salers Bull Calf born on or after 1st September 2017

1st Ashbury Swagger; Alfred Melvin, Hollystown, Dublin. Dam: Ashbury Lynx; Sire: Ashbury Narcotic (ET)

Pedigree Salers Heifer Calf born on or after 1st September 2017

1st Glenmore Skye; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick Dam: Glenmore Nicole; Sire: Beguin

2nd Glenmore Sandy; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick Dam: Corlurgan Gittle; Sire: Baron

Champion: Ashbury Lynx; Alfred Melvin, Hollystown, Dublin. Reserve Champion:

Ashbury Risque; Alfred Melvin, Hollystown, Dublin.

Cork Show 16th June 2018

Pedigree Salers Senior Cow in calf or with calf at foot

1st Genmore Nicole; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick. Dam: Corlurgan Isabel; Sire: Bronson

Pedigree Salers Heifer Calf born on or after 1st September 2017

1st Glenmore Skye; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick. Dam: Glenmore Nicole; Sire: Beguin

2nd Glenmore Sandy; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick. Dam: Corlurgan Gittle; Sire: Baron

Champion:

Glenmore Nicole; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick.

Reserve Champion:

Glenmore Skye; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick.



Glenmore Nicole (Cork Show Champion) & Glenmore Skye (Cork Show Reserve Champion)



Glenmore Nicole (Charleville Show Champion),
Glenmore Skye & Glenmore Sandy with owner Tom Mulcahy.

Charleville Show 23rd June 2018

Pedigree Salers Senior Cow in calf or with calf at foot 1st Glenmore Nicole; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick. Dam: Corlurgan Isabel; Sire: Bronson

Pedigree Salers Heifer Calf born on or after 1st September 2017

1st Glenmore Skye; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick. Dam: Glenmore Nicole; Sire: Beguin

2nd Glenmore Sandy; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick. Dam: Corlurgan Gittle; Sire: Baron

Champion: Glenmore Nicole; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick. Reserve Champion:

Glenmore Skye; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick.



Glenmore Skye at Charleville Show



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SALERS on the Hill

The history of Woodview

Having been farming with my uncle for many years, in 2004 I decided that I would start a small herd of my own with shorthorns being a favourite breed of mine and they held a special place in my heart for many years. However from attending various shows and the National Ploughing Championships, there was another breed that began to tug at my heart strings. This breed was SALERS. Their colour, shape and style were the first characteristics to attract me. As I learned more about the breed I soon realised they would be a very suitable breed for my herd. They suited the type of marginal, high altitude and heavy soil farm I have. Our farm is surrounded by woods and forestry



which later contributed to our name - Woodview SALERS. The SALERS ability to calve unassisted would also benefit me as a part-time farmer and would be ideal during calving season and my returning home late from night work.

In November 2004, after much deliberation, we purchased three cross bred weanling heifers at the SALER Cross Sale in Tullow Mart Tullow Co. Carlow. The following April, the decision was made to buy a stock bull for the herd. We went to Tully Test Station to buy a shorthorn bull but, yet again, the SALERS tugged at the heart strings and I fell in love with a SALER bull (Ballymackeogh Eddie). Unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be and we were underbidders on the day. Afterwards, I got talking to Ballymackeogh Eddie's owner, John Keating, which subsequently lead me to Clare to purchase a SALER bull – Ballymackeogh Enzo from the Ballymackeogh herd and ten PBNR bulling heifers from the Willie Cahir of the Wingfield herd, and in later years we bought heifers from the Brownhall herd. This included a heifer from their top cow Uraine, who was top priced heifer at French Sale in 2005.

Our venture with pedigrees began in 2006 when we purchased heifers from Mount Callan herd, Ballymackeogh herd and Lataster herd. My favourite cow to this day is Lataster Imelda. She's by Muguet out of a Gitan cow. She has bred a lot of good cattle for me in her time. Most of my show cattle through the years are from Imelda's line. Our stock bull, for the last four years, was a son of Imelda. He was by Onyx and he has had a big influence on our herd today.





Old Style Farming

My method of farming is similar to the old traditional style of farming. The cows at first were tied and let loose daily for exercise and drinking water. The main reason for doing this style of farming was to utilise the facilities that were available at the time and finances didn't allow us to invest in modernising the farm buildings. I feel there are benefits to this style of farming. It offers great individual cow care and when the cows are stationary it is easier to administer treatment doing veterinary work and breeding. In September 2006, on my first visit to France with Jim Mason and Jimmy McGroaty, I was amazed and pleased to see they used a similar style of farming as myself with the use of the old cow byre.

Suitability to the Hill

When people are talking to me and learn that my farm is in Kilkenny, they say "the best of land" but this couldn't be further from the truth. The land we have is heavy, mountain type land and is in a disadvantaged area. The SALERS origin in France is from high mountain type land and this lends to their suitability to the hill. They suit me as a part-time farmer as they have the large pelvis and they can calve unassisted, even when crossed with continental bulls such as Charolais and Limousin. 50% of my cow herd are bred to Saler bulls, some Al and the remaining cows are bred to Charolais bulls. When crossed to a Charolais bull you get a muscley, shapy, orange, hairy Charolais calf, which is highly sought after in marts across the country and have



been known to make top prices. Not only are the SALERS easy calvers but they have a high fertility rate which makes it easier to return them to calf. The SALERS have a good milk production which has been demonstrated to me even on marginal type land such as my own.

Other characterisites of the SALER which make them suitable for my farming ground is their good strong black feet. They don't tend to have much feet problems which benefits them in the heavy wet land. They have minimal mastitis problems and have excellent udders for the calves to suckle. Their thick hairy coats means they can be out wintered or at the very least their winter housing is shortened immensely. Our silage quality can be average and SALERS seem to perform well even on average forage during the winter months. All of these characteristics are enormously benefical for the our land and me as a part-time farmer.

Future of Woodview

In the future, I would like to work with the SALER breed and their breeders. Down through the years, with our involvement with SALERS both North and South of Ireland, in shows, sales and trips to France, we have met many lovely people and made great friends, hopefully friendships that will last a lifetime. SALERS are the only breed for me. I am so passionate about them, and I hopefully will get to breed a few champions in the years ahead.

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SALERS SOCIAL NIGHT & DINNER DANCE

The Salers Cattle Society of Ireland held their first Salers Social night and Dinner Dance on Sunday 29th October (Bank Holiday Weekend) in The Sheraton Hotel, Athlone. The idea came as a fund raiser as well as a social night. It was decided that as we have two Charities close to our hearts, Attaxia and Duchenne, we ran a raffle on the night with lots of prizes, the raffle money was split between these two Charities.

A total of €1,855.00 was raised for, Attaxia and Duchenne so each charity received €927.50.

The winner of the Salers National Cow Competition, John Burke, Manusmore Salers in Clarecastle Co. Clare was presented with the Brian Halton Memorial Cup by Philomena and Seamus Halton. John is the owner and breeder of the Champion cow Manusmore Kim. The winner of this cup is the cow that received the most number of points at the regional shows during the year, the points are made up by 3 for a first place, 2 for a second place and 1 point for a third place.

Our former Chairpersons attended on the night, Michael McKeon, David Kirrane and Joe Fortune along with the present Chairman Eddie Brennan who welcomed everyone. Michael McKeon spoke about how the Salers Society of Ireland was set up in 1997 and registrations back then, were done through the UK society before the Irish society started registering in 2000.

A presentation was made to David Kirrane who served on the Salers Council since 2007 and became Chairman from 2009 to 2013 and remained on the Council until 2017 when he retired. Davids wife Joan was presented with flowers from our longest running council member Michael Ward who still remains on the Council since it started.

Michael also presented flowers to Em Farrell whose idea it was to hold this Social night fundraiser and she collected many donations and raffle prizes.

A good night was had by all and it was great to see the support from Northern Ireland Salers Breeders. The Hotel served a fabulous meal and music was supplied by The Kelly Family.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Dinner Dance, whether it was attending on the night or giving a donation of cash or a prize for the raffle or supporting our raffle it was greatly appreciated.

We plan to make this an Annual event so please contact Salers Society for the date of the next Social night.

Meryl Gillespie













SALERS SOCIAL NIGHT& DINNER DANCE















Shane Gearty



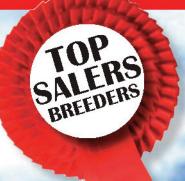
Shane Gearty from Longford won the heifer in the 2015 raffle. This 19 month old heifer came from Tadgh Crowleys breeding herd Cuan Salers.

Shane came to visit us at the ploughing last year to let us know his winning heifer had a new Ballymackeogh Lucas KKB calf.

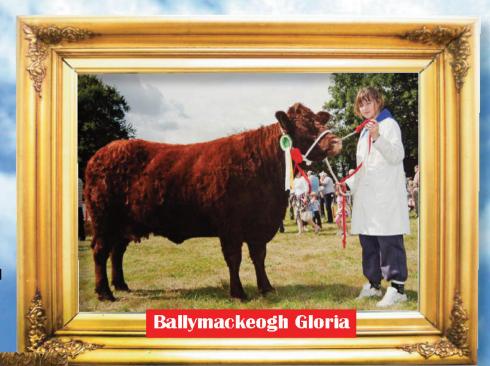
(In the photo is Shane with his Dad Gerry)



Ballymackeogh Salers



Ballymackeogh Gloria is All-Ireland Champion Cow 2011 Her son Ballymackeogh Lucas is All-Ireland Champion Male Calf 2011







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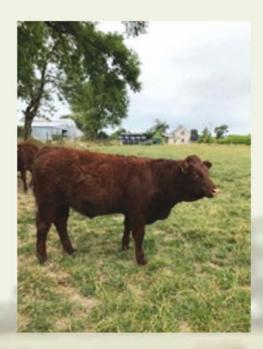
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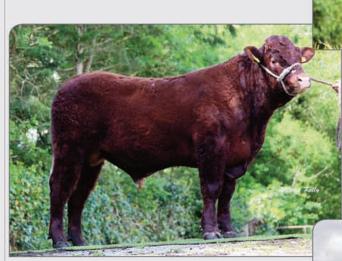
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THE FARM SITUATION IN FRANCE

Irish Salers breeders regularly visit farms in France. French cattle are 'pedigrees' in our terms, i.e. pure-breds, but they are run as commercial herds, not "Show-cattle", hence the very strong emphasis on selection for commercially relevant maternal traits such as pelvic-aperture, milk and fertility on which production and thus profits depends. For Salers, sale of breeding females is more important than bulls. The 55,000 or so recorded Salers cows (24% of total breed numbers) produce 0.96 per cow, with a calving interval of <375 days. Some farms, for example GAEC Garcelon, regularly exceed 1 calf per cow since twins are not unusual in Salers. Thus 225 cows produced 230 calves in 2015, 192 produced 192 in 2014 and 220 produced 226 in 2013. French breeds (cattle and sheep) are generally more productive and French breeders are surprised at our appetite for cross breeding, they think it introduces female unpredictability, particularly the multiple cross breeding. One could even say that our pedigree bulls (and rams) are used to try to put order on disorder. Cross-bred cows are rare in France (as in Europe generally), rather less than 8% of the total. In Normandie where there are a few cross-bred sucklers (28,000), mainly Charolais or Limousin (or even Belgian Blue) x Normande or Holstein their performance is very notably poorer than the local Salers, thus calf losses are 13% v. 3%. In Ireland we produce 850,000 calves a year from well over a million sucklers, a significant underperformance compared to France. The average here is around 0.80 per cow, with the bottom 15% at around 0.70. Calving interval around 400 days. Overall French figures, all breeds, touch 0.90 with French Salers top at 0.96. French cattle (and sheep) are more productive by a commercialy crucial 10 – 15%.

SALERS CALVING EASE

The easy calving of Salers cows is clear in all surveys world-wide. It is most evident in first calvers and this is illustrated below, as a % for heifers of breeds of Irish interest.

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SALERS	92	6	1	0
Limousin	84	12	4	1
Aubrac	81	15	3	1
Blonde	63	26	8	3
Parthenais	51	32	10	7
Charolais	48	34	9	9
B.Blues	5	3	3	89

This core value of easy-calving is, of course, related to the relatively low birth weight of Salers calves and to the larger maternal pelvic opening. These are maintained by selection and the key criteria are illustrated in the bull sale catalogue. The IFNAIS, "Index Facilité de Naissance", or calving ease, is basically calf birth weight (80% of the index). The lower the birth weight the higher the index. Note also that the internal pelvic aperture of all the bulls passing through the Salers Test Station is measured and internal comparative pelvic width's (BIM) and height's (HSP) are presented in the sale catalogue. These are used to calculate a" pelvic opening", OP, index which since 2013 constitutes 22.6% of the key Overall Index, IMOCR, of the bull on test. Some 1 in 5 cows needs assistance at calving in Ireland. A colleague in Grange indicated that 25% of difficult calvers are subsequently anoestrous.

SALERS BULL TEST STATION SELECTION CRITERIA

Particular attention is paid to the maternal (and paternal grandmother) reproductive performance. Thus the calving interval of the 100 or so mothers of the bulls we see annually is typically (92.5%) 362-367 days for 6 calvings (75.5%). In Ireland the average suckler calving interval is around 400 days with the bottom 15% at more than 430 days, both indicative of the fertility problems and lack of selection for maternal traits. In France, Alait, the dams milking ability, and IVMat, the overall maternal performance, loom large in selection for admission. French buyers pay close attention to

these indices and see them as fundamental in the retention of the breeds excellent milk capacity. Suckled Salers, or their mothers, are very rarely meal fed in France. In general in most breeds in Ireland the traditional heavy concentrate feeding of the "Pedigree" herds supplying bulls partially disguises lack of maternal milk. Recent publicity also highlighted the significant covert presence of milky foster mothers in the Pedigree herds. Grange results have clearly shown how crucial maternal milk yields are and that weaning weight advantages gained at this stage are still evident at finishing.

TEST STATION AIMS

A composite index (IMOCR) in the Salers Bull Sale Catalogue takes into account growth (CR) (36.9%), conformation (DM) (21.6%) and very notably internal pelvic size (OP) (22.6%). However it is important to realize that the feed regime at the Station is designed to measure a bull's ability to use roughage not concentrates. This is in common with some other breeds in France, notably Aubracs. They are fed quality hay ad lib, but limited to only 4kg of meal per day, in the 16 week "intensive phase". This contrasts with Tully, where they were fed meal ad lib and consumed some 11-12-13kg per day. They are fit but not fat, certainly not in the Show Condition of most bulls sold in Ireland, and are ready to go to cows immediately with little in the way of fertility problems, laminitis, or the typical melt-down of the Irish Show fed animal. Teagasc estimates some 30% of Irish bulls are sub-fertile and recommend a "slimming-down" phase before usage. The ability to grow well on roughages, that is grass, silage or hay is becoming crucial as meal prices increase. In any event grass is our main asset. The roughage based Salers Test feed regime is thus designed to assess the Salers ruminal ability/capacity to power growth. Comparison with other breeds show that Salers cows have a higher rumen capacity (up to 15%) hence their ability to feed calves without supplementation. Meal costs for Salers, €0.33/kg live weight, are by some way the lowest of French Breeds (others €0.38-0.61). A rough assessment of an animals rumen capacity can be made from body depth just in front of the hind legs. The tight bodied show-type animal may look well but lacks ability to use roughage.

DATA ON IRISH AI BULLS

In view of the selection basis of Salers it is not surprising that in recently published ICBF all-breed maternal figures the top three bulls were Salers, Beguin, Ulsan and Vaillant.

STRAWS AVAILABLE

Sire Name and A.I Code A.I Company Name & Phone Number

NCBC - Progressive Genetics and Munster A.I Enfield 046-9541230,

Munster A.I. Mallow 022-43228

Beguin SA4059
Druide SA2200
Variegeois S827
Cumbrian Joker Poll S2314
Doudou S1544
Baron SA4060
Bronson S1209
Lataster Ivan ZLA
Geronimogd SA4290
Filo SA4277
Onyx ONN
Highfield Odran SA2153
Spiddal Pat SA4461
Knottown Roy SA4604

Dovea Genetics 0504-21755

Ballymackeogh Lucas KKB Ballymackeogh Hugh BHU Ulsan SA2189

Bova A.I. 061-351233

Garou GQZ Vaillant VTA

Eurogene A.I. Services 052-7442940

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SALERS CATTLE SOCIETY PRE-SALE CHECK LIST

- Pedigree Show and Sales all entries must be 100% Full Blood Pedigree Registered with the Salers Cattle Society of Ireland. Pedigree Cert to be supplied.
- · Closing Dates: Check the closing date for entries and ensure all documentation is provided as per the entry form. Late entries or entries with incomplete documentation may be rejected to avoid delaying production of the sale catalogue.
- Tagging: Ensure animals are double tagged in accordance with current EU legislation.
- · Herd Health Requirements: All animals must be of high health status and satisfy the following.
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- TB: To facilitate Export Sales all animals must be TB tested clear within the Dept of Agriculture rules (within 28 days of sale).
- Beta-mannosidosis: All animals must have a non-carrier status for beta-mannosidosis.
- Bulls must be semen tested and must have a fertility cert.
- · All animals will be inspected either on the day or before day of sale, any animal showing genetic defects or poor temperament will be excluded from show & sale. The committee reserve the right to refuse entry to any animal showing a bad temperament or quality.
- · In-Calf heifers must be vet certified to verify pregnancy and seller must provide insemination details. Must be in-calf to a Pedigree 100% Full Blood Registered Salers Bull.
- All gates must be closed after unloading and loading cattle.
- · All haltered animals must be shown in their classes. White shirts must be worn in show ring. When sold, it must be left with a secure halter.
- · Unhaltered animals will be shown in pens.

To avoid disappointment of having cattle rejected, members should carry out checks before consigning Salers cattle to Society sales.

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SPIDDAL PAT

Spiddal Pat A.I.Code: SA4461 H.B. No: IE181276270116

Sire: Variegeois S827 Dam: Isa (FR 13) FR1533002533

Replacement Index €164.

KNOTTOWN RANDY

Knottown Randy IE371214671680 (Available Spring 2019)

H.B.No: IE371214671680

Sire: Texas TXA

Dam: Knottown Leonora IE371214621230

Replacement Index €228.



KNOTTOWN ROY

Knottown Roy A.I Code: SA4604 H.B. No: IE371214651745

Sire: Beguin SA4059

Dam: Knottown Kate IE371214631058

Replacement Index €275.





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