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The ultimate suckler breed



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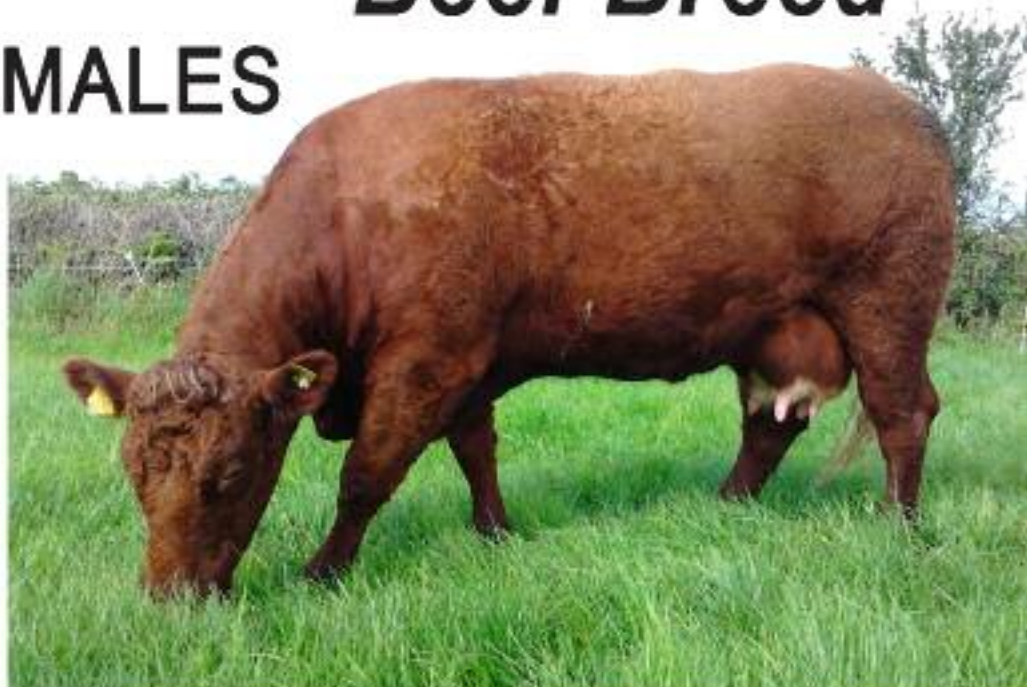
SALERS –

The Sustainable Beef Breed

SALERS FEMALES

The Ultimate Suckler Cow

- Unrivalled calving ability due to pelvic aperture
- Outstanding fertility
- Milk – will wean a heavy calf on grass alone
- Hardiness
- Excellent feet and udders
- Exceptional longevity



SALERS BULLS

- Excellent fertility – can cover large numbers and can cope with multiple cows in heat on a single day
- Easy calving
- Breed hardy, vigorous calves
- Breed your own top quality replacements with a Salers bull on any breed of cow.
- Excellent functionality and longevity



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SECRETARY'S REPORT



The last three years have been strange times for everyone with the pandemic, but we are looking forward to getting back to normal. While we couldn't go to regional shows, we decided to hold Virtual Shows, where breeders sent in photos of their cattle. This proved very popular with nearly 100 entries each year. Thanks to everyone who

took part and a special thanks to our judges.

We also discovered Zoom and were able to continue to hold our council meetings.

Our Show and Sale in Gort each October is continuously growing with numbers of cattle and buyers. Pedigree heifers are now being offered along with Salers x-bred cattle. You also have the opportunity to buy online which gives all farmers a great chance to purchase cattle.

As I write this, we are preparing for the National Ploughing Championships and look forward to meeting people in person. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteer workers who help every year to make this a great event. We hold a raffle each year to support hosting the stand, a big thanks to all who purchase raffle tickets, we appreciate your support. Thanks to Richard Fortune, Chairman who retires this year and to all the council members for all their support to the Salers Cattle Society.

Meryl Gillespie, Secretary

Roan Salers x heifer sold in Clogher Mart, Co Tyrone weighed 460Kg made £3500.

A whopping £7.61/kg, bred by RH Sinnamon & Sons. The heifer is off a pure Salers bull and a Blue x cow

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hard to believe but it has been four long years since our last Salers Journal was published and what a very different world it is now compared to then. We have had Brexit finally implemented, then Covid and now the tragic war in Ukraine. Even the ship getting stuck for a few weeks in the Suez Canal caused major and lasting disruption to global trade. It all has highlighted how interconnected the world has become and what happens thousands of kilometres away is almost as important as what happens in the local parish.

The farming landscape has also changed dramatically in that time, especially since the spring of 2021. The price of Beef, Lamb, Milk and Grain are all at unprecedented levels but unfortunately input costs like fertiliser, fuel and feed have skyrocketed leaving many no better off at the end of the day. Also noticeable is the increased pressure on farming from an environmental perspective. We will all have to learn to balance good levels of production to feed a growing population with actions to improve soil health, water quality and biodiversity, locally and globally.

We had just begun the process of compiling the journal two years ago when Covid struck and as the shows and the ploughing were cancelled, publication was postponed. Therefore, we have 4 years of events to

highlight, some of which seem to be from a long time ago now. With no shows during lockdown, it was decided to run a virtual show with breeders sending in pictures of their animals for Judging. This was a great success with fantastic participation from breeders and close to 100 entries each year.



Our annual sales at Gort Mart have continued to go from strength to strength. Both sellers and buyers are returning year after year. We have witnessed some exceptional prices received, especially for good quality, well-presented animals. With many breeders I talk to reporting strong on-farm sales of both bulls and heifers, it all shows an ever increasing number of farmers who see the Salers breed as being part of their breeding program going forward. It is our job as breeders to meet this demand with as good a quality, market appropriate animals as possible.

As I come to the end of my three year term as chairman I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow council members for their continued work in promoting our great breed. A special thank you goes to our secretary Meryl for her hard work and dedication. It has been a pleasure to work with her and she has made my job as chairman very easy indeed.

I would like to wish all breeders of Salers animals both pedigree and commercial continued success into the future.

Richard Fortune
Chairman

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WHAT CAN A SALERS BULL OFFER?

- Easier calving
- Less replacements
- Unassisted calving
- Replacement heifers
- Longevity of cows
- Less labour for calving surveillance
- Better milking cows
- Excellent carcass conformation.
- Calves by Salers Bull have a short gestation

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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 must be registered on line or through the Animal Events Recording Sheets, making sure to name a pedigree calf. **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 Annual Subscriptions are due on 1st January each year. Direct Debit Form / Standing Order Form / is available from Secretary. No invoice is sent, please pay in January.

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. 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 2022, their name should start with the letter "B", the year 2023, start with the letter "C" etc.. Notification of calf birth must be made to the Salers office within 40 days 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) 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. (help desk 1850625626),

OR:

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.

OR:

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.

IMPORTS All imported cattle must be parent verified by SNIPS.

The original Pedigree Certificate, 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/ Geno'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 Beta-mannosidosis 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 / Geno'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.

STOCK BULLS All Stock Bulls must be DNA typed or Geno typed to register pedigree calves born. Breeder pays for his own bull to be DNA'd.

2 x New Rules for using a Pedigree Stock Bull born from 1st January 2021.

(1) Parent Verification Any Salers Stock Bull used for Pedigree Breeding requires full parent verification by snips, including both Sire and Dam. This is changed from the present rule which only required the Stock Bull to be DNA or Geno typed. Check if the sire or dam of your bull already has a Geno typing by looking in Animal search on ICBF. A suggestion is that you pull the hair from the Dam and store it in case you need it later for geno typing.

Geno typing cards can be ordered on ICBF website www.icbf.com or phone 023 8820452. Breeders in Herdplus or BDGP the cost to Genotype an animal is €22.00. Breeders not in Herdplus or BDGP the cost is €30.00.

(2) Myostatin Any Stock Bull used for Pedigree Breeding born from the 1st January 2021 requires Myostatin tested. Weatherbys offer Myostatin testing. Providing that the animal is genotyped, the myostatin trait can be read of the microchip. The cost for this is €6.15 per sample. Contact cs@weatherbys.ie providing tag number of animal and contact details.

If an animal is not Genotyped, this can be done through a private myostatin test.

If you are sending in samples, make sure the plastic bag is clearly labelled for "Myostatin only" with the tag number of the animal and your contact details. The cost for this is €36.90.

Ensure that the hair samples have 40-50 hairs with good quality roots attached. This could take four weeks to complete.

Samples can be sent to: Weatherbys Scientific, Unit 1, M7 Business Park, Naas, Co. Kildare. W91 VX86.

For more information contact Weatherbys cs@weatherbys.ie

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

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BREEDER PROFILE

.....STEPHEN KIRWAN

Growing up on our small farm near Enniscorthy in Wexford my parents had always carried drystock. Drystock farming was the tradition on our farm for over 40 years before a change in circumstances at home due to illness saw our small farm become devoid of livestock. It remained that way for over a decade. During which time I was away in Dublin in college and employment. I would return home some weekends and I have to say the place was not the same without livestock. Eventually the opportunity arose for me to move home with employment. I was very lucky, my work allowed me the opportunity to farm part time at home. I needed a system that would be manageable with work commitments. I found myself drawn towards suckling, and found the idea of pedigree breeding attractive. I was apprehensive due to my lack of knowledge around breeding cattle, calving cows and animal husbandry pertaining to the suckler cow and her calf. I knew that if I was going breeding cattle I needed a good maternal cow with ease of calving. It was during my search for a breed with the aforementioned traits that the Salers breed became known to me.

In 2012 I bought seven heifers, both pedigree and commercial from Joseph and Richard Fortune of Knottown Salers. Most of those heifers are now ten year old cows still performing in the herd. They came from Buron and Knottown Hermes lines. Initially I used AI, using the Salers bulls Valliant, Boneparte, Whitebog Convenor and Highfield Odran. I retained many heifers over the years and they like their mothers are true to the breed's maternal characteristics, demonstrating high milk yields, excellent fertility and ease of calving. In general I



have no temperament issues within the herd.

I found the work load with heat detection and AI to be too much with my work commitments as numbers grew. During my time using AI, I slipped from January calving to late March, April and May. Even the odd one in June. Since the introduction of the stock bull the breed's fertility is boldly evident. The bull has brought me back to late December, January and February calving in three calving seasons. I operate a spring calving system. Cows are housed over the winter and receive first cut silage ad lib with Himalayan rock salt lick up to two months pre-calving, then, cows get adlib second cut silage and Himalayan rock salt lick. They maintain good body condition, calf unassisted and are in good condition to promptly return to incalf. Calf weights average 45kg, calves are vigorous with plenty of get up and suck.



I moved to a stock bull in 2018, I purchased a bull from Richard Fortune, Knottown Raj, a son of Knottown Michael in the Gene Ireland programme. He was a dream bull, a docile bull, well balanced with both strong maternal and terminal traits without compromising on calving ease. He produced classy daughters and sons with impressive growth ability and weight for age. The second bull I bought was also a bull bearing the Knottown prefix, Knottown Uri, Incredibly well mannered with impressive presence to match his high index across the maternal and terminal traits. I intend to retain as many of these lads daughters as I can. These bulls also produce quality bulls, both pedigree and commercial. I have found commercial bulls to perform well in terms of growth and weight for age. They have great feed efficiency and from my experience turn out well in the mart and

attract similar prices to other Continental breeds. I aim to sell commercial Salers bulls at approximately 500kgs.

I have sold many pedigree bulls over the years, both AI bred and the progeny of my stock bulls. I have received positive feedback about their performance in both the dairy and suckler sectors. I sold a bull to the Salesian Agricultural College in Pallaskenry, which I was delighted with. At that time they were changing their suckler herd to Salers cross females and wanted to run heifers with a Salers bull for ease of calving and to introduce more Salers genetics, consolidating further, the strong maternal genetics of the breed within their herd. Feedback from return customers has been very positive. The dairy farmer loves the ease of calving and reduced labour, they say it's a huge bonus at a very busy time of year. They say the calves are good quality and attract prices in line with Angus and Hereford dairy calves. This spring April 2022 I received feedback from a buyer from Wicklow. He was incredibly impressed with a Salers bull I sold him, the bull's size and temperament. His first crop of calves from Limousin and blue heifers arrived unassisted and were impressive calves that performed the whole way to weaning. He had decided to leave the very terminal sire behind and purchase another Salers bull. Again it was reduced labour, ease of calving and growth rates that caught this man's attention.

For me as a part time farmer the Salers cow allows me breed cattle in confidence, without undue concern or worry while I am in work. Before my first calving season I bought a calving camera, linked to my phone so I could keep an eye on things. After a couple of seasons it became clear that it was the checking of the camera was keeping me awake more than the cows calving. It broke and I didn't bother replacing it. Since 2012 I have assisted two maiden heifers calf and one cow with twins. I tell no fairy tale lads.

From an economic stand point the Salers breed is



invaluable to my small enterprise. In October 2021 I attended the annual Salers Cattle Society show and sale for pedigree and commercial females in Gort. There was a great turn out of quality stock and plenty of buyers eager to purchase. There was a good atmosphere presale and the auction could only be described as electric with a high demand for in calf lots. Prices achieved on the day were representative of demand. I brought five in calf commercial heifers and enjoyed great success on the day. I received a rosette for one in calf heifer and averaged 2100 euro per head in the sale. I was a very happy and proud man returning to Wexford. Beyond the sale value of the female Salers, reduced veterinary requirements, feed efficiency, excellent feet and general hardiness all contribute to the economic value of the Salers breed.

In summary then from my own personal experience and feedback from buyers the Salers breed is living up to at least, and, possibly surpassing the mantle of 'the ultimate suckler breed'.

Stephen Kirwan.
Dun An Oir Salers.

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SALERS X CHAROLAIS

I am a full-time suckler farmer based in Rathcline in Co.Longford. I farm 80 acres of good quality lands close to the shore of Lough Ree. My suckler herd now consists of 65 purebred Salers cows, with two stock bulls, a Charolais bull and a purebred Salers bull for replacements.

Roscommon based breeder, Seamus Maher, encouraged me to go on a trip to France in 2006 to see the Salers breed in their native region. As well as seeing several impressive pedigree herds, I was also introduced to the Salers x Charolais cross on this trip. I was very impressed by the quality of the stock that I saw. Following my trip to France, I decided to change my suckler herd.

I had several reasons for making the change to a Salers based herd. Firstly, I had been experiencing my fair share of calving difficulties with my original herd. I had always strived to produce a quality weanling but in order to achieve that quality I was enduring more difficult calvings than I would have liked. Everyone I spoke to in Ireland and France assured me that calving ability was

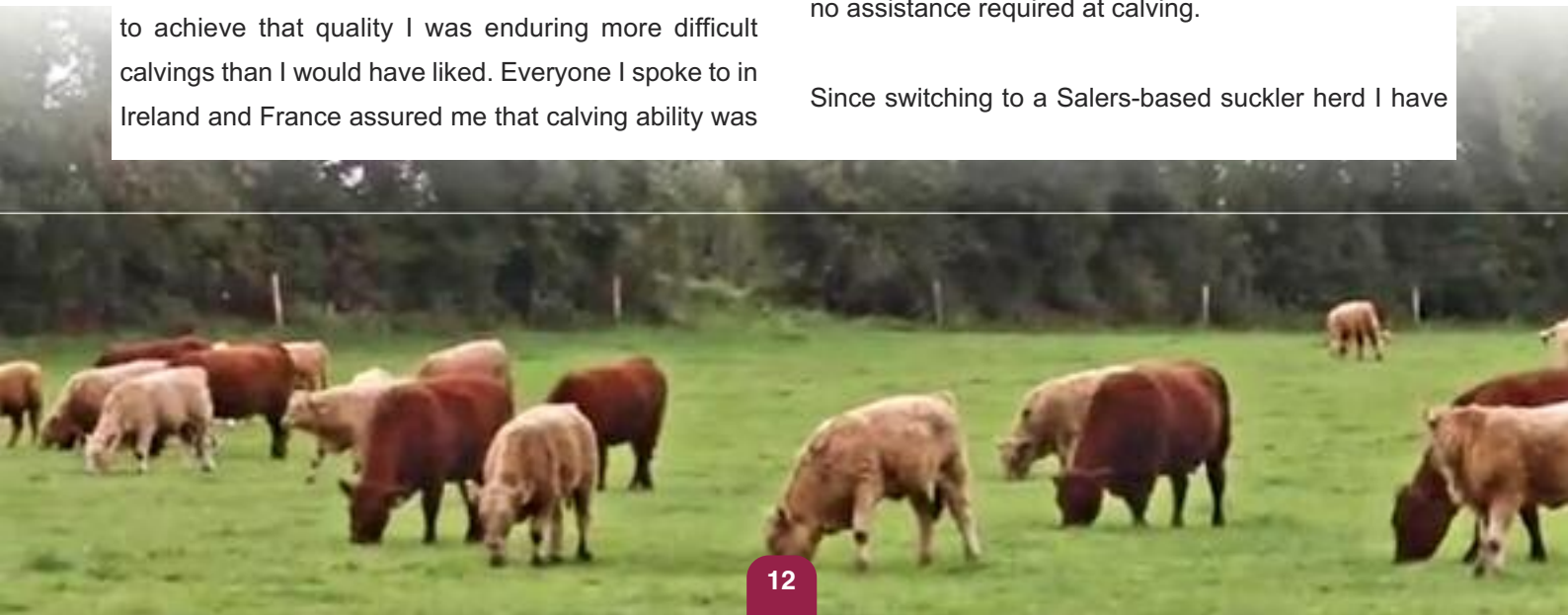
a key trait of the Salers cow. Secondly, the costs involved in running the suckler herd were not sustainable, in particular veterinary fees for c-sections. I felt the Salers cow would all but eliminate this cost and that has certainly been the case. Thirdly, like many other suckler farmers, I farm alone for the most part. I have three adult children who have off-farm jobs and not always at hand to help. The Salers suckler cow herd complements a one-man farm operation.

Initially, in 2006, I purchased 10 purebred Salers heifers and a quality Charolais bull. Gradually, I replaced my existing suckler herd. Each year I replaced my original suckler herd with ten Salers heifers to bring the present Salers cow herd size to sixty five.

The Charolais bull runs with both the Salers heifers and cows. The Salers bull runs with the best quality cows with a view to keeping my own replacements and continually improving the breeding cow quality.

I have minimal losses at birth. In 10 years I cannot recall a single calf mortality at birth. Generally there is little or no assistance required at calving.

Since switching to a Salers-based suckler herd I have





experienced a significant reduction in veterinary fees, as much as 80% in fact. I cannot emphasise enough the significance of this improvement. With my previous herd, calving seasons were frequent and losses common. This added significantly to my workload and stress. Yes, quality calves were produced but at a reduced profit margin.

From my Salers cow herd, the April born calves are sold off the cow, at weights of 350kgs to 420kgs, with minimal feed. The cow does the work and is easily maintained. The Salers x Charolais cross calf, with its excellent quality, shape, ability to convert feed efficiently, not to mention its golden colour, is a fantastic seller. They are in great demand. I am very satisfied with my herd's performance and I often consider how glad I am to have discovered the Salers breed.



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- Our herd has an exceptionally high health status.
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DIVINE



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- Overall Salers Champion at Tullamore Show 2013 & 2014.
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- First prize winner in Bailieborough, Virginia and Ossory 2013.
- Champion Salers at Virginia Show 2014 & 2015.
- Champion at Rathdowney 2015.

SLIGO LILY



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SLIGO RACHEL



Reserve All-Ireland Champion Heifer Calf 2017.



BREEDER PROFILE

PAT FITZPATRICK

SALERS BULLS DOING THE BUSINESS ON LAOIS DAIRY FARM

I farm in Ballybrophy, Co. Laois alongside my father Tom. We bred pedigree Salers for many years and were very active on the show scene. We exhibited our Salers at many shows around the country over the years and had our fair share of successes both at local shows and at Tullamore Show. My father was an active council member for many years and we are still very involved with Rathdowney Show where we sponsor and help organise the Salers classes.

Like many farmers' sons, I worked with contractors while also helping out on the home farm. With an increasing number of dairy farmers in our area, there was a demand for relief milkers and so I went down that road. It was at this point that dad and I considered that dairying might be the way forward for our farm. I was spending time milking for others and knew what

was involved. We figured it would offer a more secure future financially. We had the land base to justify the move to dairying and so we set about buying in dairy heifers and reduced the suckler / pedigree operation. We began milking in spring 2019.

The decision to use a Salers bull on our dairy cows and heifers was a no brainer. We knew exactly what the Salers bull would offer. As well as being renowned for his fertility, the Salers bull is also very active in the herd. This helps to bring cows on. This results in better conception rates and a tighter calving pattern, which in turn means more milk in the bulk tank. The Salers bull is also an easy calver and so the cows and heifers can hit the ground running after calving. We knew that by using a Salers bull we would have very few calving problems. An added bonus of using a Salers bull is the fact that the

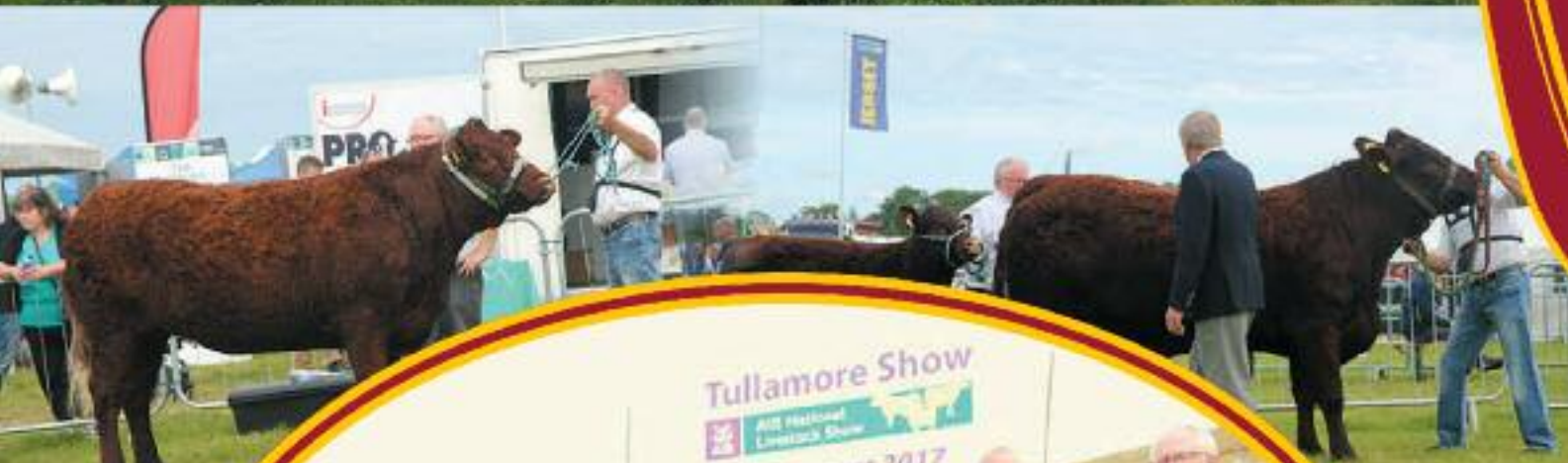
Salers calves are very vigorous at birth and will suckle quickly. That means that less time and work are needed at what is a busy time and, because the calf gets plenty colostrum quickly, fewer health problems in calves.

We are very happy with the quality and thrive of our calves from the Salers x Holstein. We select a nice type Salers bull to suit the Holstein cow. Our ideal bull has good thickness, is low, long and has a small head. At the moment we sell our calves as weanlings and we receive very positive feedback from our customers. Running a Salers bull with our dairy heifers and cows is working very well for us and we will certainly continue using Salers into the future.

**Pat Fitzpatrick,
Co. Laois.**



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FBD EUROSTAR €200 COMPETITION

Back in the autumn of 2018 ICBF, Teagasc and The Irish Farmers Journal got together and with Sponsorship from the FBD Trust ran a competition to highlight those herds, both pedigree and commercial, operating at a very high standard of performance and data recording. Calling it the FBD Eurostar €200 Competition, it had a section for commercial herds and one for those involved in pedigree breeding.

Firstly, ICBF searched their records for the top herds based on key performance indicators (KPI) such as calving interval and calves per cow per year and herds with high levels of data recording. These herds were then sent a letter inviting them to enter. The herds who agreed to enter were then divided into three regions and after examination of all available ICBF data the judging panel created a shortlist for each region of herds which they would go and visit. After the visits had taken place, the judges then narrowed the herds down to three commercial and three pedigree finalists in each region and these herds were then invited to an award ceremony held in the Hodson Bay Hotel which was held in conjunction with a two day breeding conference. On the night the winners in each region were announced and then an overall national winner selected from those three.

Winning the Leinster pedigree section and then going on to take overall honours were Salers breeders Joseph and Richard Fortune from Wexford, owners of the Knottown Salers herd. The Fortunes run 120 registered Salers cows with the best half of the cows bred pure for replacements and to produce breeding bulls, while the rest of the herd are crossed with Charolais sires to breed beef animals finished on the farm. They were selected for their dedication to recording accurate information over many years, for having a cow average replacement index of €190 which is matched by on the ground performance of the herd. It is also well worth noting that a number of the commercial finalists were using Salers genetics in their herds. Following their success, an open day was held in September 2019 on the Fortune farm organised by ICBF and Teagasc. People travelled from all corners of the country to Knottown to see the Fortune's herd. There were stands on Gene Ireland, WHPR, BDGP, BEEP, managing a young stock bull and health and safety. It was a great showcase for the breed.

In year two of the competition there was a change made to the pedigree section with the five larger breeds all having their own award with a single award for the smaller breeds including Salers. The Salers again came out on top this time with Brendan Murray from Cork claiming the other breed title. Owner of Belmont Salers, Brendan uses 100% AI on his 18 purebred Salers cows to breed bulls for the suckler and dairy market and achieved a 365 day calving interval in 2019. Again many of the commercial finalists were using some Salers genetics with the overall winners Billy and Niall Nicholson using a Salers as one of their three stock bulls on their 90 cow herd in Co. Cork.

For the third running of the competition the Salers breed was ably represented by finalists Tom and Geraldine Molan from Kilmallock in Co. Limerick. The Molans run the Riversfield Salers herd consisting of 45 pedigree cows with a very impressive 347 day calving interval and 1.2 calves/cow/year.



Michael Doran, ICBF Chairperson, Brendan Murray Winner of the FBD Eurostar €200 Pedigree All Other Breeds Herd & Michael Berkery (FBD)



Richard Fortune (left), Co. Wexford, national pedigree herd winner of the FBD €200 replacement index herd competition with Michael Berkery (FBD)

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J. & R. Fortune, Knottown, Co. Wexford

NATIONAL HALL OF FAME AWARDS

2019 HALL OF FAME FOR EDDIE BRENNAN

Eddie Brennan is from Coon East, Co. Kilkenny. The foundation of Eddie's herd came from the Ballymackeogh Salers herd in 2004, with the purchase of a stock bull and nine heifers to start his herd "Woodview Salers". The Salers colour, shape and style were some of the first characteristics that attracted Eddie to the breed. On further investigation into the Salers breed, Eddie soon learned that the Salers suited the type of marginal, high altitude and heavy soil he farmed. Over the years, Eddie has attended most regional shows, showing his herd of Salers.

Eddie has served on the council for the last twelve years and was Chairman for three years. In the future he would like to continue his work with the Salers breed and hopefully in the years ahead get the opportunity to breed a few Champions.

Eddie has great support from his wife Em whom the Salers Cattle Society acknowledge for all her work and help behind the scenes supporting the Salers Society.

The Salers Cattle Society are delighted for Eddie to receive the 2019 National Hall of Fame Award.



**Kevin Boxer Moran TD presenting
National Hall of Fame Award to Eddie Brennan.**

2020 HALL OF FAME FOR THOMAS MULCAHY

Thomas Mulcahy's first introduction to the Salers breed was at the National Ploughing in the early nineties. He bought a heifer locally in 2009, which began the Glenmore Salers Herd and the rest is history. Thomas was fortunate to stumble upon a stock reduction by the late Brian Halton in Cavan in 2010, where he purchased two heifers, one of whom was Corlurgan Gittle, a tremendous heifer who had a remarkable record in the show ring, in Calf, Junior and Senior Heifer classes, little did he know she would be the foundation cow of his herd. She has gone back in calf again at the fine age of 15 years. He has since imported French Heifers, and purchased heifers from leading Irish breeders.

Thomas and his sons, have won rosettes at numerous Irish regional shows. Sadly, the elusive overall champion at Tullamore has eluded them and is their goal for the future. They have had several overall champions at the society's annual show and sale, Glenmore Leonidas (dam Gittle) being the most notable, who went on to breed 170 progeny and killed out at U+3- with a dead weight of 722Kgs which would have had him well over a tonne liveweight.

As a part time farmer, the Salers breed ticked all the boxes, attentive mothers, huge pelvic opening which has meant less stress at calving for the cow and himself! In the 13 years they have had Salers, they have never had to assist at calving time. As well as that, the abundance of milk and longevity of cows really makes them the ultimate suckler cow. For his dedication to the breed Thomas Mulcahy received the Hall of Fame Awards 2020 at the Hall of Fame Awards held in Athlone in 2022.



**Mrs. Pippa Hackett TD presenting award to
Thomas Mulcahy**

Ballyvonnavaun Salers



2018 Tullamore Show 1st Junior Heifer Ballyvonnavaun Ria;
owner Declan Bell with judge David Boyd



Declan Bell, Ennis, Co. Clare. Tel: 086 1941485



ALL-IRELAND COW CHAMPIONSHIP 2018



Alfred being presented with the Brian Halton Memorial Cup by Seamus and Philomena Halton at our Social night held in Athlone in October 2018.

Congratulations to Alfie Melvin, Ashbury Salers, Dublin and Thomas Mulcahy, Glenmore Salers, Limerick who were joint winners in 2018.

Alfred Melvins cow Ashbury Lynx was sired by their French imported stock Bull Volcan (FR 05) and the dam Union (FR 05) was also imported from France. Thomas Mulcahys Cow Glenmore Nicole was sired by Bronson S1209 and the Dam Colurgan Isobel originally came from Brian Haltons farm.

Alfred was presented with the Brian Halton Memorial Cup at our Dinner Dance by Philomena & Seamus Halton and Thomas was presented with the cup in the second half of the year.

Points are awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd cow at Regional shows for the Salers National Cow Competition and the cow with the most points wins. In the future, in the event of a tie at the end of the regional shows, the winner will be the cow that gets the most points at Tullamore Show..



Ashbury Lynx with Conor Melvin



2018 COW CHAMPION Glenmore Nicole with heifer calf Glenmore Skye owner Thomas Mulcahy

ALL-IRELAND COW CHAMPIONSHIP 2019



Congratulations to Niall Hunt, "Templeboy Salers" Co. Sligo on winning the All Ireland Cow Championship 2019. Nialls cow Sligo Philana was sired by Vanlooy S1545 and the dam Bijoux (FR 06) was imported from France by Bernard Hunt, Sligo Salers. Niall received the Brian Halton Memorial Cup in 2019.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MALONEY.



*John Maloney with Killasser Margo,
Overall Supreme Interbreed Champion*

We were sad to learn of the passing of John Maloney, Killasser, Co. Mayo, who was involved with the Salers Cattle Society of Ireland since the Irish Society started in 2000. He bred the "Killasser" herd and exhibited with great success showing his Salers at all the regional shows. He served on the Council for many years and was honoured at the Hall of Fame Awards in 2005. John will be sadly missed by all breeders who knew him. May he rest in peace.

THE IRISH PEDIGREE CATTLE BREEDERS COUNCIL AWARDS 2020.

Niall Hunt "Templeboy Salers" received the Pedigree Cattle All Star Award 2020, nominated by the Salers Council. The awards night held in Portlaoise in February 2020, organised by the Pedigree Cattle Breeders Council.

Niall has won at many regional shows and breeds the "Templeboy" Salers Herd.

Mairead Lavery (Irish Farmers Journal), Niall Hunt and Richard Fortune (Chairman, Salers Cattle Society.)



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BREEDER PROFILECATHERINE MINOGUE

Suckler farming in east Clare is unique. Being a woman and farming in east Clare is even more unique, but I wouldn't change it for the world!

My father introduced me to Salers about 12 years ago, as he kept a small pedigree herd himself. We saw how multi-purpose they were. We purchased some commercial and one pedigree cow at the sale in Gort. Since then, my passion for them has only grown stronger and I truly believe they are perfect for our farm and us. As my husband is also an agricultural contractor we needed cows that required little help at calving and that would suit hilly ground and marginal forage in the winter.

My husband and I farm 110 ac of very mixed to marginal hill land in Feakle. We run thirty cows of which ninety percent are Salers or Charolais off a Salers cow. Of those 12 are pedigree. We run a Charolais stock bull and AI our pedigree cows and maiden heifers.

Our calving is split, half the cow's calf before Christmas and the rest in the spring. All our stock are sold as weanlings.

Why Salers?

As one of the oldest and most genetically pure European breeds, who roam the mountains of Cantal in the Massif Central, I knew that the wilds of East Clare would be a suitable substitute!

The Salers cow has many wonderful attributes, for me personally the number one attribute is their mothering instinct. From first calving heifers to our oldest cow, very little help is needed in establishing a bond. They are exceptional mothers, which saves a great deal of time and worry. They are a part-time farmer's dream. The best way to handle a Salers cow calving; leave her alone, she knows exactly what she is doing. Their calving ability is second to none. Unless a calf is breach, we rarely are needed. 100 % of our calves are born alive. The vigour of Salers progeny is exceptional. As soon as the calf hits the ground it is trying to stand and suck.

The Benefits.

The current replacement value in the herd is €143.00. The national average is €87 with the top 10 % €113.00. I know a lot of farmers do not see the merit in these figures but for us they speak volumes, these cattle really do so well with little input. With the future focus being on the national suckler herd being as efficient as possible, Salers are the way to go. In 2021 our 200 day average weight was 319 kg. Our target weight to sell weanlings at is 400kg. The Salers cow has done most of the work for us in the first six months. These weights off marginal land emphasise just how exceptionally efficient the Saller cow is. It must be said that the Charolais cross to the Salers is very hard to beat. As weanling producers the demand is excellent.

I must also mention fertility. Our autumn calving cows are asked to do a great deal whilst being in the shed on silage. They have to calve, feed a calf and go back in calf. That's no easy task but these cows do it at their ease. The national average for calves per cow per year currently stands at 0.86. Our latest report shows 0.96.

The health of our cows is also notable. Our vet is rarely called out for a sick cow. Never once have we called for a calving.

The Future.

Last October in Gort I purchased three more pedigrees, one from Niall Hunt and two from Bernard Hunt. It was great to be there on the day and see the demand for Salers and the quality on the day was the best I've seen at the sale for a good number of years. There were buyers from all corners of the island, and I really felt the buzz for the breed I love. I hope that this continues and the breed profile grows in popularity.

My long-term ambition has been to start showing, so this year I am going to take the plunge! I hope to bring out a heifer and a calf. Also this year we have AI'd a couple of commercial Salers to Belgian Blue bulls. I am excited to see the progeny come October. I also plan to separate the commercial and pedigree herds and run a Salers bull with the pedigrees.



ABOUT US

Established in 2009 with the purchase of a single in-calf heifer. We then went on to purchase stock from famous Irish herds such as Ashbury, Corlurgan, Sligo and Tullamaine Salers. As well as this we have purchased in-calf heifers from prominent french herds such as Yves Fourtet and Gaec Lacombe.



Glenmore Salers

Topline To Meet Your Bottom Line



- BVD Free
- Brucellosis Free
- BDGP & WHPR Member
- Board Bia Accredited

Selection of heifers available for sale

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Salers 2020 VIRTUAL SHOW Results

CLASS 1

**Pedigree Salers Cow any age,
in calf or with calf at foot.**

1st: Ashbury Lynx IE171025810645 DOB: 27/3/'11,
Sire : Volcan (FR05) (F225), Dam: Union (FR05)
Owner: Alfred Melvin, Ashbury Salers, Dublin.

2nd: Clew Bay Kate IE272230880051
Sire: Hillside Ivy, Dam: Manusmore Helga
Owner: Declan Bell, Ballyvonnaun Salers, Co. Clare

3rd: Manusmore Outcome IE131102770838 DOB: 2/11/'14
Sire: Figaro (FR10), Dam: Drumlegagh Ureka (UK07)
Owner: John Burke, Manusmore Salers, Co. Clare

CLASS 2

**Pedigree Senior Heifer born on or
before 31.08.2018**

1st: Sligo Selma 372213797991148 DOB: 21/8/'17
Sire: Josquin (FR14), Dam: Sligo Niata 2
Owner: Niall Hunt, Templeboy Salers, Co. Sligo.

2nd: Ballyvonnaun Tammy 372223394480296 DOB 15/1/'18
Sire: BHU Ballymackeogh Hugh, Dam: Ballyvonnaun Janice
Owner: Declan Bell, Ballyvonnaun Salers, Co. Clare

3rd: Glenmore Skye 372212342860079 DOB 9/11/'17
Sire: Beguin SA4059, Dam: Glenmore Nicole
Owner: Thomas Mulcahy, Glenmore Salers, Co. Limerick.

CLASS 3

**Pedigree Junior Heifer born on
or between 1.9.2018 and 31.8.2019**

1st: Templeboy Talia 372218314750048
DOB 17/11/'18
Sire: Beguin SA4059, Dam: Sligo Philana
Owner: Niall Hunt, Templeboy Salers, Co. Sligo.

2nd: Clew Bay Tina 372218924440104 DOB 29/9/'18
Sire: Manusmore Rolo, Dam: Clew Bay Onnie
Owner: Tom McGreal, Clew Bay Salers, Co. Mayo

3rd: Bunna Tireragh, 372212767080656 DOB 30/12/'18
Sire: LZR Lataster Ivan, Dam: Longford PG
Owner: Trevor Boland, Bunna Salers, Co. Sligo

CLASS 4

Pedigree Bull calf born on or after 1.9.2019

1st: Manusmore Utah 372222836161090 DOB
18/12/'19
Sire: Manusmore Rigour, Dam: Manusmore Olay
Owner: John Burke, Manusmore Salers, Co. Clare

2nd: Ballyvonnaun Valentine 372223394450327 DOB 14/2/'20
Sire: SA4274 Forez, Dam: Clew Bay Kate
Owner: Declan Bell, Ballyvonnaun Salers, Co. Clare

3rd: Cashelard Varuk 372226019190045 DOB 7/2/'20
Sire: SA4060 Baron, Dam: Brownhall Ophealia
Owner: Ryan Griffith, Cashelard Salers, Co. Donegal



Class 1. 1st Ashbury Lynx 27.3.'11 Owner Alfred Melvin



Class 2. 1st Sligo Selma 21.8.'17 Owner Niall Hunt



Class 3. 1st Templeboy Talia 17.11.'18. Owner Niall Hunt



**Class 4. 1st Manusmore Utah 18.12.'19.
Owner John Burke**

Salers 2020 VIRTUAL SHOW Results

CLASS 5

Pedigree Heifer Calf born on or after 1.9.2019

1st: Belgarrow Vivian 372226088080081 DOB 3/1/'20

Sire: SA4274 Forez, Dam: Manusmore Sheila

Owner: David McDermott, Belgarrow Salers, Co. Mayo

2nd: Ashbury Vogue 372223944891203 DOB 16/4/'20

Sire: VTA Vaillant, Dam: Ashbury Oodles

Owner: Alfred Melvin, Ashbury Salers, Dublin.

3rd: Glenmore Virgilius 372212342810099 DOB 3/1/'20

Sire: SA4274 Forez, Dam: Glenmore Nacre

Owner: Thomas Mulcahy, Glenmore Salers, Co. Limerick.



**Class 5. 1st Belgarrow Vivian 3.1.'20.
Owner David McDermott**

CLASS 6

Pedigree Bull any age

1st: Ashbury Lamborghini IE171025820662 DOB 31/5/'11

Sire: Volcan (FR05) (F225), Dam: Urbaine (FR05)

Owner: Alfred Melvin, Ashbury Salers, Dublin.

2nd: Sligo Nervanna IE321239640934 DOB 14/11/'13

Sire: S827 Variegeois, Dam: Bijoux (FR06)

Owner: Bernard Hunt, Sligo Salers, Co. Sligo

3rd: Sligo Trigger 2, 372213797961236 DOB 18/10/'18

Sire: Beguin SA4059, Dam: Sligo Meita

Owner: Brendan Geraghty, Abbeyknockmoy Salers, Co. Galway



**Class 6. 1st Ashbury Lamborghini 31.5.'11.
Owner Alfred Melvin**

CLASS 7

Salers Cross Heifer

1st: 372222523540280 DOB 9/3/'18

Sire: SA2153 Highfield Odran

Owner: Seamus O'Regan, Bellroan Salers, Co. Cork

2nd: 372217336091035 DOB 7/3/'19

Sire: SA2189 Ulsan

Owner: Thomas Hogan, Co. Tipperary

3rd: 372216619450203 DOB 21/12/'19

Sire: S1209 Bronson

Owner: Ross & David Classon, Classon Salers, Co. Donegal



**Class 7. 1st SAX 9.3.'18 Sire Highfield Odran.
Owner Seamus O'Regan**

CLASS 8

Salers cross cow with calf at foot

1st: IE162035310006 DOB 15/4/'13

Calf: CHX – HJD, Male DOB 10/12/'19

Owner: Ryan Griffith, Cashelard Salers, Co. Donegal

2nd: IE181623910271 DOB 26/4/'12

Calf: SAX – Sire: Sligo Oscar, Male DOB 15/3/'20

Owner: Brendan Geraghty, Abbeyknockmoy Salers, Co. Galway

3rd: IE181623910296 DOB 16/2/'14

Calf: SAX – Sire: Sligo Oscar, Male DOB 12/1/'20

Owner: Brendan Geraghty, Abbeyknockmoy Salers, Co. Galway



Class 8. 1st SAX 15.4.'13 calf CHX. Owner Ryan Griffith

Salers 2021

VIRTUAL SHOW

Results

CLASS 1

**Pedigree Salers Cow any age,
in calf or with calf at foot.**

1st: Ballyvonnaun Penny IE131101040265
DOB 16/11/'15

Sire: Manusmore Norris. Dam: Clew Bay Kate
Owner: Declan Bell, Ballyvonnaun Salers, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

2nd: Fawnagowan Peach IE341339210021 DOB 4/1/'15
Sire: Fawnagowan Moss. Dam: Glengar Giddy
Owner: Shane Murray, Fort Lake Salers, Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim.

3rd: Ballyvonnaun Ria IE131101030280 DOB 10/11/'16
Sire: Manusmore Norris. Dam: Clew Bay Kate
Owner: Declan Bell, Ballyvonnaun Salers, Clarecastle, Co. Clare



**Class 1. 1st Ballyvonnaun Penny
Owner Declan Bell.jpg**

CLASS 2

Pedigree Senior Heifer born on or before 31.08.2019

1st: Laois Una 372223741421390 DOB 1/2/'19

Sire: Laois Ronaldo. Dam: Laois Nasa
Owner: Pat & Tom Fitzpatrick, Laois Salers, Ballybrophy, Co. Laois.

2nd: Ashbury Unity ET 372223944871143 DOB: 19/3/'19
Sire: Forez (SA4274), Dam: Union (FR05)
Owner: Alfred Melvin, Ashbury Salers, Hollystown, Dublin.

3rd: Manusmore Utopia 2 372222836131071 DOB 7/8/'19
Sire: Forez (SA4274), Dam: Manusmore Ripple
Owner: John Burke, Manusmore Salers, Clarecastle, Co. Clare



Class 2. 1st Laois Una Owner Pat & Tom Fitzpatrick

CLASS 3

**Pedigree Junior Heifer born on or
between 1.9.2019 and 31.8.2020**

1st: Manusmore Violet 372222836121095 DOB 11/3/'20

Sire: Manusmore Shay, Dam: Manusmore Outcome
Owner: John Burke, Manusmore Salers, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

2nd: Manusmore Uowards 372222836161082 DOB 15/9/'19
Sire: Manusmore Russell, Dam: Manusmore Sive
Owner: John Burke, Manusmore Salers, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

3rd: Templeboy Venessa 372218314730062 DOB 31/3/'20
Sire: Josquin (FR14), Dam: Sligo Pascoe
Owner: Niall Hunt, Templeboy Salers, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.



Class 3. 1st Manusmore Violet Owner John Burke

CLASS 4

Pedigree Bull calf born on or after 1.9.2020

1st: Templeboy Adam 372218314730070 DOB 20/2/'21

Sire: Sligo Nervanna, Dam: Sligo Rosari
Owner: Niall Hunt, Templeboy Salers, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.

2nd: Glenmore Vincenzo 372212342870105 DOB 23/9/'20
Sire: RIO, Dam: Glenmore Sioux
Owner: Thomas Mulcahy, Glenmore Salers, Strand, Co. Limerick.

3rd: Ashbury Austin ET 372223944831305 DOB: 17/5/'21
Sire: Geronimogd SA4290, Dam: Ashbury No1 ET
Owner: Alfred Melvin, Ashbury Salers, Hollystown, Dublin.



Class 4. 1st Templeboy Adam Owner Niall Hunt

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CLASS 5

Pedigree Heifer Calf born on or after 1.9.2020

1st: Manusmore Alice 372222836161140 DOB 23/1/'21

Sire: Manusmore Unique, Dam: Manusmore Neasa

Owner: John Burke, Manusmore Salers, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

2nd: Templeboy Violeta 372218314750064 DOB 29/10/'20

Sire: Variégeois S827, Dam: Sligo Selma

Owner: Niall Hunt, Templeboy Salers, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.

3rd: Templeboy Annabelle 372218314770074 DOB 26/2/'21

Sire: Sligo Nervanna, Dam: Sligo Ritz

Owner: Niall Hunt, Templeboy Salers, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.

CLASS 6

Pedigree Bull any age

1st: Laois Ronaldo IE221047391154 DOB 3/9/'16

Sire: Brownhall Monty, Dam: Laois Michelle

Owner: Pat & Tom Fitzpatrick, Laois Salers, Ballybrophy, Co. Laois.

2nd: Ashbury Picasso IE171025860880 DOB: 15/12/'15

Sire : Volcan (FR05) F225, Dam: Silverfield Gail

Owner: Alfred Melvin, Ashbury Salers, Hollystown, Dublin.IE171025860880

3rd: Classon Umberto 372216619410199 DOB 23/3/'19

Sire: Classon Super Mario, Brownhall Myra

Owner: Sean Breslin, Bray Salers, Lifford, Co. Donegal

CLASS 7

Salers Cross Heifer

1st: SAX - 372212767030651 DOB 2/11/'18

Sire: Carrentubber Oliver

Owner: Trevor Boland, Bunna Salers, Dromard, Co. Sligo

2nd: SAX - 372212767050678 DOB 9/8/'19

Sire: Spiddal Pat SA4461

Owner: Trevor Boland, Bunna Salers, Dromard, Co. Sligo

3rd: SAX - 372212767080631 DOB 9/8/'18

Sire: Beguin SA4059

Owner: Trevor Boland, Bunna Salers, Dromard, Co. Sligo

CLASS 8

Salers cross cow with calf at foot

1st: SAX - IE181623910271 DOB 26/4/'12

Sire: Sligo Ken

Calf: SAX – Sire: Sligo Trigger 2, Female DOB 3/3/'21

Owner: Brendan Geraghty, Abbeyknockmoy Salers, Tuam, Co. Galway

2nd: SAX - IE181623920297 DOB 16/2/'14

Sire: Sligo Ken

Calf: SAX – Sire: Sligo Trigger 2, Male DOB 23/2/'21

Owner: Brendan Geraghty, Abbeyknockmoy Salers, Co. Galway

3rd: SAX - IE131101040133 DOB 10/3/'06

Sire: Sligo Extran

Calf: SIX – Sire: Curaheen Gunshop P SI4147, Male DOB 27/4/'21

Owner: Declan Bell, Ballyvonnavaun Salers, Clarecastle, Co. Clare



Class 5. 1st Manusmore Alice Owner John Burke



Class 6. 1st Laois Ronaldo Owner Pat & Tom Fitzpatrick



Class 7. 1st SAX Owner Trevor Boland.



Class 8. 1st SAX Owner Brendan Geraghty

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ALL IRELAND SALERS NATIONAL CALF CHAMPION 2018

ALL IRELAND PEDIGREE SALERS SENIOR BULL CALF

**Born on or after
1st September 2017**

1st

Sligo Serlo; Bernard Hunt,
Lisbaleely, Gurteen, Co.

Sligo Dam: Fauvette
(FR10); Sire: Ulsan

2nd

Ashbury Swagger; Alfred
Melvin, Hollystown, Dublin.

Dam: Ashbury Lynx; Sire:
Ashbury Narcotic (ET)

*2018 All Ireland Salers
Senior Bull Sligo Serlo
owner Bernard Hunt and
judge David Boyd*



ALL IRELAND SALERS NATIONAL CALF CHAMPION 2019



ALL IRELAND PEDIGREE SALERS SENIOR HEIFER CALF

**Born on/between
01.09.2018 and 31.12.2018**

1st.

Templeboy Talia; Niall Hunt,
Doonmadden, Templeboy, Co.
Sligo.

2nd.

Manusmore Tamara; John Burke,
Manusmore, Clarecastle, Co.Clare

3rd.

GlenmoreTiffany; Thomas Mulcahy,
Strand, Co. Limerick.

4th.

Ashbury Tutu; Alfred Melvin,
Ashbury Hse, Hollystown, Dublin 15

ALL IRELAND PEDIGREE SALERS SENIOR BULL CALF

Born on/between 01.09.2018 and 31.12.2018

1st. Ashbury Twain; Alfred Melvin, Ashbury Hse, Hollystown, Dublin 15

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

3rd. Manusmore Troy; John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Co.Clare

GORT SALE 2019

SALERS PEDIGREE AND CROSSBRED HEIFER SALE

The annual Salers heifer sale took place in Gort Mart, Co. Galway on Saturday 19th October. With over two hundred crossbred heifers on offer and twenty six pedigrees, the large crowd of buyers present on the day had plenty of choice.

There was strong demand for well-grown maiden and in-calf heifers in both the crossbred and pedigree sections. There was particularly keen interest in quality lots that were true to type Salers, with most buyers mentioning calving ability as being one of their main desired traits.

In the pedigree section, weanlings averaged €1040 with a top price of €1200 for Ryan Griffith's first prize winner Cashelard Ulsana. This heifer is out of Brownhall Ophealia and by AI bull Ulsan. Pedigree maidens averaged €1550 with a top price of €2150 for Glenmore Tennessee, a daughter of the renowned Rio, bred by Thomas Mulcahy, Co. Limerick. In the small in-calf section, Terence Sweeney received top price for his Whitebog Convener sired heifer Ballyconneely Savannah. She fetched €2400. Clearance rate in the pedigree section was 96%.

In the crossbred classes, weanlings averaged €750 with a top price of

€1100 for a 350kg heifer owned by Tom McGreal, Co. Mayo. There was a significant number of smaller, lighter weanling heifers in the sale which is reflected in the average price. However, price per kg was good overall. Examples include two heifers weighing 255kg selling for €730, one at 320kg making €820 and three weighing 358kg fetching €900. Clearance rate for the crossbred weanlings was 92%.

The crossbred maiden heifers averaged €923. The top price here went to the 510 kg first prize winner which sold for €1520. The in-calf commercial heifers averaged €1350 and reached a high of €1700 for a nice quality 580kg heifer.

Strong, quality heifers met with great demand on the day with buyers present from across the country, including Northern Ireland.

The October Salers heifer sale has become a key diary date for many farmers seeking quality replacement heifers. Indeed, many buyers at this year's sale were repeat customers, testament to the quality and selection of the Salers and Salers cross heifers available at the Gort sale.

PEDIGREE PRIZE WINNERS

Weanlings:

1st Cashelard Ulsana (Brownhall Ophealia x Ulsan) Owner: Ryan Griffith

2nd Anniemays Undine (Anniemays Ria x Ashbury Lamborghini) Owner: Michael Hurley

Maidens:

1st Cashelard Tasha (Brownhall Ophealia x Beguin) Owner: Ryan Griffith

2nd Glenmore Tennessee (Glenmore Nacre x Rio) Owner: Thomas J. Mulcahy

In-Calf:

1st Belmont Twilight (Belmont Nina x Lataster Eric) Owner: Brendan Murray

2nd Ballyconneely Rapunzel ET (Corlurgan Gleda x Bronson) Owner: Terence Sweeney

COMMERCIAL PRIZE WINNERS

Weanlings:

1st Michael Kelly

2nd Martin Kavanagh

Maidens:

1st John Whelan

2nd Martin Giles

In-Calf:

1st David McNamara

2nd David McNamara



GORT SALE 2020

EXCELLENT DEMAND FOR SALERS HEIFERS

The annual Salers heifer sale took place in Gort Mart, Co. Galway on Saturday 17th October. There were close to one hundred and thirty commercial animals on offer on the day. Judge for the day was Mr. Séamus Nagle of Bullbank.

There was strong demand for well-grown maiden and in-calf heifers with quality lots fetching good prices. In-calf heifers averaged €1410 with a 70% clearance rate. Top priced heifer in the in-calf section was lot 167, owned by Mr. Billy Small, Mullingar. This first prize winner weighed 635kg and made €1850. Billy also had the next two highest priced heifers in this section with lot 172 also fetching €1850 and his second prize winning lot 169 making €1760.

Maiden commercial heifers averaged €1100 and sold to a high of €1480. Bidders again agreed with the judge's selections. First prize went to lot 134, a Bonaparte sired heifer owned by Mr. Martin Lydon, Ballinasloe. She weighed 440kg and made the top price of €1480.

The second prize winner was lot 104, owned by Mr. Micheal Giles, Claregalway. She weighed 520kg and made the next highest price of €1380. In all, there were thirty nine maiden heifers on offer and a 100% clearance was achieved in this section.

Weanlings averaged €900 with a top price of €1230 for a well-grown 395kg heifer owned by Mr. Pat Cronin, Co. Cork. First prize in the weanling section went to lot 14 owned by Mr. Joe O'Gorman, Cappamore. This heifer was sold as part of a pair which averaged 345kg and fetched €1020. The second prize winner was lot 13, also owned by Mr. O'Gorman and sold as part of a pair. They averaged 330kg and were sold for €920. There were sixty one animals offered for sale in the weanling section and a 75% clearance was achieved. As has been the case in the past, strong weanling heifers born in early spring showing good growth rate and weight for age were in demand. Younger and lighter heifers were not as sought after.

with one weanling heifer and three maidens. The weanling heifer, Glenmore Uber was owned by Mr. Tom Mulcahy, Co. Limerick. This September 2019 born heifer was sired by Lataster Eric and she fetched €1320. In the maiden heifer section first prize also went to Tom Mulcahy for his October 2018 born Glenmore Tiffany. This heifer was well grown and showed real potential. Sired by Ulsan, she made €1700. Second prize went to Ballyconneely Ulrika owned by Mr. Seán Sweeney, Co. Galway. This sweet July 2019 born heifer was sired by Variegeois. She also made €1700. 3rd prize in the maiden section went to Glenmore Uriel, a January 2019 born heifer sired by Garou. She sold for €1200.

Many repeat buyers purchased their replacement heifers at Saturday's sale and expressed their confidence in the Salers female to calve unassisted, go back in calf easily and rear a good calf. The plan for most seems to be to go to a Salers bull in years one and two before crossing to a Charolais bull thereafter in order to produce the much sought after golden Charolais x Salers golden weanling.

There was a small entry of pedigree heifers



GORT SALE 2021

RED HOT TRADE

for Salers Heifers in Gort

The annual Irish Salers Cattle Society heifer sale took place in Gort Mart, Co. Galway on Saturday 16th October. There was a great selection of top quality Salers breeding heifers on offer on the day between pre-inspected pedigree registered heifers and commercial heifers. Judge for the day, Mr. Séamus Nagle of Bullbank, had plenty to mull over as there were heifers of the highest quality in all classes.

Organisers reported a huge level of pre-sale interest with enquiries from all across the country. Buyers were not disappointed with quality and quantity on offer in each class on the day.

There was exceptional demand for quality heifers, both pedigree and commercial. Top price on the day of €2900 went to well-known breeder Mr. Tom McGreal from Westport, Co. Mayo for his pedigree in-calf heifer Clew Bay Una. She is by Knottown Roy out of homebred cow Clew Bay Sophie and in calf to AI bull Ulsan.

In-calf heifers achieved a very healthy average of €2,000 with several animals making €2300 or more. In total, there were thirty-seven in-calf heifers offered for sale with a 100% clearance rate. Sample prices included €2300 for in-calf heifer Abbeyknockmoy Vera bred by Mr. Brendan Geraghty, Tuam, Co. Galway, €2500 for a Beguin sired heifer bred by Mr. Stephen Kirwan, Wexford and €2540 for a very powerful heifer bred by Mr. Michael O'Sullivan, Co. Clare.

There were seventy-six maiden heifers forward for sale and they averaged an impressive €1260 with a 92% clearance rate. Top price of €2160 was secured by Mr. Bernard Hunt, Co Sligo for his October 2020 born heifer Sligo Vella. She was sired by Halley and was snapped up by Michael and Catherine Minogue, Co. Clare. Bernard also achieved prices of €1960, for a Josquin sired September 2020 heifer and €1850 for a Halley sired August 2020 heifer. Alfie Melvin, Co. Dublin secured €1980 for an April 2020 born heifer. She weighed 495kg and was sired by Manor Lane Krypton.

In the weanling heifer section there were sixty-eight animals offered for sale. There was a 99% clearance rate with a very healthy average of just under €1000. Top priced weanling heifer and second prize winner was Templeboy Annabelle, bred by Niall Hunt, Co. Sligo. Born in February 2021 and sired by Sligo Nervanna, this very stylish heifer met with a flurry of bids before eventually selling for a very impressive €2520. Niall Hunt also bred the first prize winning pedigree weanling, Templeboy Verity. This November 2020 born heifer by Highfield Odran fetched €1920. Clew Bay Valerie bred by Tom McGreal was third prize winner and fetched €1840. This November 2020 born heifer was sired by Knottown Roy. Patsy Conneely's January 2021 born heifer weighed 345kg and fetched €1560 (€4.52/kg) while Tom McGreal's March 2021 born heifer weighed 260kg and made €1540 (a whopping €5.92/kg)

Buyers on the day reported extreme satisfaction with the quality of heifers available and with the great selection on offer on the day.



1st Maiden Heifer Sligo Venise DOB 01.09.'20
Bernard Hunt Breeder



1st Weanling Heifer Templeboy Verity DOB 02.11.'20 with Niall Hunt Breeder



Bernie Fahey Manager Gort Mart making presentation to Niall Hunt Sligo Salers, who won 1st & 2nd Weanling Heifer Class

GORT SALE 2021

RED HOT TRADE

for Salers Heifers in Gort

Bidding was very competitive for the real true to type Salers heifer. Many buyers stated that the calving ability of the Salers was crucial to being able to remain in suckling on a part-time basis, while the fertility and longevity of the Salers were also key considerations.

PRIZE WINNERS

Pedigree In Calf Heifer

- 1st** Clew Bay Una Sire: Knottown Roy, Dam: Clew Bay Sophie. Bred by Tom McGreal Co. Mayo. €2900
- 2nd** Ballyhoura Ursula Sire: Drumlegagh Dennis, Dam: Ballyhoura Rusty. Bred by Thomas O'Flynn, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick. €2050
- 3rd** Wallstown Ustinia Sire: Knottown Noah, Dam: Wallstown Olivia. Bred by Jerry McNamara, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork. €2000

Pedigree Maiden Heifer

- 1st** Sligo Venise Sire: Josquin, Dam: Sligo Patrice. Bred by Bernard Hunt, Gurteen, Co. Sligo €1960
- 2nd** Ballyconneely Venus Sire: Whitebog Convener, Dam: Ballyconneely Rhea ET. Bred by Seán Sweeney, Ballyconneely, Co. Galway. €1820
- 3rd** Sligo Vella Sire: Halley, Dam: Sligo Ritta. Bred by Bernard Hunt, Gurteen, Co. Sligo €2160

Pedigree Weanling Heifer

- 1st** Templeboy Verity Sire: Highfield Odran, Dam: Sligo Philana. Bred by Niall Hunt, Templeboy, Co. Sligo. €1920
- 2nd** Templeboy Annabelle Sire: Sligo Nervanna, Dam: Sligo Ritz. Bred by Niall Hunt, Templeboy, Co. Sligo. €2520
- 3rd** Clew Bay Valerie Sire: Knottown Roy, Dam: Clew Bay Jill. Bred by Tom McGreal, Westport, Co. Mayo. €1840

Commercial In Calf Heifer

- 1st** Lot 59 €2540 Michael O'Sullivan
- 2nd** Lot 63 €2400 Michael O'Sullivan
- 3rd** Lot 73 €2440 Stephen Kirwan

Commercial Maiden Heifer

- 1st** Lot 113 €1980 Alfred Melvin
- 2nd** Lot 126 €1660 Brendan Murray
- 3rd** Lot 180 €1340 Frank Kelly

Commercial Weanling Heifer

- 1st** Lot 201 €1560 Patsy Conneely
- 2nd** Lot 229 €1420 Brendan Ryan
- 3rd** Lot 212 €1200 Rita McGowan



Bernie Fahey Manager Gort Mart making presentation to Tom McGreal, Clew Bay Salers, who won 1st In-calf heifer class & 3rd Weaning Heifer Class



Declan Bell making presentation to Bernard Hunt, Sligo Salers who won 1st & 3rd in Maiden Heifer Class.

Gort Mart & The Salers Cattle Society of Ireland

A Longstanding and Proud Partnership

This year Gort Mart will host the 17th Annual Show & Sale of Salers crossbreeding Heifers & the Salers Pedigree Heifer Show & Sale on behalf of the Salers Cattle Society of Ireland.

The sale has grown from strength to strength over the years and attracts buyers & sellers from all over Ireland. The quality of stock on offer has greatly improved over the years and last year's prices proved that, where the top priced pedigree in-calf heifer made €2900 & the top priced commercial heifer made €2560. The sale has attracted substantial interest from northern buyers also as Gort Mart arranges export testing & clearing of stock on site.

This year's sale takes place on Saturday 15th October 2022 & we here in Gort Mart are delighted to have such a long association with the Salers Society & look forward to continuing to promote the Salers breed as an excellent option for suckler farmers due to the easy calving traits & general reliability of the Salers breed.

Bernie Fahey
Manager, Gort Mart.

Show Results

Cappamore Show 2018 18th August 2018

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

1st Ballyvonnaun Ria; Declan Bell, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.
Dam: Clew Bay Kate; Sire: Manusmore Norris
2nd Ballyvonnaun Sally; Declan Bell, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.
Dam: Ballyvonnaun Janice; Sire: Manusmore Norris
3rd 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 Ballyvonnaun Storm; Declan Bell, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.
Dam: Clew Bay Kate; Sire: Manusmore Norris

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: Ballyvonnaun Ria; Declan Bell, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.

Reserve Champion:

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



Cappamore Show 2018
Glenmore Skye;
Thomas J. Mulcahy



Cappamore Show 2018
Ballyvonnaun Ria;
Declan Bell



Iverk Show 2018 Champion
Glenmore Roxanne & Reserve Glenmore Skye

Iverk Show 2018 24th August 2018

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

1st Glenmore Roxanne; Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick
Dam: Corlurgan Gittle; Sire: Cumbrian Joker Poll

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 Roxanne;

Thomas J. Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick

Reserve Champion:

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

2018Tullamore Show

1st Junior Heifer Ballyvonnaun Ria;
owner Declan Bell with judge David Boyd



Show Results

Tullamore Show 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 Sligo Philana; Niall Hunt, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.
Dam: Bijoux (FR 06); Sire: Vanlooy (S1545)
2nd Ashbury Risque; Alfred Melvin, Hollystown, Dublin.
Dam: Union (FR 05); Sire: Knottown Leo

Pedigree Salers Junior Heifer born on or after

1st September 2016 and before 1st September 2017

1st Ballyvonnaun Ria; Declan Bell, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.
Dam: Clew Bay Kate; Sire: Manusmore Norris
2nd Ballyvonnaun Sally; Declan Bell, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.
Dam: Ballyvonnaun Janice; Sire: Manusmore Norris
3rd Sligo Selma; Bernard Hunt, Gurteen, Co. Sligo.
Dam: Sligo Niata 2; Sire: Josquin (FR 14)

Pedigree Salers Bull Any Age

1st Ballyconneely Remus ET; Seán Sweeney, Ballyconneely, Co. Galway.
Dam: Corlurgan Gleda; Sire: Bronson
2nd Ashbury Swagger; Alfred Melvin, Hollystown, Dublin.
Dam: Ashbury Lynx; Sire: Ashbury Narcotic (ET)

Best Pair of Animals

1st Ballyvonnaun Ria & Ballyvonnaun Sally Declan Bell, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.
2nd Sligo Selma & Sligo Serlo Bernard Hunt, Lisbaleely, Gurteen, Co. Sligo

All-Ireland Pedigree Salers Senior Bull Calf born on or after 1st September 2017

1st Sligo Serlo; Bernard Hunt, Lisbaleely, Gurteen, Co. Sligo
Dam: Fauvette (FR10); Sire: Ulsan
2nd Ashbury Swagger; Alfred Melvin, Hollystown, Dublin.
Dam: Ashbury Lynx; Sire: Ashbury Narcotic (ET)

Champion: Sligo Philana; Niall Hunt, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.

Reserve Champion:

Ashbury Lynx; Alfred Melvin, Hollystown, Dublin.



Tullamore Show 1st Salers Bull Class,
Ballyconneely Remus, Seán Sweeney.



Tullamore 2018 Junior Heifer Ballyvonnaun Ria; Declan Bell



Tullamore 2018 Show Cow & Calf
Ashbury Lynx - Alfred & Conor Melvin



Tullamore Champion 2018.
Sligo Philana, Niall Hunt with
Judge David Boyd and family.

Show Results

TULLAMORE SHOW RESULTS 2019

Pedigree Salers Senior Cow In Calf or with Calf at foot.

- 1st Ashbury Lynx; Alfred Melvin, Ashbury Hse, Hollystown, Dublin 15
- 2nd Manusmore Nikita; John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.
- 3rd Clewbay Kate; Declan Bell, Ballyvonnaun, Clarecastle, Clare

Pedigree Salers Junior Cow Born on/after 01.09.2015 and before 31.08.16

- 1st. Sligo Philana; Niall Hunt, Doonmadden, Templeboy, Sligo

Pedigree Salers Senior Heifer Born on/after 01.09.16 and on/before 01.09.17

- 1st. Ashbury Smooch; Alfred Melvin, Ashbury Hse, Hollystown, Dublin 15

Pedigree Salers Junior Heifer Born on/after 01.09.2017 and on/before 01.09.18

- 1st. Glenmore Skye, Thomas Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick.
- 2nd. Opale; Niall Hunt, Doonmadden, Templeboy, Sligo
- 3rd. Manusmore Sky; John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Co. Clare

Pedigree Salers Bull

- 1st. Ashbury Swagger; Alfred Melvin, Ashbury Hse, Hollystown, Dublin 15
- 2nd. Ashbury Twain; Alfred Melvin, Ashbury Hse, Hollystown, Dublin 15

Best Pair of Animals

- 1st. Sligo Philana & Templeboy Talia ; Niall Hunt, Doonmadden, Templeboy, Sligo

Champion: Ashbury Lynx; Alfred Melvin, Ashbury Hse, Hollystown, Dublin 15

Reserve Champion:

Ashbury Smooch; Alfred Melvin, Ashbury Hse, Hollystown, Dublin 15



2019 Tullamore show Cow Class

Tullamore Show, Junior Heifer Class 1st Glenmore Skye owner Thomas Mulcahy



2019 Tullamore Show 1st Junior Cow, Sligo Philana owner Niall Hunt



Tullamore Show Cow class 3rd Clew Bay Kate owner Declan Bell.



Tullamore Show, Junior Heifer Class 3rd Manusmore Sky owner John Burke



TULLAMORE SHOW RESERVE CHAMPION Ashbury Smooch Owner Alfred Melvin Judge Colin McClymont.





2019 Tullamore Show Champion

Ashbury Lynx owner Alfred & Conor Melvin.

Charleville Show 2019

Pedigree Salers Senior Cow in calf or with calf at foot, any age

- 1st Philana; Niall Hunt, Doonmadden, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.
- 2nd Glenmore Nicole, Thomas Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick.
- 3rd Manusmore Nikita; John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.

Pedigree Salers Junior Heifer born on or after

1st September 2017 and before 1st September 2018

- 1st Opale; Niall Hunt, Doonmadden, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.
- 2nd Glenmore Skye, Thomas Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick.
- 3rd Manusmore Sky; John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.

Pedigree Salers Heifer Calf born on or after

1st September 2018

- 1st Templeboy Talia; Niall Hunt, Doonmadden, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.
- 2nd Glenmore Tiffany; Thomas Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick.

Pedigree Salers Bull Calf born on or after 1st September 2018

- 1st Manusmore Troy 2; John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.
- 2nd Manusmore Tim; John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.



Tullamore Show 1st junior heifer
Glenmore Skye owner Thomas Mulcahy

Athlone Show 2019

Pedigree Salers Senior Cow in milk and with calf at foot

- 1st Philana; Niall Hunt, Doonmadden, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.
- 2nd Manusmore Nikita; John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.

Pedigree Salers Heifer born on or after

1st September 2016 and before 1st September 2018

- 1st Opale; Niall Hunt, Doonmadden, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.
- 2nd Manusmore Sky; John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.

Pedigree Salers Calf Bull/Heifer born on or after

1st September 2018

- 1st Templeboy Talia; Niall Hunt, Doonmadden, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.
- 2nd Manusmore Tim; John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.

Champion:

Philana; Niall Hunt, Doonmadden, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.

Reserve:

Templeboy Talia; Niall Hunt, Doonmadden, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.



Athlone Show 2019 Champion
Philana and Reserve Champion Templeboy Talia owner Niall Hunt

Show Results

Cappamore Show 2019

Junior Salers Heifer born on or after 01/09/2017 and before 01/09/2018.

- 1st. Glenmore Sandy – Owner Thomas J Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick
- 2nd. Glenmore Skye – Owner Thomas J Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick
- 3rd. Manusmore Sky – Owner John Burke, Clarecastle, Ennis, Co. Clare

Salers Male Calf born on or after 01/09/2018

- 1st. Manusmore Troy – Owner John Burke, Clarecastle, Ennis, Co. Clare
- 2nd. Manusmore Tim – Owner John Burke, Clarecastle, Ennis, Co. Clare

Salers Female Calf born on or after 01/09/2018

- 1st. Glenmore Tiffany – Owner Thomas J Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick
- 2nd. Manusmore Tempest – Owner John Burke, Clarecastle, Ennis, Co. Clare

Champion -

Glenmore Sandy – Owner Thomas J Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick

Reserve Champion -

Glenmore Tiffany – Owner Thomas J Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick

Ossory Show 2019

Pedigree Salers Senior Cow in calf or with calf at foot, any age

- 1st Ashbury Lynx; Alfred Melvin, Ashbury House, Hollystown, Dublin 15.
- 2nd Philana; Niall Hunt, Doonmadden, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.
- 3rd Clew Bay Kate; Declan Bell, Ballyvonnavaun, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.

Pedigree Salers Senior Heifer born before 1st September 2017

- 1st Renee 2; Niall Hunt, Doonmadden, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.
- 2nd Ashbury Smooch; Alfred Melvin, Ashbury House, Hollystown, Dublin 15.

Pedigree Salers Junior Heifer born on or after

1st September 2017 and before 1st September 2018

- 1st Opale; Niall Hunt, Doonmadden, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.
- 2nd Glenmore Skye, Thomas Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick.

Pedigree Salers Bull Calf born on or after 1st September 2018

- 1st Ashbury Twain; Alfred Melvin, Ashbury House, Hollystown, Dublin 15.
- 2nd Manusmore Troy 2; John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.
- 3rd Manusmore Tim; John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.

Pedigree Salers Heifer Calf born on or after 1st September 2018

- 1st Glenmore Tiffany; Thomas Mulcahy, Strand, Co. Limerick.
- 2nd Templeboy Talia; Niall Hunt, Doonmadden, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.
- 3rd Manusmore Tempest; John Burke, Manusmore, Clarecastle, Co. Clare.

Champion: Opale; Niall Hunt, Doonmadden, Templeboy, Co. Sligo.

Reserve: Ashbury Lynx; Alfred Melvin, Ashbury House, Hollystown, Dublin 15.

Cappamore Show 2019
Champion & Reserve Champion
went to Thomas Mulcahy



Glenmore Tiffany 2019
1st Female calf & Reserve
Champion winner



OSSORY CHAMPION Opale Tom Fitzpatrick presenting cup
to owner Niall Hunt and Judge John O'Malley

Ossory Show, Glenmore Tiffany
1st in Heifer Calf Class
owner Tom Mulcahy



Ossory Reserve Champion Ashbury Lynx
receiving 1st in cow class with calf at foot.
Owner Conor and Alf Melvin



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SALERS SOCIAL NIGHT & DINNER DANCE

The Salers Cattle Society held a Social Night & Dinner Dance on Sunday 28th October 2018 (Bank Holiday Weekend) in Athlone. It was a very enjoyable evening with Johnny Mullen playing music.

The Brian Halton memorial cup was presented to Alfred Melvin by Philomena and Seamus Halton. This cup is presented to the owner of the winning cow of the Salers National Cow Competition. This year we had a tie with joint winners Alfred Melvin, Ashbury Salers from Dublin and Tom Mulcahy, Glenmore Salers from Limerick. Unfortunately Tom couldn't attend but the cup was presented to him later in the second half of the year.

On the night, we held a fundraiser raffle for a charity Embrace Farm, where an outstanding €1,043. was raised. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who donated and supported our raffle at our Social night and donated towards our charity.

Embrace Farm is a farm accident support network, a caring and supporting Agri community for all affected by farm accidents.

Meryl Gillespie



Alfred being presented with the Brian Halton Memorial Cup by Seamus and Philomena Halton at our Social night held in Athlone in October 2018

Presentation of Cheque to Charity, EMBRACE FARM





GENE IRELAND PROGENY TEST

Pat Donnellan (ICBF)

BACKGROUND

Gene Ireland is the name of ICBF's national beef progeny test program which is co-ordinated by ICBF. The program has 4 parts which are all tightly linked to the ICBF database:

1. **G**enerate a panel of bulls from the ICBF database.
2. **E**valuate their progeny for the main beef traits on-farm.
3. **N**ew difficult to measure traits are assessed at the ICBF progeny test Centre in Tully.
4. **E**stimate their genetic merit & promote the best bulls for use across the national herd.

With all of the focus on stars, data and genotyping nowadays ICBF feels it's really important to continuously make the point that of course the Beef bull always needs to look the part, be functionally correct and have great quality.

What the ICBF database brings to the table is that there are now an increasing amount of important traits however that can't be measured with just the bull's physical appearance. Traits such as: Daughter milk & fertility, feed efficiency, meat tenderness & methane emissions.

The Progeny Test

ICBF puts together a panel of young beef bulls every Spring and Autumn for progeny testing. Participating AI Centres and Breed Societies put forward 500 straws of their young bulls for progeny testing. ICBF also brings in semen of certain foreign bulls so as to create linkages with other countries for international evaluation work. The participating organisation also recruits commercial suckler herds to use the straws. ICBF co-ordinates the allocation of the semen and the recording of the inseminations. We also follow up with these herdowners to ensure that all of the relevant calving and liveweight data is recorded on the resulting progeny. We purchase a sample of each bull's progeny into Tully to record data on traits that are difficult to measure in the field.

Through the ICBF database further slaughter, fertility, milk and linear scoring data such as docility and functionality is recorded. All of this data goes towards a bull's euro-star index figures. The best bull's go on to be distributed widely through AI. ICBF also makes available semen of some of the foreign bulls that do well for pedigree matings. The whole process allows bulls to be tested quickly and efficiently with no bull having excess amounts of semen distributed.

'Difficult to measure on-farm' traits are what we focus on here in Tully. Not all traits of economic importance to farmers are actually easily measured on-farm. Traits like 'Feed Efficiency', 'Eye muscle' and 'Intramuscular Fat' are difficult to measure on-farm so they are measured on some progeny from each young Gene Ireland Bull at the ICBF Beef Performance Test Centre here at Tully. All Gene Ireland progeny are also part of an international project which takes place at Tully called 'Rumen Predict' which looks at the relationship between feed efficiency and methane emissions. Also, when a batch of cattle are slaughtered we go to the factory and record measurements on the various cuts of meat. Meat is also taken for taste panel tasting', Stephen Conroy, ICBF Progeny Test Centre Manager.

Pedigree Salers Breeders

As a pedigree Salers breeder in Ireland today it's very important to be aware of what the star ratings of your cows are and also how bulls you are using rank on the Euro-Star system. Herdplus reports like the 'Suckler Cow Report' are excellent for keeping up to speed on your females and the 'Animal Search' on the ICBF website should be used to check out any AI Sires or Stockbulls that you are using. Apart from being increasingly asked by customers about a bull's calving figures - as a pedigree breeder of Salers cattle you can expect to be asked in the future about how your cattle rank for those 'invisible' traits such as Methane emissions. As much as looking at stars can feel very 'unstockman' like they are our only way of judging cattle for a lot of traits that the human eye won't pick up.

Following is a list of the Salers AI Sires that have been progeny tested through Gene Ireland to-date with their May 2022 evaluations.

Bull Details				Replacement		Terminal		Dairy Beef	
AI Code	Name	Total Progeny	Ped Progeny	Index	Rel %	Index	Rel %	Index	Rel %
5A4604	KNOTTOWN ROY	4086	60	€258	70	€117	93	€133	88
5A2153	HIGHFIELD ODRAN	3843	143	€237	92	€109	94	€123	90
5M684	KNOTTOWN RANDY	253	25	€235	67	€119	82	€145	68
5A4461	SPIDAL PAT	1165	27	€175	72	€76	90	€82	85
ZBZ	BREFFNI MUZZ	277	6	€154	78	€107	86	€97	80
KTM	KNOTTOWN MICHAEL	342	20	€149	84	€62	90	€63	77
5A2366	CARRENTUBBER PINOCCHIO	190	4	€146	74	€77	86	€88	71
5A7044	HAITERE	67	4	€136	39	€100	47	€107	39

Summary

Progeny Testing has been part of the Irish Cattle breeding industry ever since AI commenced in the 1950's. ICBF is very proud to be continuing this process of progeny testing young beef AI bulls. Together with it's across industry partners ICBF is continually striving to accurately identify bulls whose genetics will ensure that Irish beef and dairy farmers can increase the profitability of their farming businesses.

It's great to see AI Companies and Breed Societies making use of the database to help them select bulls and we encourage more to participate in Gene Ireland and get value out of the ICBF database which they have contributed so much to.

SALERS PRE-SALE CHECK LIST

- **Pedigree Show and Sales** all entries must be Pedigree Registered with the Salers Cattle Society of Ireland.
- **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.
- **BVD:** Tested clear of BVD in its lifetime.
- **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 Registered Salers Bull.
- All **gates must be closed** after unloading and loading cattle.
- All **haltered** animals must be shown in their classes. White shirts/coats 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.

GENE IRELAND STRAWS

AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE TO BREEDERS

who are in WHPR (Whole Herd Performance Recording).

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 Carrentubber Pinocchio (SA2366)
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 Knottown Michael (KTM)
 Breffni Muzz (ZBZ)
 Knottown Roy (SA4604)

Pedigree Breeders taking part in the WHPR program are voluntarily getting their young pedigree animals independently assessed by ICBF annually. Measurements and weights are recorded on all pedigree animals under 365 days of age.

BENEFITS:

Bullfinder: This is an online bull sales section on the ICBF website. Only bulls from WHPR herds will be included.

€uro-Stars & Reliability %: The €uro-Stars of pedigree animals will come more in line with what a Pedigree Breeder would expect them to be.

Stamp: Animals in participating herds will have a 'Stamp' displayed beside their €uro-Stars so they are clearly identified as having come from a 'Performance Recorded' herd.

ICBF Performance Recorded: Animal was scored/weighed by an ICBF scorer at a WHPR visit.



KNOTTOWN ROY

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



KNOTTOWN RANDY

Knottown Randy IE371214671680
 H.B.No: IE371214671680



SPIDDAL PAT

Spiddal Pat A.I.Code: SA4461
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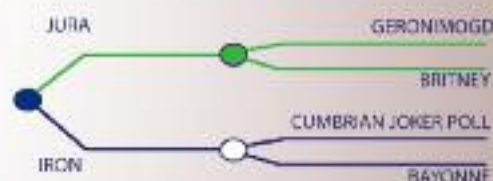
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 - o Muscle 120
 - o IVMAT 114



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Eurostar Index ICBF Jan 2022					Calving Difficulty				
Within Breed	Index	Euro Value	Reliability	Across Breeds	When mated with:	Value	Reliability		
★★	Replacement	€151	41%	★★★★★	Beef Heifers	5.0%	34%		
★★★★★	Terminal	€112	48%	★★★★★	Beef Cows	1.9%	78%		
Expected Daughter Performance					Expected Progeny Performance				
★	Daughter CD	5.26%	58%	★★★	★★	Docity	-0.12	33%	★
★	Daughter Milk (Kg)	2.70	40%	★★★★	★★★★★	Carcass Weight	21.7Kg	45%	★★★★★
★★	Daughter CI (Days)	-3.12	32%	★★★★★	★★★★★	Carcass Conformation	1.19	45%	★★

BREEDER PROFILE

RYAN GIBBONS, GALWAY

I am a suckler farmer based in west Galway farming alongside my father Martin. We farm 20 cows across a mix of land, ranging from good grassland to heavy mountain type ground. We are mostly spring calving with heifers usually calving down at 24 months around October time, calves are normally sold as weanlings in the back end of the year with as little extra stock carried for the winter as possible. The herd consists mostly of Salers cross cows with the usual Limousin and Charolais thrown into the mix for good measure with the purebred Salers cows being the most recent addition.

My first introduction to the Salers breed would have been back around 2007 when we used the AI bull RIO on a Simmental cow at the time which produced a heifer calf who was retained for breeding. She turned out to be one of the best cows for calving and rearing ability that we had on the farm, calving some extremely difficult bulls across all breeds. As a result, any daughter she had we ended up keeping on for breeding stock also.

WHY SALERS?

After graduating college with an agricultural degree I ended up working away from home a lot in other parts of the country and only getting to come home at the weekends, this combined with my father working off farm as well, I was always trying to keep the farming system at home simple as possible. I wanted our calving season to run as smoothly as possible and also to have no issue with getting cows back in calf as we were 100% AI at the time. After having used Salers and seeing how well they managed these traits it prompted me to go looking at them in more detail. As part of a work trip I visited the Poldean farm in Scotland which was running over 400 purebred Salers cows with a Culard Charolais bull. When asked about calving difficulty and assistance the reply was "out of all these cows last season only 6 needed assistance".

In October 2019 I made a decision to get into purebred Salers cows, purchasing my first pure bred heifer at the Salers show and sale in Gort, she was on heat the very next day and had a heifer calf 9 months later. Since then I have steadily increased the number of pure bred cows in the herd and I have not looked back since.

THE BENEFITS

Since getting into Salers I have found numerous benefits to our farm which was recently highlighted in a 5 year trend report from ICBF

- Our herds replacement index went from €91 to €130
- Our first calvers replacement index has gone from €54 to €150
- Calving interval has gone from 391 days to 352 days
- As I am increasing numbers I have not yet sold any pure bred females but I have sold a Purebred Salers bull at a price as competitive as any other breed in the market
- In my first year with Salers calves and Salers cross Charolais calves, they averaged around €200/head more than any other calf on the farm



THE FUTURE

My plan going forward is to gradually phase out the commercial cows as they age out or problems occur and replace them with purebred Salers heifers. My focus in terms of breeding at the minute is to breed good quality stock with a good wide pelvis and good depth along with good bloodlines. The aim is to have heifers with good replacement index figures so that they are marketable in a purebred or commercial market and in the case of bulls that you have good bloodlines along with the correct physical attributes. Currently I give all cows an AI Salers straw and then let them run with a Charolais bull a few weeks later. I find these calves out sell any other type of cattle in a suckler market and they tend to be the first calves out the gate at the end of year with the least amount of input.



In a line I find the Salers breed to be simplistic, reliable and stress free. When calving season comes around I know I don't have to worry about Salers calving which means less sleepless nights, less vet call outs for difficult calvings which leaves me with more time to focus on breeding and trying to improve the quality of cattle on the farm. At the end of the day as a suckler farmer my end product is a marketable weanling which a Salers cow is able to provide by the bucket load in the form of excellent cow makers, easy calving bulls or excellent fattening stock when crossed commercially.



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A number of Irish Salers breeders have recently imported genetics from France and the UK, some of these are homozygous polled and some are heterozygous polled.

Polling is a genetic mutation. The polling gene is dominant and the horned gene is recessive. This means that animals which are visually horned must have two copies of the horned gene, however visually polled animals maybe heterozygous - they may carry one horned gene and one poll gene, or homozygous carrying two poll genes.

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Salers Tick All the Boxes in Clare

I got into Salers over a decade ago. I initially heard about the breed from a friend who had great results with them so I looked into them in more detail. I spotted an ad in the paper for purebred registered cows to be sold at my local mart the following Thursday so I went along and purchased a five year old in-calf cow. She had a bull calf a few months later and that cow has gone on to breed well every year since. From there I was hooked. I went on to buy two more, two first calvers with heifer calves at foot from French bloodlines and the following year I purchased two more at the show and sale in Tullamore.

I use mostly AI from Dovea and some bought in straws from Bullbank. The bulls I have used most frequently to date are KKB, BHU, Ulsan & Forez. I was pleased with my first year having bulls for sale, selling KKB bred bulls to farmers in Cork & Galway. That same year the BDGP scheme began and to me this was a game changer. This shone a spotlight on the replacement qualities of the Salers breed. Most farmers had to change their bulls in the years that followed to qualify for the scheme and so I sold many bulls for this very reason. Salers ticked all the boxes for these farmers and even more so if they were part time farmers, as they wanted to use the Salers bull to ensure easy calving and bring quality, colour and vigour in the calf. They were also able to keep their own heifer calves as replacements as the Salers bull brought high figures and often brought daughters from low star rated dams to 4 or 5 stars for the scheme.

I try to get as much feedback as possible from customers and so far this has been very positive. One farmer bought an Ulsan sired bull with a calving difficulty of 2.1% from me to use on 15 simmental heifers. He was starting a herd and wanted an easy calving bull that would also bring quality and nice colouring to the calves. He was very pleased with the results. Another farmer who had a herd of 25 cows and who was returning to buy his second Salers bull remarked, "If you have 25 cows you will have 25 live Salers calves but you won't always get that with other breeds."

I try to promote the Salers breed on social media as much as I can, mainly through facebook and snapchat. One snapchat friend of mine, a part time commercial suckler farmer with 40 cows, was having quite a lot of difficult calvings. He saw my snapchats of Salers calves being born easily and up sucking after ten minutes. He was impressed by the calving ease and vigour of the newborn Salers calf and so he asked my advice on AI Salers bulls. He has since gotten excellent results and is now sending me videos of his springers calving by themselves and the calves up sucking in ten minutes.

My father and I used to run a mixture of different breeds over the years. With the onset of the BDGP scheme we have changed to mainly pedigree Salers and commercial Salers x Charolais with some Limousin also. The main traits I look for in an AI bull are replacement index, calving difficulty and carcass confirmation. If a cow has good replacement figures she will rear a good calf on milk with less concentrates. Through our use of AI Salers bulls and keeping our own replacements we have all but eliminated calving difficulties, even when using terminal sires. The Salers bull will suit any cow but we have found that the Salers bull crossed onto a Charolais cow or heifer gives an excellent golden calf, equal to the Charolais bull crossed onto the Salers cow in terms of shape and colour. I have bred some roan Salers out of Charolais cross cows and I am also experimenting with Belgian Blue bulls on Salers cows to bring the roan colour.



I can't say enough good about the Salers breed. They have dramatically changed our herd in terms of performance, quality, vigour and shape. They have excellent maternal characteristics and our mortality rate has gone way down. The Salers cows have also made our lives easier when it comes to heat detection. They generally have very visible heats and so are very easy to spot. They are very fertile and go back in calf very easily. We have also found the Salers to be a very docile breed. If ever we have an animal with questionable temperament we cull them. I'm in the BEEP and BDGP schemes and the Salers breed fits into these very easily. I am very pleased with my pedigree bull sales to date and I intend to have quality bulls for sale each spring into the future.

I've had plenty of hard times and misfortune with other breeds but I can honestly say that the Salers cow, Salers cross and Salers bull have made my life a lot easier and I would not change from them.

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A HISTORY OF THE SALERS BREED IN IRELAND

AS OUTLINED BY MICHAEL MCKEOWN

In 1988 there was a dispersal sale of purebred Salers cattle at Walling's in the UK. At this stage, a small but growing number of farmers both in the UK and Ireland were becoming aware of the Salers breed and the fact that they offered excellent hardiness, fertility and calving ability. There was incredible demand for stock at that dispersal sale with six-month old weanling heifers making from £3,000 to £5,000. Alan Steele from Co. Antrim bought stock at that dispersal sale as did Ronnie Russell, a suckler farmer with a very large enterprise from Killygordon, Co. Donegal. He had seen Salers in Canada and had witnessed at firsthand how hardy they were. He bought two heifers and a bull and these were the first Salers cattle in the Republic of Ireland.

I met Derek Steen from Co. Down at Ballymote Mart and got to know him. Derek rang me one night and asked if I had heard of Salers cattle, which I had not. He went on to sing their praises. He had land alongside Alan Steele and saw the cattle that Alan had bought at Walling's dispersal. He saw how they were performing and was very impressed. At the time, Derek was running a herd of fifty suckler cows with a Charolais bull. He noticed that his preferred replacement heifer type, Angus x Friesian, when crossed with the Charolais bull was leaving a heifer that was difficult to turn a profit on. He tried various different breeds of cow but most were not robust enough to perform well and go back in calf on rough winterage. He knew about the hardiness of the Salers

and so he asked me to go to England with him to look at Salers. We visited a number of breeders on that first visit and followed that up with two further visits. That was in the early 1990s. Derek bought a heifer and I decided to take the plunge myself. I bought one heifer from the UK and two from Ronnie Russell in Donegal. The younger heifer I bought from Russell's was a smashing heifer, Killygordon Lulu, and I went on to show her in subsequent years.

There was a symposium on suckler farming at Gurteen Agricultural College in the early 1990s. One of the main points emphasized at this event was the fact that we needed $\frac{3}{4}$ continental breeding in our animals to meet the requirements of the European market. It was pointed out that the breeders of the main continental breeds in Ireland at the time, Limousin and Charolais, would need to concentrate on getting milk into their herds. Upon hearing this, I wrote a letter to the Irish Farmers Journal to say that there was already a continental breed in Ireland with plenty milk and hardiness. I got about twenty enquiries by phone and letter. James Mason was one of the people who contacted me. He had worked in France and knew some Salers breeders. He did not know that the breed was already in Ireland but he asked me to contact him if there were any further developments with the breed in Ireland. Derek Steen and I had already been thinking about going to France but we did not speak any French. And so it came to pass that a small group of



us including myself, Derek Steen, James Mason and brothers Jack and Adrian Lannon travelled to France in 1994. I bought five pedigree in-calf heifers, Jack and Adrian Lannon bought ten and James Mason bought two.

The first pedigree Salers stock purchased directly from France came to Ireland in November 1994. In summer 1995 there was an open day at Kildalton Agricultural College. I contacted the man in charge of livestock and went down with one heifer to put on display. She generated huge interest at the event. Also in the 1990s, CEOEGA, a French body equivalent to our Bord Bia, came to the ploughing and took a stand there. Their aim was to promote French food and wine and they wanted to have a small number of French breeds of cattle on display. And so I brought a Salers heifer and Brian Hunt brought a Salers bull to the Ploughing Championships in the 1990s. This was putting the breed in front of a large Irish audience.

On that first visit to France in 1994 we went to the National Show where we observed the various Salers classes. I noticed that in the senior bull class, four of the six entries had been bred by the same breeder, Mr. Eugene Brusse. I was eager to get to visit the herd but it did not come to



pass on that particular occasion. On a subsequent visit I made sure to get there and it was well worth it. I would say they were the best cattle I have ever seen in France. Eugene Brusse had bred the bull Cap. To give you an idea of how good Cap was, the most prestigious class at the National Show was for a class of five cows from the same herd and, on one occasion the first, second and third prize winners were all daughters of Cap; that's fifteen daughters! The only fault I had with Brusse's cattle was that he was doing a lot of inbreeding and was adamant that it was the way to go when done properly. He felt it helped to fix desired genes. I tried to buy some heifers from Eugene Brusse but, not only were all his heifer calves sold, half the unborn heifers were already booked. So he told me to return in three years' time and he'd have a heifer for me. I did just that and I also bought a very nice quality heifer of his breeding from his neighbour.

There were a lot of enquiries from farmers over the following months. John Maloney from Co. Mayo and Tom Stenson were the first two people who came to see the heifers. John had been at the Paris Show a number of times and had already seen Salers cattle and was very impressed by them. He had them in the back of his mind since then. There was a meeting of the Northern Irish breeders called in Dungannon around the time of our first trip to France and I went to that meeting. Subsequently, I organised a minibus to go to an open day on the farms of two Scottish Salers breeders. We left in the early hours of the morning, got the boat in Larne and had the day on the two farms in Scotland. In the

meantime, interest was continuing to grow in Ireland and a number of other farmers, including Brian Hunt, had travelled to France to buy pedigree stock. I brought in more pedigree animals and sold to farmers in several counties (James McGroarty, John Maloney and Clive Gillespie to name a few) and so the breed was beginning to spread. After that, perhaps around 1998, I called a meeting in Boyle. A committee was formed to further the breed. To give you an idea of where we were starting from, the last thing we did at that meeting was we passed around a cap to collect a few bob to buy envelopes and stamps to call the next meeting.

As interest in the breed grew, David Clarke began to import them. David was quick off the mark and got the required signatures to form a Pedigree Salers Society in Ireland. There were negotiations between ourselves and David Clarke for a time and a council was eventually formed at a meeting in Mullingar. Prior to this, cattle from around 1995 in Ireland were registered with the UK Salers Society. John Maloney was our representative and he travelled to meetings in the UK. We decided, however, that the Salers breed in Ireland would be better served with our own society. I realised that this would require financing to get off the ground. Stationery and equipment such as a computer and printer would be required. At that point John Maloney said to go ahead and that he would back it financially. John bought a computer. Then our attention turned to the role of secretary. I was wondering who we could get to take on the role and I thought of Meryl Gillespie. I had sold pedigree Salers

cattle to her husband Clive and so I asked Clive if he thought Meryl would be willing to act as secretary. Meryl agreed to take on the role on a temporary basis. She worked for the first few years in a voluntary capacity. At that stage we were up and running and so the decision was made that we would have our own society on 1st January 2000. We needed a software package to print the pedigree certs. We found someone who could sell us such a package but it was quite expensive, I think around £2500 - £3000 at the time. My son Dan managed to get someone to design a package at a more agreeable cost and so Dan and I travelled to Gillespie's on New Year's Eve 1999 to get the system up and running. We spent quite a while trying to get the computer and software package to work. Eventually, after ringing in the New Year, Dan got the system functioning in the early hours and we were able to print certs. And that was it, we were up and running with our own society. I served as first chairman of the society from 2000 – 2010.

We exhibited cattle at many local, regional and national shows, including Tullamore Show, the Ploughing Championships and the RDS Show in Goffs Co. Kildare. Our first pedigree show and sale was held in Mountrath Mart. We had three sales in Mountrath in total before moving to Roscrea for a number of years. It is heartening to now see the show and sale in Gort going from strength to strength each year. I enjoyed every minute of my time furthering the Salers breed in Ireland over the years that I was involved and I wish the society all the very best in their endeavours going forward.

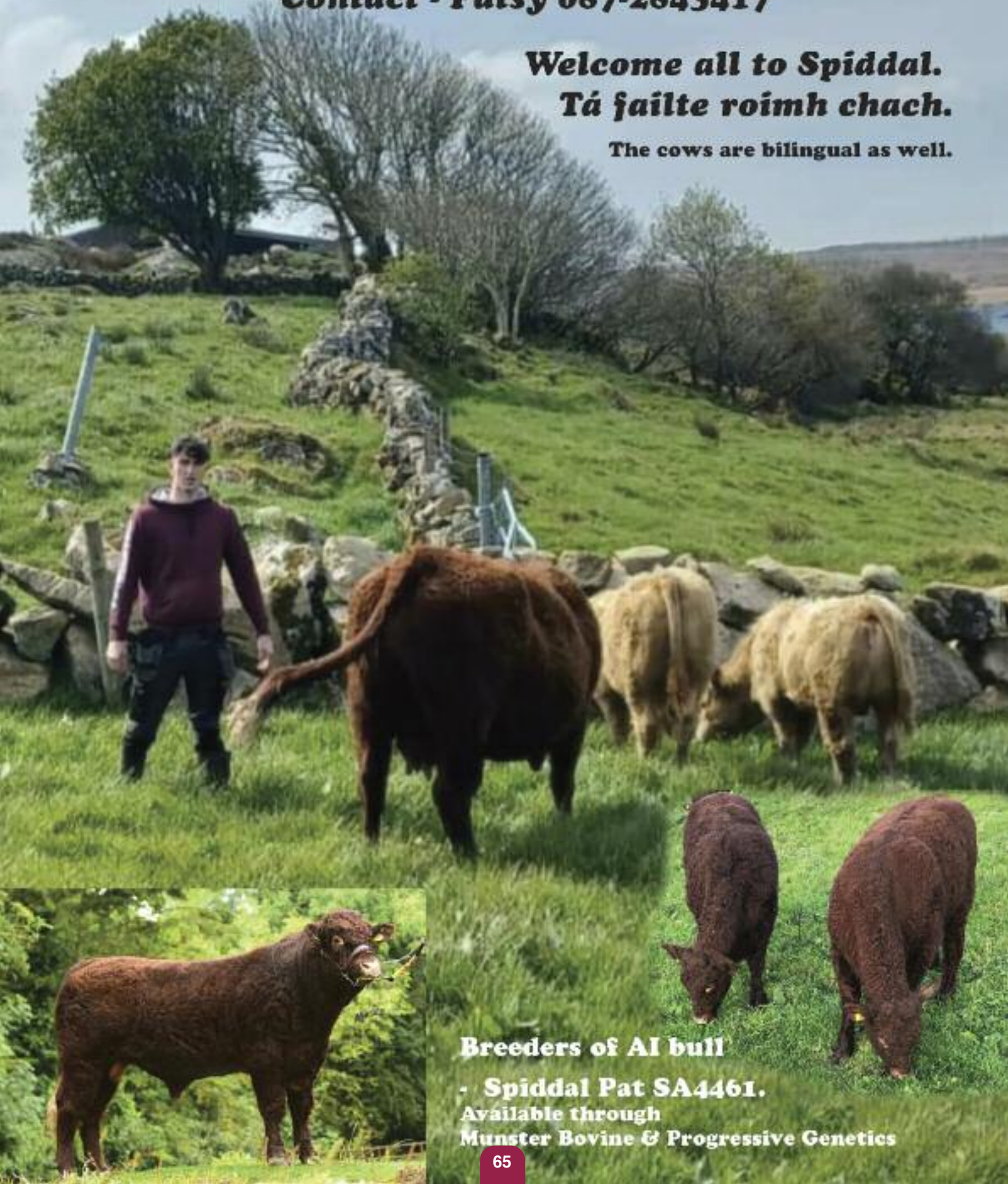
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mostly pedigree registered Salers cows with varying portions either bred pure or crossed with Charolais bulls so what I have ended up with is a report comparing 76 Ch X Sa bulls with 250 100% Salers.

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Herd Owner: Richard Fortune

Herd Number: Y183228


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031211111104	SA	FW-022-1883	Don	Don Moss Gens	09/02/17	18	428	U	3+	
031211111105	SA	FW-022-1884	Don	Don Moss Gens	09/02/17	18	409	U	3+	
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101111111226	SA	FW-022-1904	Don	Don Moss Gens	09/02/17	20	402	U	3+
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101111111248	SA	FW-022-1926	Don	Don Moss Gens	09/02/17	20	396	U	3+
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101111111317	SA	FW-022-1995	Don	Don Moss Gens	09/02/17	20	396	U	3+
101111111318	SA	FW-022-1996	Don	Don Moss Gens	09/02/17	20	396	U	3+
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101111111321	SA	FW-022-1999	Don	Don Moss Gens	09/02/17	20	396	U	3+
101111111322	SA	FW-022-2000	Don	Don Moss Gens	09/02/17	20	396	U	3+
101111111323	SA	FW-022-2001	Don	Don Moss Gens	09/0				

and an average grade of U-3-, while the Salers were killed at an average of 19 months weighing 418kg and grading U-3=. 16kg lighter after 34 days extra on farm with similar grade. I am very happy with that result. Why you may ask? Our Charolais bulls are selected for carcase weight, conformation and to be not too hard calving. Our Salers bulls are selected for calving ease, fertility, milk, docility and reasonable growth rate and conformation. Too much growth and our cows would get too big and too much conformation we would probably compromise the calving ability and other maternal traits. The Charolais are used as a terminal sire so should be better and they are better, for that job. Our Salers sires need to have a balance, be able to produce a quality carcase efficiently but more importantly be able to breed cows that can produce and rear that all sought after calf/cow/year with minimal intervention from us and from grazed pasture and home conserved forage not expensive bought in inputs.

Well, what about the first part of our statement? Seemingly from our slaughter report there was one bunch of under 16mth bulls that were accidentally put down as steers and therefore have their own section for comparison. 11 bulls were killed that day, 5 Chx and 6 Sa. The Charolais averaged 472 days on farm, were 397kg deadweight and graded U=3= while the

6 Salers averaged 475 days, 391kg and grade U-3=. Not much difference there then.

With over 20 years' experience finishing Salers bulls then we would be very happy with how they have performed for us. Now with conversion to organic farming we have started to castrate bulls not destined for breeding. I look forward to seeing over the next few years how these Salers steers hold up against their Charolais cross counterparts.

*Richard Fortune,
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NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Salers cattle society attend the Ploughing every year with a great display of cross bred and pedigree cattle. The Pedigree cattle are winners at Regional shows during the year which include all ages along with a mature bull. The cross bred cows and calves on display helps farmers see what the Salers is capable of doing.

There are members of the council there each day to help answer any questions people may have. It's a great chance for people to talk to the breeders and discuss bloodlines and the merits of the breed.

A raffle takes place to help finance the stand, with a prize of a Pedigree Salers Heifer.



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