

SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

»»» NATIONAL LIMOUSIN SHOW 2023

The Irish Limousin National Show will be held at Tullamore on Sunday August 13th. As was the case in previous years **this is in conjunction with the Tullamore National Livestock Show**. If you wish to enter, please contact Tullamore Show Society directly on 057 9352141 or via tullamoreshow.com.



Link to Classes: <https://www.tullamoreshow.com/enter-classes>

Mr Douglas Graham, a highly respected UK Judge, has been appointed as Judge for the National Pedigree Limousin Show in Tullamore.

LIMOUSIN CATTLE HAVE LOWEST DAILY METHANE EMISSIONS

Limousin-sired cattle have the lowest daily methane emissions in a 5-year Greenbreed Research Project study involving 1,500 head of cattle. Progeny from 57 Limousin bulls were evaluated in the trial.

In addition, it is important to note that while Limousin X animals had the lowest daily emissions, there was no negative impact on growth rates or animal performance. This major breakthrough in a world's first study – coupled with the Limousin's ability to maximise: 1) performance in terms of daily growth rates at grass and in the finishing stage; 2) carcass weight and conformation; 3) grading and killout %; 4) and its potential to meet target specifications – make it the number one breed for use in both the Irish suckler and dairy herd.

Commenting on research findings ILCS president, Dr. Alan Kelly, noted: "These are exceptionally encouraging findings for both Limousin genetics and the wider beef industry. This research clearly cements Limousin as the beef cattle breed, with the complete package: the lowest methane emissions and environmental footprint combined with the highest feed utilisation and beef carcass conversion efficiency," he highlighted.

The data conclusively shows Limousin genetics can produce up to 30% less daily methane emissions relative to other high emissions beef breeds, for the same level of productivity and performance, thereby improving all environmental-related emission metrics – be it daily emissions, methane yield or methane intensity."

"Moving forward, the onus is now on the beef industry and stakeholders to ensure that these inherent breed environmental and efficiency benefits are appropriately acknowledged and accurately captured – within our genetic indices and national breeding programmes – to improve the environmental sustainability of the national beef cattle herd.

"The sector now has the scientific evidence and tools to justifiably reward and provide financial incentives to producers who breed prime beef cattle from breeds and genetic lines proven to have low environmental emissions aligned with high beef merit.

"Such premium beef products would have a massive potential to be traded and promoted on their green environmental credentials, and command high-value premiums from the marketplace – as consumers move and choose beef on environmental sustainability claims," he concluded.

➤➤➤ NATIONAL GENOTYPING PROGRAMME

ICBF have announced that the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine have agreed the funding for the National Genotyping Programme. The programme will involve the genotyping of the up to 800,000 cows in year 1 (2023) with the calves born from January 2024 to December 2027 being genotyped at birth using a new double tissue tag.

Genotyping the national herd will provide huge opportunity for the Dairy and Beef industry and the Irish Pedigree Limousin Breed, in particular, to increase its sustainability credentials on a global scale. Ireland will become the first country in the world to provide a DNA verified traceability system. It will lead to an acceleration in the rates of gain of our national breeding indexes (e.g., EBI, Eurostar and DBI), which will enhance farm sustainability and reducing carbon emissions.

This announcement comes on the back of the very positive reports issued by ICBF in respect of methane emission levels recorded at ICBF's Tully Research Centre and which were published recently in the Irish Farmer's Journal. The report showed that the lowest methane emissions were recorded in Limousin X animals when compared with other beef and dairy breeds, placing the Limousin breed in pole position to play a pivotal role in the drive to reduce methane emissions

UPCOMING EVALUATIONS

Evaluation 4
Publication on 25th July

Evaluation 5 TBC.

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➤➤➤ CHILD-FIRST POLICY/ GARDA VETTING

Gerry O'Connell has taken up the position of YMA Co-ordinator for the Society.

In recent months Club YMA Officers have been Garda Vetted and are to complete a Tusla E Learning Program over the coming weeks. (<https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-e-learning-programme/>) Once these conditions are met Clubs will be in a position to hold YMA Events.

The Society has developed a Child Protection Policy and Child Safeguarding Statement which will be reviewed on an annual basis.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office or Gerry O'Connell (YMA Co-ordinator)

➤➤➤ FRANK BUCKLEY 2023 HALL OF FAME RECIPIENT

The National Hall of Fame Awards 2023 were presented at the Sheraton Hotel, Athlone, on Sunday, April 30th. The awards – that are sponsored by FBD Insurance, ABP, Kepak, Aurivo, Bord Bia and the Certified Angus Producer Group – recognise the achievements and commitment of the worthy recipients in each breed.

The Irish Limousin Cattle Society named Frank Buckley as a worthy 2023 Hall of Fame recipient.

BALMORAL SHOW 2023

IRISH-BRED LIMOUSIN DOMINATE BALMORAL

HIGHLIGHTS

William Smith wins **Supreme Champion & Overall Female Champion** of the show with **Milbrook Naughtyspice**

Donal Maloney wins **Reserve Overall Limousin** of show with **Charlotte's Sapphire**

Martin Davis took the **Reserve Junior Male Champion** spot with **Castlebrock Trafford**

Carrickmore Schumacher was awarded **Overall Male Champion**. He was bred by the Connell Brothers and is now owned by Trevor Shields

Mark McCartin bred the **Junior Female Champion** - sired by **Claddagh McCabe**, an Irish-bred sire standing in Dovea Genetics



William Smith and Saoirse Smith pictured with Supreme Champion and Overall Female Champion, Milbrook Naughtyspice



Donal Moloney, Daniel Moloney and Eoghan Breslin with Reserve Female Commercial Champion and Reserve Overall, 'Coco'

MEGAMOO HEIFER PROVES HER WORTH IN BALMORAL

In the commercial ring, 'Coco' Megamoo winning heifer from the 50th Anniversary Show in Carrick-on-Shannon last Autumn.

The Elite Icecream heifer bred by Eoghan Breslin won her class, aswell as Junior Champion, Reserve Female Commercial Champion and Reserve Overall



SPRING SALES REPORT

ELPHIN - SATURDAY 11TH MARCH

- 78%: Clearance Rate
- €4,200: Ave. Bull Price
- €8,000: Top-priced Bull
- 2 Bulls €6,000 -7,000
- 1 Bulls €5,000-6,000
- 23 Bulls €4,000-5,000
- 9 Bulls €3,000-4,000
- 4 Bulls €2,000-3,000



Keltic Seimon, bred by Teleri Thomas, sold for €8,000

ATHENRY - THURSDAY 13TH APRIL

- 88%: Clearance Rate;
- €4,000: Ave. Bull Price;
- €9,100: Top-priced Bull;
- 4 Bulls €5,000-5,999;
- 9 Bulls €4,000-4,999;
- 19 Bulls €3,000-3,999;
- 2 Bulls €2,000-2,999.



Male Champion and top-priced bull at €9,100, Drumline S 1185 – bred by James Hannon.

ROSCREA - MONDAY 1ST MAY

Bull Highlights

- Clearance rate: 97%
- Average price: €5,480
- €10,000: Top-priced Bull
- 1 Bull €9,000-9,999
- 1 Bulls €8,000 -8,999
- 1 Bulls €7,000-7,999
- 3 Bulls €6,000-6,999
- 10 Bulls €5,000-5,999
- 10 Bulls €4,000-4,999
- 2 Bulls €3,000-3,999



Kevin and Michael Graham with their bull, Liverpool Salah. Salah won first in his class before being tapped out as Junior Male Champion. He sold for the top price of €10,000.



Templequain Sally, bred by Brendan O'Shea sold for €6,400

Heifer Highlights

- Clearance rate: 82%
- Average price: €4,035
- €6,400: Top-priced Heifer
- 1 Heifer €6,000-6,999
- 2 Heifer €5,000-5,999
- 4 Heifer €4,000-4,999
- 5 Heifers €3,000-3,999
- 2 Heifers €2,000-2,999

ROSCOMMON - SATURDAY 20TH MAY

Bull Highlights

- Top-priced bulls: €6,400;
- Bull clearance rate: 82%;
- Average bull price: €4,011;
- 2 bulls sold for €6,000-6,999;
- 3 bulls sold for €5,000-5,999;
- 8 bulls sold for €4,000-4,999;
- 12 bulls sold for €3,000-3,999;
- 3 bulls sold for €2,000-2,999.



Senior Male Champion Clontown Sugar Daddy sold for €6,400 for Monaghan breeders, Treanor Brothers

➤➤➤ REPORT ON SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING ◀◀◀

An SGM was held on the 31st of March in the Central Hotel, Tullamore. The purpose of the SGM was to consider and if thought fit to adopt the partial amendment to the rules of the Society to comply with the legislative changes introduced by DAFM required under the EU Animal Breeding Regulation (EU) 2016.1012. The meeting was attended by DAFM and ICOS Representatives

The current EU Animal Breeding Regulation is Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 and is applicable as of 1 November 2018. It outlines the rules and standards that must be followed to trade purebred breeding animals, hybrid breeding pigs or germinal products like semen, embryos, or ova.

DAFM is the recognised Competent Authority in Ireland with responsibility for the implementation of the regulation. A new Statutory Instrument (SI) has been enacted giving the DAFM implementation powers.

The DAFM recognise the ILCS as a legal entity under its ICOS template. The ILCS rule book has two rules (5 and 7) not in keeping with the Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 and required to be changed. The required changes were circulated to the membership.

The central point is that the ILCS recognise and approve breeder rights and obligations.

- To register pedigree animals including deregistered purebred Limousin cattle.
- To participate in the ILCS breeding programme

In addition to the rule changes outlined above, ICOS conducted a review of the current ILCS rulebook and identified a number of additional amendments to the rules. The additional rule changes set out in the rule's amendment document were required to comply with current legislation.

This was necessary to enable the updating of rules 5 and 7 with the Office of the Registry of Friendly Societies.

In the follow up discussion, a number of queries were raised, including:

- It was suggested that the rule changes may have the effect of reducing the authority of the Council to deal with problems arising with a “breeder”. What role or responsibility do DAFM in this regard? It was pointed out that the section of DAFM dealing with EU regulation 2016/1012 and related SI have no role. However other sections e.g. AIMS may have possible input or support.
- The authority of the Society to remove an animal from the Herdbook was raised where an animal exhibits “defects” not in keeping with the characteristics of the breed. The reply was that “once a pedigree always a pedigree”. However, the Society is entitled to set up different classes within the herdbook and to stipulate/advise breeders on the class or classes to be used for breeding purposes in order to qualify to register the progeny in a particular class.
- On the question of integrity of the Herd Book. All owners must furnish accurate information as part of the registration process. The provision of inaccurate information such as DOB will render any pedigree cert invalid.
- It was also stated that to comply with the new legislation will require reformatting of the pedigree certificate.

There was a unanimous decision taken by the members present at the meeting to adopt the proposed partial amendment to the rules of the Society.

The necessary documentation has been submitted to the Office of the Registry of Friendly Societies for ratification.

CLUB NEWS

NORTH WEST LIMOUSIN CLUB

"The North West Limousin have had a great start to 2023 with a number of high-profile sales and events.

The recent Roscrea Premier sale seen breeders from the North West club take home 3 of the top 4 Prices on the day. Topping the sale was Liverpool Salah from Micheal and Kevin Graham, securing the Junior Championship he later sold to the top price of €10,000. Next up in the prices were two Mayo bulls. Rutland Silver from Noel Rutledge securing first in his class he sold for €8,700. Hot on his heels was Cranmore Supersonic from Ray O'Hara selling for €7,600.



Buckfield Tyrone sold for €6,000

At the last sale of the year in Roscommon, Buckfield Tyrone from Norah and Patricia Moore sold for the second top price of €6,000. A fitting way to finish Tyrone's journey with the Moore's following the sad passing of John in January.

The North West Limousin Club held a very successful Club Open day in May on the farm of Gerry Walsh of the Gerrygullinane Limousin Herd, in conjunction with their online sale. People travelled from near and far to enjoy the glorious Mayo weather and see some outstanding stock on display. The North West club were delighted to have the President of the Irish Limousin Society Dr. Alan Kelly on hand to give some brilliant talks. On the day there was competitions for Junior and Senior competitors with prizes for stock judging sponsored by the Irish Limousin Society. Top price at the sale was secured by a lot of peoples pick, a super Derrygullinane Kingbull sired heifer selling to €9,500.

The NW Limousin club have a full calendar of events including a Herds Competition, Calf Finals which are to be held at the Elphin Show, and also YMA events throughout the summer.

In memory of John Moore the North West Limousin Club will be launching the "John Moore Memorial Cup" which will be presented to a YMA participant.



Keep an eye on our Facebook page "**NW Limousin**" to keep up to date with all upcoming events in the club.

CORK LIMOUSIN CLUB

Herds Competition to be held 28th/ 29th July. Closing date for entry is 30th June 2023. Contact the office or Declan O'Regan on 087 3323693 for further details.

Cork Club Calf Championship '23 will take place at Ballyvourney Show on 16th July.

SW and Cork Club Heifer Sale will take place on 2nd September (further details to follow)

SOUTH EAST LIMOUSIN CLUB

The South East Club are holding a herds competition this year. Entry forms will be available to club members. All queries to Emer Moran on 085 7203487.

The Club will be holding a field evening during the summer further details to follow.

CLUB NEWS

SOUTH WEST CLUB

New Club Officers

Chairman: Micheál Roche

Secretary: Eric McSweeney

PRO: Ann Curtin

Upcoming Events

Mid July Open Day on the farm of Brian and Jane Frawley of the noted Ballylin Pedigree herd, which is based in Croagh, Co. Limerick. More details to follow.

Cappamore Show - Saturday 19th August

Limerick Show - Sunday 27th August

Club Herd Competition will be held in August – entry form and details will be available in late June.

NOT TO BE MISSED – PEDIGREE BREEDING HEIFER SALE

Following on from our sale in 2021 we have an upcoming pedigree breeding heifer sale on the 2nd of September in Roscrea Mart. This sale is in conjunction with the Cork Club and will include SCEP qualified heifers from high health status herds.

Zoom Meetings

Covid-19 made us review our meeting structure and we started holding regular Zoom calls - which were very well attended. Many thanks to all speakers who included Jonathan Watson – Tweeddale herd, Michel Clavel – KBS Genetic, France, Mark Waters – ICBF, Stephen Illingworth – Glenrock herd, Michael Phillips – World Wide Sires and Cow Manager, Michael O'Neill - Bova-AI, Mary Duggan – Eurogene, Bartley Finnegan - Elite Pedigree Genetics, Rosalish Goulding – NCBC & John Lynch - Dovea Genetics



Follow us on Facebook "**South West Limousin Club**" for information on upcoming events including the Commercial heifer sale in Castleisland in October.

Southwest Club Herd Competition 2022

The Southwest club held its Annual Herd Competition in July '22.

Teleri Thomas of the noted Keltic herd from County Meath was tasked with judging the competition. Our club secretary Micheál Roche of the Knockcoolkeare herd accompanied Teleri on her journey through the Southwest, from North Limerick right through to the Southeast of Kerry.

We would like to express our gratitude to Teleri for her time and efforts with the competition – we wish the Keltic herd continued success.

Many thanks to Micheál and his family, Brigid, John and Kate, for the part they all played in the smooth running of the competition.

Winners are as follows:

Small Herd

1st Drombanny Pat and Geraldine Sheahan

2nd Slievemish Brendan Murphy

3rd Greenacres Seamus O'Brien

Medium Herd

1st Corcamore Brendan Curtin

2nd Wood Road Noel Fennessy

Large Herd

1st Roundhill Tim Corridan

2nd Shannon Sarah McElligott



Teleri Thomas presenting awards to Pat Sheahan

CLUB NEWS

Young bull born January to June 2021

Drombanny Starbuck from Pat and Geraldine Sheahan

Young bull born July to December 2021

Roundhill Steph P from Tim Corridan

Bull calf born in 2022

Ballybrown Toro ET from Bobby O'Connell

Heifer born January to June 2021

Ballybrown Sophie from Bobby O'Connell

Heifer born July to December 2021

Slievemish Sally from Brendan Murphy

Heifer calf born in 2022

Slievemish Tesla from Brendan Murphy

Best in calf heifer

Wood Road Roxy from Noel Fennessy

Best group of calves

Winner Roundhill herd from Tim Corridan

Best Cow

Drombanny Maisy Pat and Geraldine Sheahan

Best Cow Family

Roundhill G Romance Tim Corridan



Teleri Thomas presenting awards to Noel Fennessy (top-left), Seamus O'Brien (top-right), Sarah McElligott (bottom-left) and Brendan Murphy (bottom-right)

Bull Calves:

- 1st Sean Cronin
- 2nd Denis Cronin
- 3rd Michael O'Donoghue

Heifer Calves:

- 1st James O'Neill
- 2nd William O'Connor
- 3rd Billy O'Leary

Limousin Commercial Calf Show and Sale - Castleisland Mart - Monday 10th April

Judging the competition was John O'Connor and Eric McSweeney. There was an outstanding display of LMX calves fetching great prices, these young calves were bred in the kingdom and met with great demand from near and far – calves made from 350 to 500.

Breeding Heifer Show and Sale - Castleisland Mart - Wednesday 26th April

Breeding Heifer sale in Castleisland on Wednesday 26th April – 100% clearance with exceptional quality heifers on offer – many thanks to management and staff of Castleisland mart, to the sale organiser Sarah McElligott and the judge Pdraig McCarthy.

This sale always meets with strong demand and this year was no exception with heifers making up to 3.45 with the kg.

Sample Breeding Heifer Prices – Castleisland 2023		
Weight	Price	Price/kg
470	€1620	€3.45
468	€1500	€3.21
478	€1510	€3.16
381	€1190	€3.12
472	€1470	€3.11
504	€1560	€3.10
556	€1720	€3.09
440	€1360	€3.09
524	€1600	€3.05

CLUB NEWS

NORTH EAST CLUB

The Grovite North-Eastern Limousin Calf Championships 2023 Schedule of Shows:

- Mullingar 9th July
- Oldcastle 16th July
- Arva 30th July
- Castleblayney 7th August
- Mohill 20th August
- Virginia Show 23rd August **

The above shows will hold 4 qualifying classes each as below:

- Bull calf born on or after 01/09/2022 and 31/12/2022.
- Heifer calf born on or after 01/09/2022 and 31/12/2022.
- Bull calf born in 2023.
- Heifer calf born in 2023.

**Virginia show will hold 4 qualifiers as above / plus 2 MegaMoo classes, 1 for Pedigree Limousin females born after 01/09/2022 and 1 class for Limousin x heifers born after 01/01/2023.

Top 5 heifers in both classes go forward to Mega Moo final. Winning ticket holder has the pick of the 10 Mega Moo heifer. The breeder receives €5000.

2 competitions running in tandem.

Grovite North Eastern Calf of the Year 2023

4 Calf of the Year awards:

- Heifer born after 1/09/22 and 31/12/22 (€250)
- Bull born after 1/09/22 and 31/12/22 (€250)
- Heifer born in 2023 (€250)
- Bull born in 2023 (€250)

Winning calf will be selected on points accumulated over the show season at our 6 qualifying shows.

Points awarded as follows.

1st 5, 2nd 4, 3rd 3, 4th 2 & 5th and after 1 point

Calves shown in Virginia will receive double points.

Grovite North Eastern Limousin Club Calf Championships 2023

Final in Trim show 3rd September 2023.

To qualify all calves must have been at 3 of our qualifying shows.

Classes in Trim as follows:

1. Heifer born in Sept/Oct 2022
2. Bull born in Sept/Oct 2022
3. Heifer born in Nov/Dec 2022
4. Bull born in Nov/Dec 2022
5. Heifer born in Jan/Feb 2023
6. Bull born in Jan/Feb 2023
7. Heifer born on or after 1st March 2023
8. Bull born on or after 1st March 2023

Grovite North Eastern Heifer Calf Champion 2023 (€200)

Grovite North Eastern Bull Calf Champion 2023 (€200)

Grovite North Eastern Limousin Calf of the Year (€200)

Prize money is €500 per class in Trim.

The prize money will be divided on a lottery basis in Trim €150, €100, €80, €70, €50, €50

To explain, the 5th placed calf may get €150 and the first €50.

Qualifying shows €200 per class.

1st €75 2nd €50 3rd €35 4th €20 5th €20

Non- Embryo Calf Awards

In classes 1 to 8, if an ET calf wins the next highest placed natural calf will get awarded best Non-Embryo calf in that section. (€150 prize money)

CLUB NEWS

North Eastern Club Champions Timed Auction

The club are organising a timed Auction to run straight after our calf finals and finish on Tuesday evening the 5th of September via Mart Eye and BJD mart .

The 1st 4 placed heifers in each class will gain entry to this auction (16 in total) and the 1st 3 bulls in each class.) giving a timed auction of 28 of the best Limousin calves in the North eastern club area in 2023.

Alfie Shaw will take photos at the event in Trim which will go straight onto Mart Eye to promote the auction sale.

Training Evenings

We will run training evenings commencing at the end of June in a mart to get calves out for their first day in a safe environment. The first training evening will be Friday 30th June in Ballyjamesduff Mart 7.30pm.

CLARE LIMOUSIN CLUB

Clare Calf Finals will be held in Ennis at the County Show on Sunday July 9th.

Herds Competition will be judged on the last two weeks of July. Entry forms will be available in the coming week. Clare Pedigree Heifer Sale will be held in Nov in (date to be confirmed) at Sixmilebridge mart with approx. 30 pre-inspected heifers on offer and more details to follow.

Other Clare shows include Corofin (July 22nd), Bridgetown (July 23rd) and Kildysart (Aug 5th) with many super Limousins on display.

Congratulations to James Hannon from the Drumline Herd, Clonmoney, Bunratty leading with an outstanding result at this year's Athenry sale. Winning first in class (Class 4) and Overall Male Champion Pedigree Limousin with his 'Bull Drumline S1185' making €9,100. Sired by Tomschoice Lexicon from a Sympa dam Wood Road Jasmine ET.



Keep up to date with Clare Limousin on the "**Clare Limousin Club**" Facebook page.

This will hopefully give the breeder and the calves confidence.

At these training evenings we will go through all aspects of training, grooming, showing and feeding and discuss ways to promote the breed in our area this Summer. Refreshments will be served.

Rules

Society weight rules apply. ICBF weigher will attend training evenings so breeders can have weights logged etc

Must be paid up member of the club. No exceptions. Calf must be born in Club Area.

Farm Walk

The club will hold a farm walk on the farm of Paul Callanan, Boherquill, Lismacaffrey, Co. Westmeath. N91HP27. This will take place Friday, July 14th at 7.30pm



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