



Bandon co-op

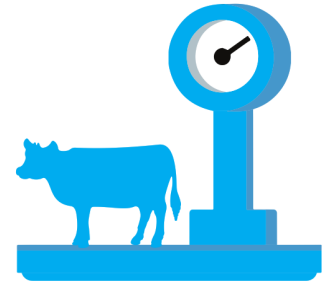
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Bandon Co-Op Heifer Rearing Programme

How often are my heifers weighed?

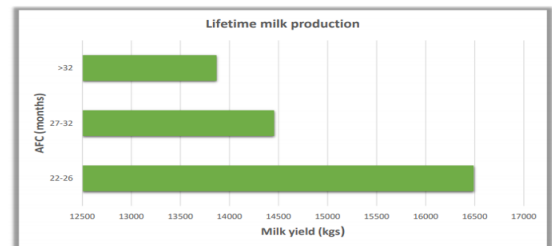
Heifers are weighed 3 times over their lifetime at key stages to ensure they are achieving target weights

1. June – Post Weaning
2. September
3. January – Pre-Breeding/Post Turnout



Benefits to achieve target weights and calving at 22-26 months

- ↑ Increased conception rates
- ↑ Increased lifetime yield
- ↑ Increased longevity in the herd
- ↓ Lower replacement rates
- ↑ Increased profitability



Put into perspective: Optimal 22-26 group producing 15% more milk over lifetime!

Technical Support



- Participants will receive technical support and advice from our Agri team on all aspects of heifer rearing
- Target weight and Average Daily Gain (ADG) figures will be set for each individual animal and herd
- Support available to interpret weighing reports from ICBF
- Forage analysis and nutritional advice available to all farmers
- Faecal Egg Count for both fluke and worms service available to all participants

Cost

FREE Weighing to all milk suppliers that sign up to the Bandon Co-op Heifer Rearing Programme provided the 3 key requirements below are fulfilled

- All 3 weighings are completed each year
- Bandon Co-op ICBF authorisation form is completed or authorisation granted on Herdplus
- Weighing is completed within the programme's timeline above



Disclaimer: Any herds that fail to complete all 3 weighings or any of the requirements above will continue to be charged €60 callout for first 15 heifers and €1 thereafter. Weighing costs will be refunded to participants, once all 3 weighings are completed.

Contract Rearing Herds can also avail of this programme, once source herd is a Bandon Co-op supplier.

They will be required to complete 4 weighings, with the first on the source herd before movement.

If you would like to join the Bandon Co-op Heifer Rearing Programme or require further information, please contact Brendan Scully on 087-3453495 or bscully@bandoncoop.ie