

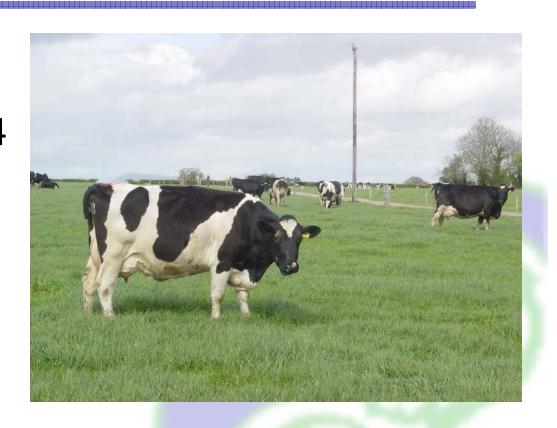
G€N€ IR€LAND Progeny Testing; A farmers experience.

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Herd Background

- 200 Spring calving cows
- EBI €67 (22 MS/44 fertility)
- Production; 424MS/ Cow
- Common Costs;11.14 c/lt
- Ave EBI bulls '07;€123 (55/68)



Past Targets

- 1. Simple System
- 2. Efficiency Grass
- 3. Increase Milk Value
- 4. Increase Output sales



Results

- Low Empty rates; 8%
- Low Vet calls;2/year
- Extra lactations; 1 extra



Present Breeding Goals - Post Quota

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Why am I involved in G€N€ IR€LAND?

Irish Bulls for Irish Cows





Experiences to date.

- 1. Bull selection
- 2. Delivery of semen
- 3. Information

Immediate Changes Required.

- 1. Clear Objective.
- 2. Bull mothers
- 3. Sires of Sires
- 4. Delivery of Product

Summary

G€N€ IR€LAND
will be a success.

A quote for the day.

- "The greater danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it"
- Michelangelo