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Welcome to our weekly newsletter where we give an overview of college and farm activities. More detailed information on any aspect of the newsletter may be obtained by contacting us directly by phone or email.

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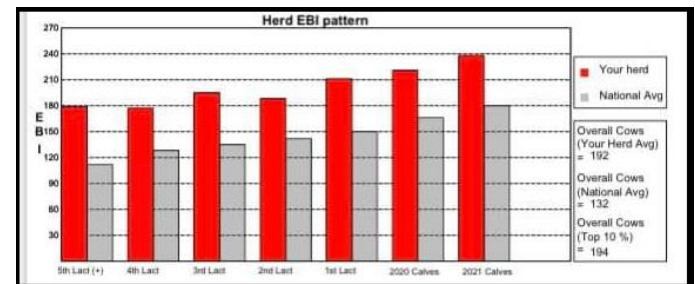
Favourable ground and weather conditions during the week meant that on Wednesday January 26th freshly calved cows were let out to grass. This is 4 days earlier than last year. Paddocks with a cover over 800Kgs DM/Ha have now received 48Kgs/Ha of Alzon Neo Protected Urea while 4,500 Gallons/Ha of slurry was spread on covers less than 800 Kgs DM / ha. All slurry is spread using low emissions slurry spreading and the umbilical cord.



Dairy Herd

Calving 2022 is now well underway. All calves receive between 3 and 4 litres of colostrum within 1 hour of being born. All maiden heifers were synchronized and AI'd using sexed semen. As a result, many of the calves born to date are heifers. Calves are tagged and registered within hours of being born. We have been using electronic tags for a number of years as a management tool for the automatic calf feeders, the drafting system and for live weight recording. This is also our second year of genomic testing every calf at the time of tagging. Genomics

increases the reliability of the EBI and Eurostars figures. Thursday's Herdplus EBI report shows further €2 gain in overall herd EBI.



HerdPlus [®] Profit through Science		Herd EBI Scorecard			icbf	
Herd Owner: GENE MCGRATH		Address: SALESIAN AG COLLEGE, PALLASKENRY, CO LIMERICK				
Herd Number: M1911082 (Eval Jan 2022)	Your Herd	National Average	National Top 10%	Your National Rank	Star Rating ¹	
Herd EBI	€192	€130	€168	98%	*****	
Milk Sub-Index (Milk, Fat & Protein)	€ 53	€40	€56	87%	*****	
Fertility Sub-Index (Calving Interval & Survival)	€ 94	€61	€77	98%	*****	
Calving Sub-Index (Gestation, Calving Difficulty, Mortality)	€ 39	€27	€36	97%	*****	
Beef Sub-Index (Carcass Weight, Conformation & Fat)	€ -18	€-11	€-7	9%	*	
Maintenance Sub-Index (Cow Liveweight)	€ 17	€13	€20	78%	****	
Management Sub-Index (Milking speed & Temperament)	€ 2	€1	€3	64%	****	
Health Sub-Index (SCC, Mastitis, & Lameness)	€ 5	€3	€5	87%	*****	

¹ Star Rating: * = 1 - 20% ** = 21 - 40% *** = 41 - 60% **** = 61 - 80% ***** = 81 - 100%

Drystock Enterprise

Ewe lambs carrying twins will continue to receive 0.2Kgs of concentrates per head per day. In the coming week the amount of concentrates, being fed to the ewes carrying triplets will increase from 0.2Kgs to 0.4Kgs per head per day. This week, concentrates will also be introduced to the diet of the mature ewes carrying twins at a rate of 0.2Kgs per head per day.

College Activities

We wish our Level 6 Dairy, Drystock and Mechanisation students all the best as they commence 16 weeks of work placement this Monday on host farms, in garages and with contractors. This is an opportunity for students to put in to practice all that they have learned over the last 18 months.

Photo of the Week



This time of year on farms is associated with new life and with the country retuning to normality we can all start to focus again, on what we enjoy and do best.

Dates for Your Diary

The closing date for CAO applications is 5PM, February 1st. We offer a Higher Certificate in Agricultural Mechanisation in association with Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest.

Level 6 – Higher Certificate In Engineering in Agricultural Mechanisation – LC284



With the CAO deadline fast approaching don't forget to get your applications in.

*This award meets the training requirements for stamp duty exemption and DAFM schemes

- Our college Open Day takes place on Saturday March 26th.
- Our new Distance Education and Part-Time “Green Cert” courses will commence on April 2nd 2022. Visit our website www.salesianag.ie for further details.
- Applications are now open for our full time Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture course, which commences in September 2022. Visit our website for more details.

Group Visits

We are now open to accepting visiting groups, be that schools, groups of farmers or individuals. Contact Mary in admin at 061-393100 and we will be happy to tailor a package to suit your needs.

Social Media

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and TikTok for daily updates on college and farm activities.

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