



# Adopting grazing for suckler cows- new grazing techniques



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### 1 Description of the innovation



- Grazing management system
- Adopting grazing for suckler cows- new grazing techniques
- Increasing soil fertility, improving grazing infrastructure
- Growing more grass, increasing output/ha
- Reduce costs, increase output
- Soil testing
- Producing more beef from grass
- Economic results
- Open minded approach
- Advisor, discussion groups
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## 2 Farm description

### ENVIRONMENT

Soil type: Peat

Climate type: Temperate oceanic climate

Agricultural area (ha UAA): 50

Altitude: Variation across the farm (350m)

Slope: Variation across farm (Approx 40%)

### GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT

**Grazing** : Yes

Grazing management type:

Rotational Grazing

### STRUCTURE

Farm type: Specialist cattle-mainly rearing

Annual work units (AWU): 1.5

Number of animals (heads): 60 cows, 14-16 heifers, 16 month bulls

Total Livestock unit (LU): 120

Breed type 1: Angus, Simmental, Salar, Fleckviegh, Limosuene etc.

### ANIMAL PERFORMANCE

Average stocking rate (grassland area) (LU/ha): 2.4

Average growth performance per head (kg LWG/day): 1.5kg

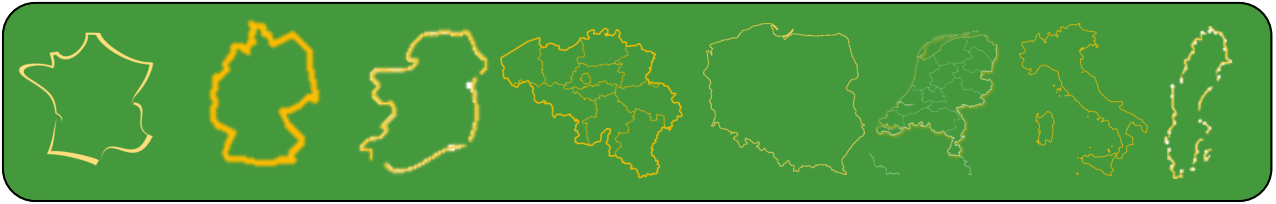
Length of grazing period (month/year): 285

Fertilization rate (kg N/ha): 160

### WHY IT IS WORKING

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## Domains of innovation



Pasturebase, Grasshopper



Grass, clover



Silage pit, try and spend most time at grass though



Rotational Grazing



N/a



Paddocks, fed barrier



Multiple breed types



Irish beef



Quality, sustainability

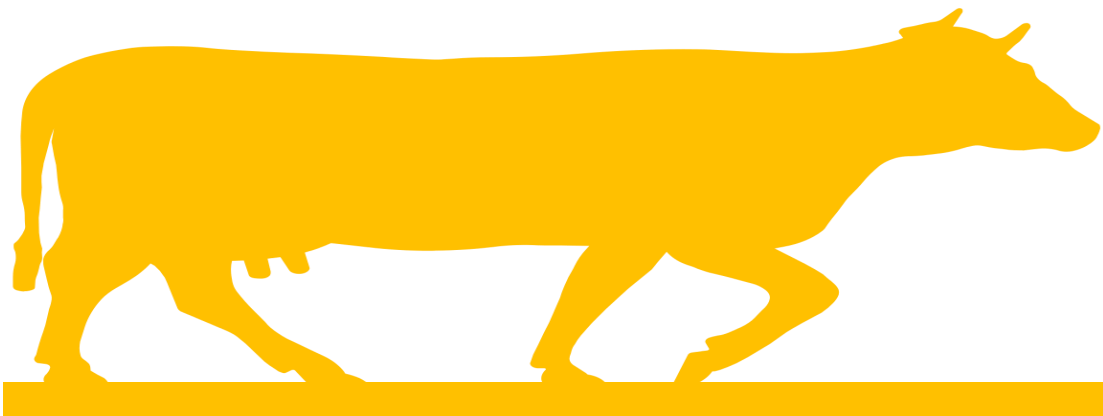


16 month bull beef



Peat soil, high rainfall area

## Suckler-Beef



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