

Beef Sector Efficiency Programme BEEP-S Objectives

To further increase economic and environmental efficiency in the suckler herd through better quality data on herd performance, supporting decision making on farm and support of best practice in welfare management

What does it involve and who is eligible?

- The programme is open to all suckler beef farmers who commit to completing the mandatory action required within the duration of the programme, optional welfare enhancement actions are also available for additional support.
- Payment will be on beef breed (dam and sire) animals born in the herd between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021 and on dairy calves reared by beef farmers born in the same period.
- Applications open on agfood.ie until 26th April 2021

Additional information

- Grant aid of up to €8,100 available per suckler farmer
- Up to €90 for the first 10 calf/cow pairs and €80 for the remainder up to a maximum of 100 pairs/herd.
- Farmers who were in previous BEEP scheme must reapply if they wish to participate
- Mandatory measure: Weighing of live calf and dam and submission of weight recording data to ICBF as outlined in the T&C documents
- Optional Measure 1: vaccination **or** meal feeding at weaning as per T&C **and or**;
- Optional Measure 2: Fecal Egg testing as per T&C
- The Mandatory measure must be completed in full to be eligible for any aid for the programme.

Key dates

- Eligible Animals: Beef breed animals born between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021
- Applications: open till 26th April 2021
- Submission of weights: up to 1st November 2021
- Payments will be made in December 2021.

Further info on T&Cs and how to apply: <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/a52418-beef-environmental-efficiency-pilot-beep/>