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Irish Angus is the *Best* Beef

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CAP Rural Development Division,
Agriculture House,
Kildare Street,
D02 WK12

Draft Interventions for CAP Strategic Plan

To Whom it Concerns,

The Irish Angus Cattle Society was established in 1967 and since its inception has always strived to both represent its members interests and balance this with supporting a clear direction for the industry.

With the above clearly in mind the Irish Angus Society would like to make the following submission points for consideration as part of negotiations with regard to the future CAP planning.

Polled Genetics

That animals sired by a Homozygous Polled animal qualify for increased funding under the Animal Welfare Pillar. By encouraging and promoting the increased usage of Polled Genetics, the Beef sector will benefit from an animal welfare perspective while reducing the labour requirement during one of the busiest periods on Irish farms.

More Carbon Efficient Beef Production

Incentivising the continued use of Higher Merit animals under the Environmental Pillar will result in the production of more sustainable beef and therefore having a positive impact on our carbon footprint. By rewarding commercial farmers to move in a clear direction, the Pedigree Sector will adapt quickly to meet the increased demand for higher merit animals. By incentivising the use of High Merit animals will in turn enable those who wish to pursue a more traditional breeding programme to also participate in the scheme.

Thank You for taking this submission into consideration and note I am available at any stage to discuss further.

Regards,

[Redacted Signature]

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