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Dexter Cattle Society, ROI Group

5th October 2019

There are several issues I would like you to consider in your plans for 2020, some of which we already discussed at a meeting in Portlaoise on July 2nd 2019.

1. Inclusion of Rare Breeds in trials for methane emissions, in Grange
2. Create a designated Bord Bia fund to help marketing native breed beef
3. Rare Breeds to be included in GLAS PLUS measure, rather than a GLAS action. Also, the number of eligible animals to be raised from 10 to 20 per herd.
4. To create a dedicated land block for finishing native breed cattle.
5. In order to ensure that all beef being advertised as Dexter is from pure-bred pedigree stock, Bord Bia should make it mandatory that only livestock registered in the herd book would be acceptable at the abattoir. In other words, a blue passport with DX is not sufficient.

I feel it is important that priority should be given to all our native breeds, especially as they are kinder to the land, and do not require a heavy input of hard feed, such as cereals. They do not need winter housing and most of them only see the vet once a year at the annual herd test.

I hope you will take all the above into consideration

Yours faithfully

Anne Strahan

Hon Secretary, Dexter Cattle Society ROI Group

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