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Meet obligations to conserve/preserve genetic diversity especially of our native bovine breeds, Dexter, Droimneann, Kerry and Irish Moilled cattle.

Increasing demand for safe, sustainable, nutritious, authentic, organic food produced to high standards of environmental protection and animal welfare

1. TOP-UP FOR BEAM SCHEME (MONEY NOT USED)
2. POSSIBLE TOP UP FOR BEEP and future BDGP SCHEME. (At least 50% top-up to help the sustainable development of these breeds).
3. INCLUSION OF RARE BREEDS IN TRIALS FOR METHANE EMISSIONS IN GRANGE.
4. Dedicated land block for finishing of native breed cattle. Possible agroforestry project with view to keeping native breed cattle within this land block and finishing these cattle for niche market.
5. Rare breeds to be included as glas plus measure rather than glas action. Currently rare breed funding replaces other action. Irish Native breed organisation have previously made this submission to DAFM without success.
6. Designated BORD BIA fund and assistance to help in the marketing of native breed beef.

Why Native breeds are so important to future CAP plans.

Grass fed, finished without concentrates, suitable marginal land, low emissions.

reservoir of genetics capable of meat production with low emissions, high disease resistance, low inputs,

Not viable without support.

Expansion needed to create year round supply and therefore make more viable.

Premium product which can return a much higher per kg price to the producer.

Animal welfare. Good disease resistance. Easy calvers. Good converters of low quality forage

Marginal land

Diverse foragers.

Research on native breeds has proven their mutual benefits to ecosystem and flora of area.

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