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- I have been involved with Dexter cattle for a number of years now and there are a few ideas I would like to put forward for the 2020 planned initiative
- ① Reward the value that native breeds bring to the greening obligations.
 - ② Dexters in particular also other native breeds are diverse grazers therefore cause LESS of a negative impact on flora (trials have been done etc)
 - ③ Native breeds have less emissions methane etc they should be included in trials perhaps Grange may make a major contribution to meeting the lowering of emissions obligations.

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④ With the beef industry on its knees native breeds could assist farmers with marginal land and/or poor or limited housing. They thrive on any fodder and can be finished without meal. There may be more profit per kg meat produced.

⑤ No beef production is viable without support but most don't offer to assist in greening obligations as native breeds do. Therefore native breeds could & should be included in GLAS PLUS measure rather than an action. At the moment the ~~the~~ numbers of dexters that are registered in the society & Bord Bia approved need to increase in order to meet a contracted market that is opening. Therefore the number of 10 L.U. could be increased to 25 for payment.

⑥ Any support from DAFM should be for society registered animals and dexter meat should only be branded dexter if it comes from purebred registered stock. If a fund was created designated to the promotion of native breed produce by Bord Bia

⑦ low vet. inputs.

These breeds are naturally hardy and need very little medication. The live long productive lives. many produce over 20 calves.

⑧ It may be viable in order to meet greening obligations for government departments to provide grazing blocks of public land for these ~~low~~ impact grazers eg agro forestry or parks + wildlife depts.

Bullet points in brief.

① Reward native breed owners for greening value.

② They are "green" - diverse grazers (ucc trials done) + low emission producers.

③ Include in Grange trials to up results.

④ Could be answer for marginal land farmers as good converters of low grade forage also no meal required.

⑤ Beef farming not viable without support. but as native offer such a plus on the greening end include them as a GLAS PLUS rather than a glas action increase L.U. from 10 to 25 as more are needed for market

⑥ Must be kept pure bred + registered could be helped by @ designated fund by Bord Bia.

Yours sincerely by

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