

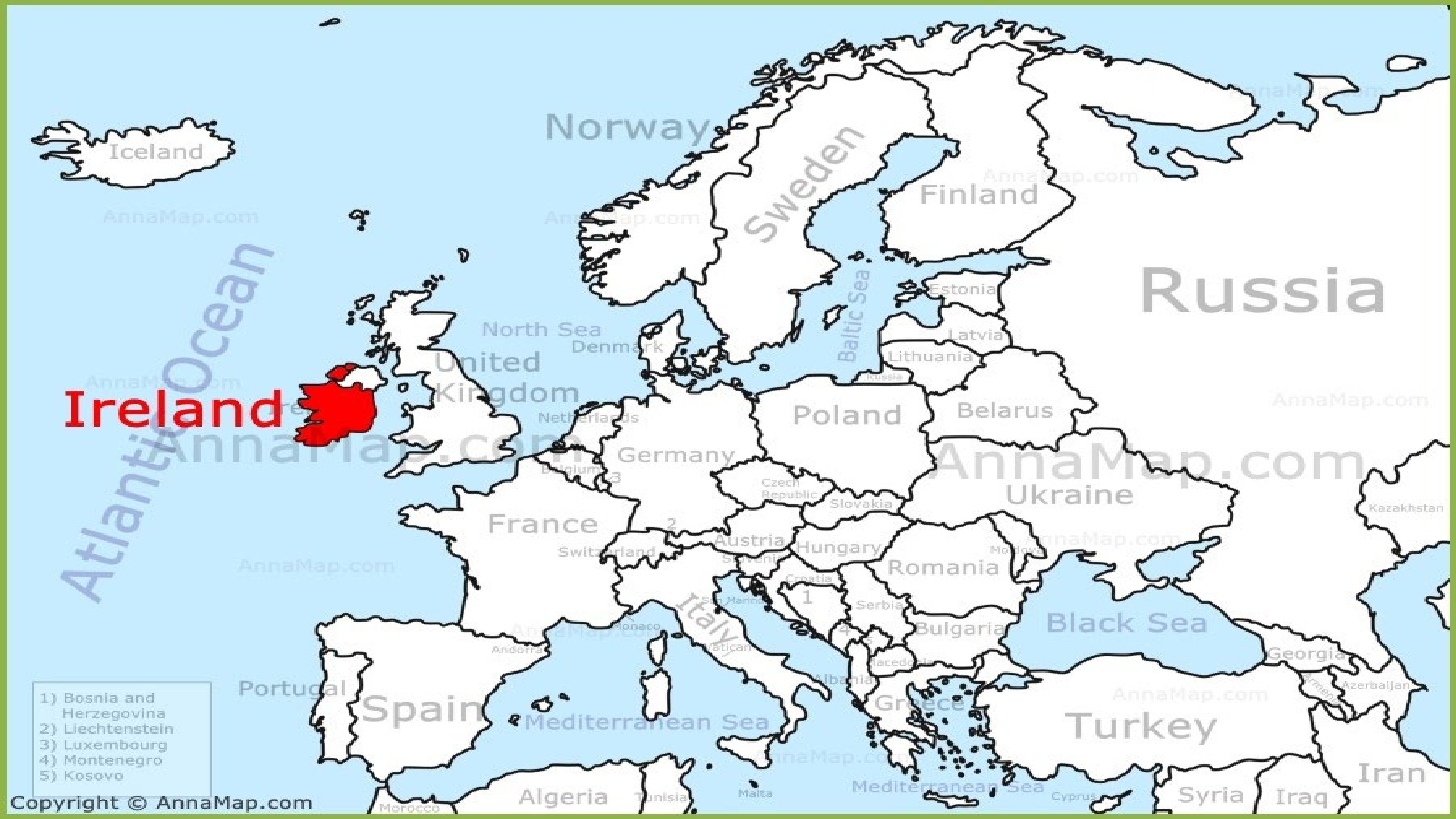


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# Animal Welfare & Dairy expansion

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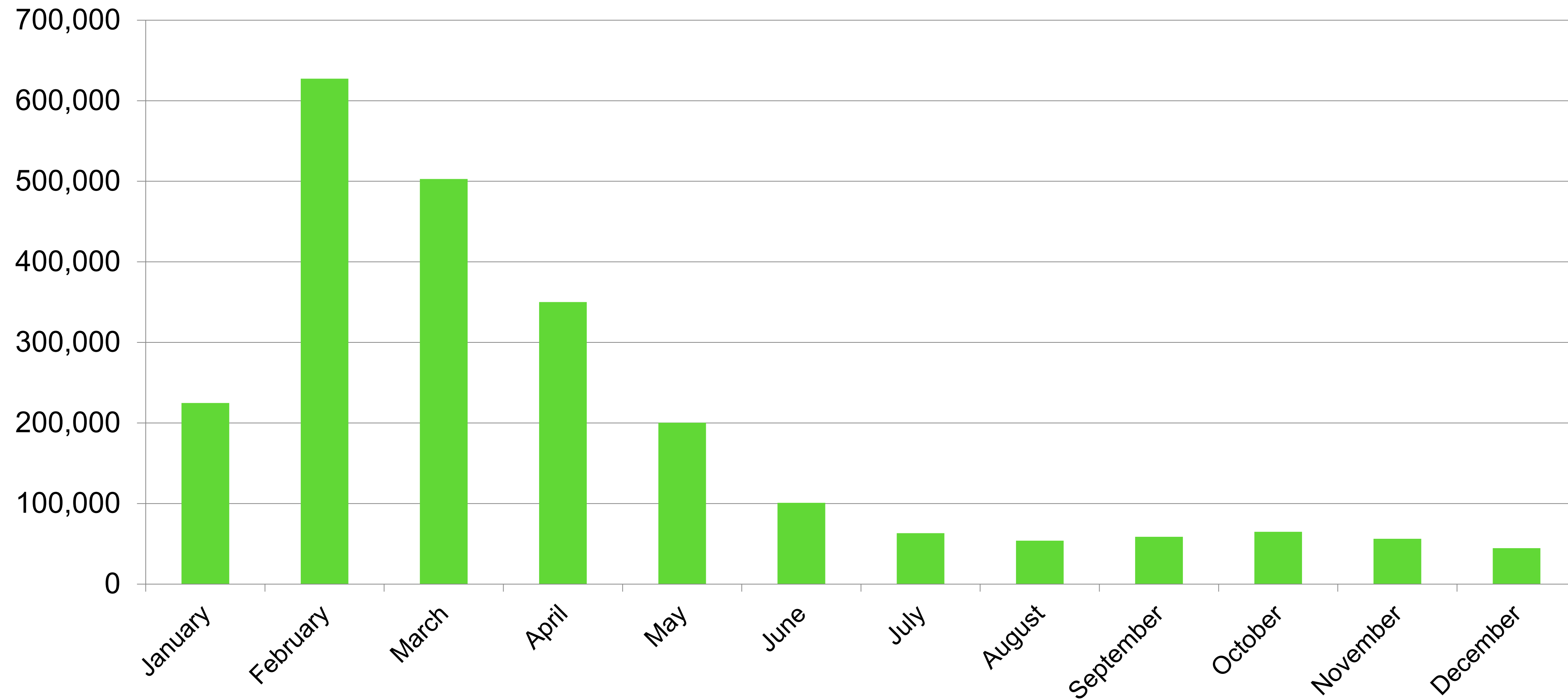
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**Ireland**

- 1) Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 2) Liechtenstein
- 3) Luxembourg
- 4) Montenegro
- 5) Kosovo

# Calf Births by Month 2018



# Calf Births by Month and by Gender 2018

Month	Male	Female	Total
January	110,507	114,303	224,810
February	322,308	305,082	627,390
March	262,225	240,596	502,821
April	181,492	168,615	350,107
May	103,593	96,691	200,284
June	52,214	48,742	100,956
July	32,278	30,894	63,172
August	27,388	26,519	53,907
September	29,717	29,061	58,778
October	32,728	32,167	64,895
November	28,385	27,848	56,233
December	22,592	22,019	44,611
Total	1,205,427	1,142,537	2,347,964

# Calf Births-Gender and Sire Type 2018



County	Calves born to Beef Bull			Calves born to Dairy Bull			Overall total	% of Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>805,899</b>	<b>755,249</b>	<b>1,561,148</b>	<b>399,528</b>	<b>387,288</b>	<b>786,816</b>	<b>2,347,964</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

County	Beef Calves	% Beef		Dairy Calves	% Dairy	Total Calves
Carlow	14,555	47.6%		16,011	52.4%	30,566
Cavan	42,135	53.4%		36,738	46.6%	78,873
Clare	66,383	66.9%		32,914	33.1%	99,297
Cork	68,949	15.8%		366,888	84.2%	435,837
Donegal	35,902	63.6%		20,533	36.4%	56,435
Dublin	3,479	61.9%		2,137	38.1%	5,616
Galway	95,296	72.6%		35,893	27.4%	131,189
Kerry	41,732	29.5%		99,712	70.5%	141,444
Kildare	16,673	51.3%		15,857	48.7%	32,530
Kilkenny	30,668	25.5%		89,545	74.5%	120,213
Laois	30,890	41.9%		42,877	58.1%	73,767
Leitrim	23,162	90.8%		2,337	9.2%	25,499
Limerick	32,160	22.1%		113,358	77.9%	145,518
Longford	23,103	71.3%		9,297	28.7%	32,400
Louth	11,093	40.4%		16,363	59.6%	27,456
Mayo	69,522	80.8%		16,468	19.2%	85,990
Meath	30,959	36.3%		54,287	63.7%	85,246
Monaghan	29,791	46.0%		35,012	54.0%	64,803
Offaly	29,041	49.3%		29,911	50.7%	58,952
Roscommon	47,411	86.9%		7,151	13.1%	54,562
Sligo	28,636	78.3%		7,944	21.7%	36,580
Tipperary	53,485	24.4%		165,864	75.6%	219,349
Waterford	19,255	19.0%		81,900	81.0%	101,155
Westmeath	32,585	56.6%		24,960	43.4%	57,545
Wexford	30,716	29.6%		73,187	70.4%	103,903
Wicklow	21,214	49.1%		22,025	50.9%	43,239
<b>Totals</b>	<b>928,795</b>	<b>39.56%</b>		<b>1,419,169</b>	<b>60.44%</b>	<b>2,347,964</b>

# 2014 vs 2018



Beef Calves: 2014: 0.98 million (46%)  
2018: 0.95 million (40%)

Dairy Calves: 2014: 1.14 million (54%)  
2018: 1.40 million (60%)

Total calves: 2014: 2.1 million  
2018: 2.35 Million

# Industry always has choices



- ...Electric fences or ditches/hedgerows
- ...Continental or traditional beef breeds
- ...Topless cubicles or roofs
- ...Jersey/cross or traditional dairy

**Welfare/Sustainability must now come into the decision making process, not just productivity**



# Options/Choices



- Reduce numbers of dairy bull calves?  
(Sexed semen?)
- Improve value/quality of dairy bull calf?
- Maintain existing outlets? (live exports, domestic rearing, factory slaughter)
- Develop new outlets? (Rose veal?)

# Options/choices cont.



- Dairy Sector/Meat Industry partnerships?
- Carrots/sticks from dairy processors?
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# Changing or being forced to change?



-NZ were forced to change by one piece of video footage

-Should we (Ireland/Industry) take decisive (radical?) action now?



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# Thank You.

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