

BEEP-S FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

These should be read in conjunction with the Terms and Conditions of the Programme

Where are all details of the Scheme set out?

All details of scheme are set out in the Terms & Conditions (T&Cs) document which are available on the Department's website [here](#):

Who can apply?

Suckler farmers must have one or more beef breed animals born in the herd between 1st July 2019 and 30th June 2020.

What number of animals will be paid on?

Payment will only be made on the number of unweaned calves born on the holding between 1st July 2019 and 30th June 2020 and where the weights of both the live calf and their live dams have been recorded and submitted to ICBF to a maximum of 100 calves.

What is the payment rate?

Payment will be €50 for first ten cow/calf weighing per herd and €40 per cow/calf weighing thereafter. Meal Feeding @ €30 per calf weighed **or** Vaccination @ €30 per calf. Faecal Egg Testing @ €10 per cow.

How do I apply?

Application may only be made through online facility which will be available through www.agfood.ie

Will there be selection criteria applied if it is oversubscribed?

In the event of oversubscription, there will be a linear reduction to each payment.

Do you have to be in the BDGP to apply?

No, farmers that are not in BDGP can apply

Do you have to be in BEEP 2019 to apply?

No

Is a Fresian calf bred from a Charolais cow eligible?

No. The bull used must be of a beef breed as defined in the scheme T&Cs.

Does the sire (bull) have to be a purebred/pedigree bull?

No.

What is the duration of the BEEP-S?

It is a one-year programme for 2020.

Is the reference number of animals for BDGP linked to BEEP-S?

There is no connection between the reference number of animals for BDGP and BEEP-S

Will I be paid extra for twins?

Yes, provided weights are recorded for cow and both calves and actions are taken for both.

When will payment issue.

Payments will commence in Q4 2020 and applicants will be paid provided all weighings have been submitted and information on additional actions have been recorded and where necessary, verified.

Where can I weigh my animals?

The animals must be weighed on your holding. Animals must be weighed individually and on the same day. All details relating to scales, weighing procedure, and recording weights are in the T&Cs

What are the options available to get scales?

There are two options available to herd-owners for the recording of weight data as part of BEEP-S. These are: (i) a Rental model, whereby participants rent scales from an approved field service agent to undertake the BEEP weight recording process, or (ii) Owned, borrowed or using a third-party service providers' scales. This is where a farmer can use their own scales or one belonging to a third party. These scales will have to be pre-registered with ICBF as per the T&Cs.

Where can I get details of the rental model locations?

Information is available on www.icbf.com

What is the correct procedure for weighing cows and calves?

This is set out in the T&C's, which must be followed. ICBF will advise farmers the most suitable timeframe, based on calving pattern of each herd.

Where can I enter the weights?

The preferred method will be electronic options including smartphone apps, ICBF webpage and farm software. An official paper form is also available from ICBF.

If weighing scales was previously registered does it have to be registered again?

No, scales previously registered for BEEP 2019, do not need to be re-registered.

How long do I have to use Meal Feeding for?

You must introduce meal feeding for period of 4 weeks pre-weaning and 2 weeks post weaning. All details of meal feeding can be found in Annex 2 of the T&C's.

What Vaccination should I use?

Veterinary advice should be sought for a suitable vaccination programme, details in relation to vaccination can be found in Annex 3 of T&C's