

Class 35 Best Pair of animals bred by exhibitor
1st David Faughnan, Cloone, Mohill, Co. Leitrim
Jack & Ryan Faughnan, Nigel Brady (AW Ennis), Gerard Kilgallon (President), David Faughnan



Class 35 Best Pair of animals bred by exhibitor
2nd Michael Doorley, Cloonmurray, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon
Michael Doorley, Katie Cronin, Gerard Kilgallon (President), Nigel Brady (AW Ennis)



Class 36 Best Group of three
1st - Shane McGreal, Cahernacole, The Neale, Claremorris, Co. Mayo
Stacey, Alex & Shane McGreal, Gerard Kilgallon (President)



Class 36 Best Group of three
2nd Liam Walsh, Cloon, Cleggan, Co. Galway
Norman Little (IACS), Liam, Luke & Laura Walsh, Gerard Kilgallon (President)



Class 37 All-Ireland Angus X Heifer
1st Jonathan Maye, Rockingham, Boyle, Co. Roscommon
Jason Oates, Jonathan Maye, Gerard Kilgallon (President), John Farrell (Strokestown Show & IACS Council)



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All Ireland Irish Angus Supreme Champion & Overall Senior Female

Clooncarne Winnie
D.O.B. 04.11.23
Sire: HW Farghal T516 **Dam:** Currycramp Miley
Sire of Dam: Clooncarne Frank
Exhibitor: Thomas Mulligan, Currycramp, Dromod, Co. Leitrim
Fiona & Thomas Mulligan Gerard Kilgallon (President), Nigel Brady (AW Ennis)



Senior Male Champion

Gurtavoher Venice
D.O.B. 23.09.22
Sire: Clooncarne Pellet **Dam:** Gurtavoher Naples
Sire of Dam: Castlelough Midnight Brandy
Exhibitor: John G Barlow, Gurtavoher West, Aherlow, Co. Tipperary
Cillian & Darragh Barlow, Gerard Kilgallon (President)



Junior Male Champion

Quignalegan Archie
D.O.B. 12.09.24
Sire: Laheens U Boss Hogg **Dam:** Quignalegan Vicky
Sire of Dam: HW Farghal T516
Exhibitor: Conor & Eunan Boyce, Quignalegan, Sligo Road, Ballina, Co. Mayo
Conor & Eunan Boyce, Gerard Kilgallon (President), Nigel Brady (AW Ennis)



All Ireland Reserve Supreme & Overall Junior Champion & Junior Female Champion

Cloonhill Amber
D.O.B. 28.12.24
Sire: Drumcrow Tribesman **Dam:** Cloonhill Vanessa
Sire of Dam: Cloonderry Rex
Exhibitor: Liam Walsh, Cloon, Cleggan, Co. Galway
Luke & Lisa Walsh, Luis Paulino (Judge), Norman Little (IACS),Gerard Kilgallon (President)



All Ireland Reserve Junior Female Champion

Millbawn Autumn Star
D.O.B. 17.11.24
Sire: Intelagri Matteo E.T.
Dam: Millbawn Urban Flash **Sire of Dam:** HF Alcatraz 60F
Exhibitor: Conor Craig & Amanda Bogan, Coolarty, Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford
Conor Craig & Amanda Bogan, Nigel Brady (AW Ennis), Gerard Kilgallon (President)



All Ireland Reserve Junior Male Champion

Newbridge Red Asian
D.O.B. 03.11.24
Sire: HW Red Lamborghini V772
Dam: Newbridge Red Vicky
Sire of Dam: Lanigan Red Lombard
Exhibitor: Brendan & Edel McCawley, Cornamucklagh North, Dowra, Co. Leitrim
Aoibh-Ann McCawley Gerard Kilgallon (President),



All Ireland Irish Angus Resereve Senior Male

Quignalegan Albert
D.O.B. 06.08.24
Sire: Keirsbeath Karma S539
Dam: Quignalegan Tess
Sire Of Dam: Mercury Royal Tinge
Exhibitor: Conor & Eunan Boyce, Quignalegan, Sligo Road, Ballina, Co. Mayo



All Ireland Irish Reserve Senior Female

Millbawn Twinkle
D.O.B. 22.04.20
Sire: Rawburn Jagger Eric R094
Dam: Millbawn Nancy
Sire of Dam: Cudlobe Millennium 12M
Exhibitor: Shane McGreal, Cahernacole, The Neale, Claremorris, Co. Mayo
Shane, Alex & Stacey McGreal, Gerard Kilgallon (President), Nigel Brady (AW Ennis)












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JUDGING THE YDP ALL-IRELANDS
Darragh Barlow



Having been asked to judge the 2025 All-Ireland YDP finals was a great honour and a privilege. Having grown up surrounded by agriculture and Angus cattle, I have a great passion and appreciation for the breed. Having shown my first animal at a summer show in 2017 and having exhibited at several All-Ireland's, I think those who know me would agree that showing cattle is part and parcel of my life at this stage. This year I was fortunate enough to experience a different side of the show ring when tasked with standing in the centre and judging the up-and-coming talent.

It was clear from the junior class that my task on the day was going to be far from easy. The talent that I was fortunate enough to witness on the day was simply outstanding and as an Angus enthusiast, I got great pleasure from seeing a very strong class of 18 young stockpersons taking the time to exhibit at this prestigious event. It was only afterwards that I really took pleasure in this if I'm being totally honest because to see my first ever class to judge barely fitting in the ring was daunting to say the least. However, nerves had to be soon forgotten about as I had a task at hand. Each and everyone of these youngsters who competed must be commended for their determination, enthusiasm and talent. They are a credit to the Irish Angus breed, and it goes without saying, after the display that I witnessed on the day, that our beloved breed is certainly in safe hands for many, many years to come. I myself am in awe to think that these young handlers could turn out their animals to such a high standard and to match this standard then with their ring craft skills and knowledge of their claves.

Moving onto the intermediate and senior classes and it was safe to say my job wasn't getting any easier. The impeccable standard was maintained from start to finish. From clipping and grooming to leading and presenting, there was no corners cut by any individual on the day.

I remember competing in these classes myself and the desire to succeed can only be described as immense. I fully understand the time and dedication that is required of these young people to get their animals to the ring. Preparations start months in advance with many an early morning and late night and many a bump in the road along the way. Showing cattle certainly isn't for everyone and I would like to take this moment to sincerely thank everyone who made the effort in travelling to Strokestown and exhibiting. Just because you didn't win today should not be seen as a deterrent from showing, I rather see it as a stepping stone for future success. Everyone who made this effort should be extremely proud of themselves because each and every one of you are winners in your right. To all our fathers, mothers, grandparent, family members or friends, you too should be extremely proud for handing on this passion for Angus cattle to the younger generation. I am proud to be a member of such an elite bunch on exciting young stock people, who are so passionate and committed to Angus cattle.

Having completed my judging duties, it was onto exhibiting our own cattle. Venice topped of a fabulous day winning a consecutive All -Ireland Senior Male Championship. This was like the icing on the cake and made the 2:30am start all the more worthwhile.

To sum up an incredible day in a small few words, I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank the Irish Angus Cattle Society for giving me this opportunity to have a new experience in the show ring but also for being so supportive and helpful on the day. A special, final note to all the young exhibitors; keep up the hard work because as the saying goes 'success is the sum of efforts, repeated day in and day out'

Darragh Barlow.



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SUCCESSFUL INAUGURAL MOATE CALF COMPETITION SETS NEW BENCHMARK FOR IRISH ANGUS EXCELLENCE

Successful Inaugural Irish Angus Dunleavy Meats Bull Calf Championships Sets New Benchmark for Irish Angus Excellence

The inaugural **Irish Angus Dunleavy Meats Bull Calf Championships**, held in August 2025 at Moate Show, proved to be a resounding success and marked an important new chapter in the Irish Angus show calendar. From the outset, the event generated strong interest and enthusiasm among breeders, providing a dedicated platform to showcase the very best of young pedigree Angus genetics and highlighting the depth of quality currently being achieved within Irish herds.

Despite being staged for the first time, the competition attracted **strong entries from across the country**, with calves presented to an exceptionally high standard. The quality, consistency and depth evident throughout all classes exceeded expectations and ensured a highly competitive day's judging, setting a very strong benchmark for the future development of the **Irish Angus Dunleavy Meats Bull Calf Championships.**

Judging on the day was carried out by **Seamus Neary**, whose knowledgeable, professional and consistent approach was widely praised by exhibitors and spectators alike. With strength, correctness and breed character evident throughout the classes, the judge was faced with a challenging task. His final decisions reflected careful consideration of structure, locomotion, muscle development, balance and true Angus type, ensuring that calves with both show-ring appeal and long-term breeding potential were rewarded.

Prize presentations were made by **Gerard Kilgallon (President)** alongside **Patrick Walsh of Dunleavy Meats**, whose sponsorship and ongoing support were central to the success of the event. Their presence underlined the importance of industry backing for breed development and young stock competitions.

A standout feature of the inaugural Moate Calf Competition was the strong and visible partnership between the **Irish Angus Cattle Society and Dunleavy Meats**, a collaboration that continues to deliver real benefits for breeders. Together, they delivered one of the **largest prize funds ever seen at an Irish Angus calf event**, reinforcing the value of investing in quality pedigree Angus cattle.

Across the three bull calf classes, a **€15000 prize fund was available** with substantial rewards extended right down through the placings:

1st Prize: €1,500
2nd Prize: €700
3rd Prize: €300
4th Prize: €200
5th Prize: €150

In addition, **€100 appearance money was paid for every bull exhibited**, ensuring that all exhibitors were rewarded for their commitment, preparation and investment in presenting cattle to such a high standard. This approach was widely welcomed and helped contribute to the strong turnout and competitive atmosphere throughout the day.

This prize structure, combined with Dunleavy Meats' well-established **Irish Angus and AAX bonus schemes**, demonstrated a clear pathway from pedigree breeding to commercial reward. The partnership provided tangible evidence that quality Angus cattle are not only recognised in the show ring but are also strongly valued within the marketplace.

Class A – Bull Calves born 1st February to 30th April 2025

The youngest class of the competition set the tone for the day, with a particularly strong lineup of early-born calves displaying excellent potential. Claiming **1st Prize and Champion** was **Ardivahan Buster**, exhibited by **Michael Kenny, Walshestown South, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath**. Born on 2nd March 2025, he is sired by **Liscahill Lord Henry T510** and out of **Millbawn Venus**. He impressed the judge with his natural thickness, strong top line, balance and breed character, standing out as a calf with significant future promise.

Taking **Reserve Champion** honours was **Steil Bed Head**, bred and exhibited by **Cathal & J.J. McCormack, Steil, Tulsk, Co. Roscommon**. Born on 2nd February 2025, he is by **Rawburn E Type W176** out of **Steil T Ella 435**, combining power with style and correctness.

3rd Prize went to **Steil Biupex**, also from the McCormack herd. Born on 13th February 2025, he is sired by **Coraghy Ronaldo** out of **Steil V Naoimi 478**, a calf noted for his muscle development and overall balance.

In **4th place** was **Cloonhill Bob**, exhibited by **Liam Walsh, Cloon, Cleggan, Co. Galway**. Born on 28th March 2025, he is by **Cloonderry Rex** out of **Mayo Paris**, displaying good length, frame and structural correctness.

Completing the placings in **5th** was **Coneyisland Boyo**, exhibited by **Niall & Brendan Regan, Gorthaganny, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon**. Born on 2nd February 2025, he is sired by **Bohey Jasper** out of **Dillon Janelle**, rounding off a very competitive opening class.

Class B – Bull Calves born 1st November 2024 to 31st January 2025

Class B proved to be one of the strongest and most hotly contested sections of the competition. The **Champion** award went to **Clooncarne Atticus**, exhibited by **Thomas**

Mulligan, Currycramp, Dromod, Co. Leitrim. Born on 5th November 2024, he is sired by **HW Farghal T516** out of **Currycramp Miley**. He stood out for his power, depth of body and strong overall presence, combining scale with excellent mobility.

The **Reserve Champion** was **Coneyisland Baron E.T.**, exhibited by **Niall & Brendan Regan, Gorthaganny, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon**. Born on 3rd January 2025, he is by **Tivanagh Baron** out of **Dillon Janelle**, attracting attention for his length, smoothness and style.

3rd place was awarded to **Charraigach Ace of Spades**, exhibited by **Oliver Kerins, Carrigan Lower, Ballymote, Co. Sligo**. Born on 14th December 2024, he is by **Kealkil Prime Lad** out of **Mogeely Easy U607**, a well-balanced calf with strong conformation.

In **4th place** was **Carrowboy Alfie**, exhibited by **Alan Gibbons, Caggle, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon**. Born on 19th December 2024, he is sired by **Drumcrow Tribesman** out of **Carrowboy Unbeatable**, displaying good muscle pattern and correctness.

Completing the class in **5th place** was **Drumlaheen B Ado**, exhibited by **Enda McLoughlin, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim**. Born on 4th January 2025, he is by **Rawburn Poncho X478** out of **Hollyhill Vera**, further highlighting the depth of quality in this section.

Class C – Bull Calves born 1st August to 31st October 2024

The senior calf class provided a fitting conclusion to the competition, with a strong lineup of well-grown and well-developed calves. Taking **1st Prize and Champion** was **Bunlahy Avalanche E.T.**, exhibited by **Aiden & David Reynolds, Bunlahy, Ballinalee, Co. Longford**. Born on 4th October 2024, he is sired by **Carrigroe Mr Rebel** out of **Bunlahy Katy**. A powerful calf with excellent length, muscle and presence, he stood out as a deserving winner in a very competitive class.

The **Reserve Champion** was **Berrymount Aiden**, exhibited by **William Foster, Berrymount, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan**. Born on 24th October 2024, he is by **HW Farghal T516** out of **Berrymount Molly**, with his balance, correctness and breed character particularly noted by the judge.

3rd place went to **Ryans Amazing**, exhibited by **Ger Ryan, Castleblagh, Ballyhooly, Co. Cork**. Born on 9th September 2024, he is sired by **Fordel Lockdown P827** out of **Ryans Poppy**, a stylish calf with excellent locomotion.

In **4th place** was **Quignalegan Archie**, exhibited by **Conor & Eunan Boyce, Quignalegan, Ballina, Co. Mayo**. Born on 12th September 2024, he is by **Laheens U Boss Hogg** out of **Quignalegan Vicky**, showing good growth and shape.

Completing the placings in **5th** was **Creagh Angelo**, exhibited by **William Jones, Creagh, Kenagh, Co. Longford**. Sired by **Rawburn Boss Hogg**, he rounded off what was widely regarded as one of the strongest senior calf classes seen at Moate.

YDP Young Stockperson of the Year

The inaugural Moate Calf Competition also featured the **YDP Young Stockperson of the Year**, further emphasising the event's focus on the future of the breed. Judged by **Raymond Dockery**, the competition showcased an exceptionally high standard of stockmanship, handling and presentation. **Kieran Ryan, Castleblagh, Ballyhooly, Co. Cork**, claimed **1st Prize**, with **William Woods** awarded **2nd Prize**. Both competitors were highly commended for their professionalism, enthusiasm and skill.

A Strong Foundation for the Future

As the first-ever Moate Calf Competition, the 2025 event exceeded expectations in terms of entries, quality and organisation. The depth of cattle on show, the level of breeder engagement and the strength of the partnership between the **Irish Angus Cattle Society and Dunleavy Meats** ensured a highly competitive and rewarding day for all involved.

The success of this inaugural competition clearly demonstrated the appetite among breeders for a dedicated Angus calf showcase. Backed by strong prize money, appearance incentives and committed industry support, the **Moate Calf Competition has firmly established itself as a potential flagship event on the pedigree calendar**, with all the foundations in place to grow in stature and importance in the years ahead.

Acknowledgements

The Irish Angus would like to extend sincere thanks to **Moate Show** for their support and assistance in facilitating the inaugural Moate Calf Competition. Appreciation is also expressed to the **Irish Angus Council** for their guidance and continued commitment to the development of the breed.

A special word of thanks is extended to all **exhibitors**, whose enthusiasm, preparation and high-quality cattle were central to the success of the event.

Grateful thanks are also due to **Dunleavy Meats**, the event's sponsor, for their generous support, substantial prize fund and continued backing of Irish Angus breeders.

The Irish Angus wish to acknowledge **Tom O'Reilly**, who carried out weighing duties on the day, **Tricia Kennedy**, whose photography captured the occasion so professionally, and **Norman and Joy Little**, who carried out MC duties and ensured the smooth running of proceedings.

Finally, sincere thanks are extended to the day's judges, **Raymond Dockery** and **Seamus Neary**, for their time, expertise and professionalism throughout the competition.

IRISH ANGUS DUNLEAVY MEATS BULL CALF CHAMPIONSHIPS



Class A - February 1st – April 30th 2025
1st Prize Ardivahan Buster
Bred by: Michael Kenny, Walshestown South, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath
Pictured L-R: Gerard Kilgallon (President), Seamus Neary (Judge), Shane & Michael Kenny, Patrick Walsh (Dunleavy Meats)



Class A - February 1st – April 30th 2025
2nd Prize Steil Bed Head
Bred by: Cathal & J.J. McCormack, Steil, Tulsk, Co. Roscommon
Pictured L-R: Cathal McCormack, Gerard Kilgallon (President), Seamus Neary (Judge), Jack Cronin, Caelan McCormack, Patrick Walsh (Dunleavy Meats)



Class B - November 1st 2024- January 31st 2025
1st Prize Clooncarne Atticus
Bred by: Thomas Mulligan, Currycramp, Dromod, Co. Leitrim
Pictured Gearoid Mulligan



Class B - November 1st 2024- January 31st 2025
2nd Prize Coneyisland Baron E.T.
Bred by: Niall & Brendan Regan Gorthaganny Castlerea Co Roscommon
Pictured L-R: Seamus Neary (Judge), Gerard Kilgallon (President), Niall & Brendan Regan, Patrick Walsh (Dunleavy Meats)



Class C - August 1st – October 31st 2024
1st Prize Bunlahy Avalanche E.T.
Bred by: Aiden & David Reynolds, Bunlahy, Ballinalee, Co. Longford
Pictured L-R: Gerard Kilgallon (President), Seamus Neary (Judge), Aiden & David Reynolds, Patrick Walsh (Dunleavy Meats)



Class C - August 1st – October 31st 2024
2nd Prize Berrymount Aiden
Bred by: William Foster, Berrymount, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan
Pictured L-R: Adam Woods



YDP Young Stockperson of the Year
1st Prize Kieran Ryan, Castleblagh, Ballyhooly, Co. Cork
Pictured L-R: Kieran & Ger Ryan



YDP Young Stockperson of the Year
2nd Prize William Woods
Pictured L-R: Raymond Dockery (Judge), William Woods, Gerard Kilgallon (President))

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Irish Angus Cattle Society – Joe McCormack, Steil Angus, Tulsk, Co. Roscommon

The executive of the FBD National Hall of Fame Awards were delighted to present the National Hall of Fame Award 2025 for Irish Angus Cattle Society to Mr. Joe McCormack, Steill Angus, Tulsk, Co. Roscommon.

Joe McCormack: A Legacy of Excellence in Irish Angus Breeding Joe McCormack's passion for Angus cattle traces back to his early years when his father, Michael T. McCormack, founded the Steil Angus herd in 1955—70 years ago this year. At the time, the family farm in Steil, Tulsk, Co. Roscommon, housed three bulls: an Angus, a Shorthorn, and a Hereford. These bulls were made available to neighbouring farmers, who would walk their cows to Steil for service. Legend has it that some cows knew their way to the bull in Steil without any guidance from their owners.

Over the years, Joe has bred pedigree Shorthorn, Hereford, and Angus cattle, but his true passion has always been with the Angus breed. Joe and his father were among the founding members of the Irish Angus Cattle Society in 1967. A significant milestone in the Steil herd's history was the introduction of Eveline of Charlestown, a pedigree Angus cow whose lineage has produced numerous prize-winning cattle at Carrick-on-Shannon. Today, her bloodline continues through the Steil Winnie and Steil Geraldine cow families.

Few breeders in Ireland have witnessed the evolution of the Angus breed as closely as Joe. He considers himself fortunate to have worked with legendary bulls such as Robbie the 3rd of Milltown, Provider the 4th of Drumlone, Barrat of Coolcower, Roose Linus, Emer of Haymount, and Ballyshannon Fergus, among others. Many of these genetics remain in the Steil herd today.

Breeding practical Angus that do what Angus are supposed to do The Steil herd has always prioritized breeding functional, practical Angus cattle—animals that are easy-calving, hardy, well-performing, and easy-fleshing. While summer shows have never been the primary focus, Steil Angus has enjoyed considerable success in the show ring, securing numerous Angus Championships in Carrick-on Shannon, along with Aldi All-Ireland Bull Calf Championships, All-Ireland Irish Angus Championships, and Irish Angus Elite Sale Championships.

Joe has also bred several renowned AI bulls, including Steil Knockranny, Steil Hero, Steil Picasso, Steil Kenneth, and Steil Useful. His bulls have found homes in some of the most prestigious herds in the UK, such as Netherton, Blelack, and Haymount, with Steil Vincent even making its way to South Africa in the 1980s.

It is with great pleasure that the Irish Angus Cattle Society nominated Joe McCormack for the National Hall of Fame Award 2025.



Irish Angus Champion April 1975

Michael Foley & Joe McCormack



Joe McCormack, Carrick-on-Shannon, Mid 1960's



Shorthorn Champion Carrick-on-Shannon 1973



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Joe McCormack, Andy Adams and Cathal McCormack



Hereford Champion 1975 – Steil Capital

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Angus Champion Carrick-on-Shannon February 1999

Cathal & Joe McCormack, Jim Jack & Willie Stroker


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Show 2025	Champion	Reserve
Bandon	John Appelbe, Carrigroe House, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	John O' Brien, Sea Breeze, Youghal, Co. Cork
Clonakilty	John O' Brien, Sea Breeze, Youghal, Co. Cork	
Cappamore	Liam Walsh, Cloon, Cleggan, Co. Galway	
Bantry	Ger Ryan, Castleblagh, Ballyhooly, Co. Cork	
Ballyshannon	Shane McGreal, Cahernacole The Neale Claremorris Co. Mayo	
Dundalk	Eamon & John McKiernan, Newtown, Monasterboice, Drogheda, Co. Louth	
Athlone	Niall & Brendan Regan, Gorthaganny, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon	Niall & Brendan Regan, Gorthaganny, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon
Charleville	John O' Brien, Sea Breeze, Youghal, Co. Cork	
Longford	Alan Gibbons, Caggle, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon	
Crossmolina	Shane McGreal, Cahernacole The Neale Claremorris Co. Mayo	
Mullingar	Eamon & John McKiernan, Newtown, Monasterboice, Drogheda, Co. Louth	
Moate	Thomas Mulligan, Currycramp, Dromod, Co. Leitrim	Amanda Bogan & Conor Craig, Coolarty, Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford
Ossory	John G Barlow, Gurtavoher West, Aherlow, Co. Tipperary	Conor & Eunan Boyce, Quignalegan, Sligo Road, Ballina, Co Mayo
Arva	Thomas Mulligan, Currycramp, Dromod, Co. Leitrim	
Bonniconlon	Shane McGreal, Cahernacole The Neale Claremorris Co. Mayo	Bernard Kerins, Carnaree, Ballymote, Co. Sligo
Ballinamore	Bernard Kerins, Carnaree, Ballymote, Co. Sligo	Adam Woods, Breandrum, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan
Roscommon	Lisa & Noel Dowd, Skehard, Creggs, Co. Galway	Patrick Regan Jnr., Cloonmore, Ballyfarna, Claremorris, Co. Mayo
Mohill	Brian & Mary Faughnan, Clooncarne, Bornacoola, Co. Leitrim	Thomas Mulligan, Currycramp, Dromod, Co. Leitrim
Limerick		
Castlerea	Patrick Regan Jnr., Cloonmore, Ballyfarna, Claremorris, Co. Mayo	Niall & Brendan Regan, Gorthaganny, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon
Riverstown	Bernard Kerins, Carnaree, Ballymote, Co. Sligo	Bernard Kerins, Carnaree, Ballymote, Co. Sligo
Erris	Shane McGreal, Cahernacole The Neale Claremorris Co. Mayo	Shane McGreal, Cahernacole The Neale Claremorris Co. Mayo
Claremorris	Shane McGreal, Cahernacole The Neale Claremorris Co. Mayo	Liam Walsh, Cloon, Cleggan, Co. Galway
Enniscrone	Conor & Eunan Boyce, Quignalegan, Sligo Road, Ballina, Co Mayo	Niall & Brendan Regan, Gorthaganny, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon
Elphin	Bernard Kerins, Carnaree, Ballymote, Co. Sligo	Thomas Mulligan, Currycramp, Dromod, Co. Leitrim
Ballinrobe	Shane McGreal, Cahernacole The Neale Claremorris Co. Mayo	Lisa & Noel Dowd, Skehard, Creggs, Co. Galway



Overall Irish Angus Champion
Arva Show
Exhibited by Thomas Mulligan, Currycramp, Dromod, Co. Leitrim



Overall Irish Angus Champion
Granard Show
Aiden & David Reynolds, Bunlahy, Ballinalee, Co. Longford



Overall Irish Angus Champion
Bonniconlon Show
Millbawn Twinkle
Exhibited by Shane McGreal, Cahernacole, The Neale, Claremorris, Co. Mayo



Overall Irish Angus Champion
Grange Show
Exhibited by Shane McGreal, Cahernacole, The Neale, Claremorris, Co. Mayo



Overall Irish Angus Champion
Enniscrone Show
Exhibited by Conor & Eunan Boyce, Quignalegan, Sligo Road, Ballina, Co Mayo



Overall Irish Angus Reserve & Champion
Riverstown Show
Exhibited by Bernard Kerins, Carnaree, Ballymote, Co. Sligo



Overall Irish Angus Champion
Athlone Show Coneyisland Baron
Exhibited by Niall & Brendan Regan, Gorthaganny, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon



Overall Irish Angus Champion
Ossory Show
Gurtavoher Aria
Exhibited by John G Barlow, Gurtavoher, West Aherlow, Co. Tipperary



Overall Irish Angus Reserve Champion
Enniscrone Show
Exhibited by Niall & Brendan Regan, Gorthaganny, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon



Overall Irish Angus Champion
Cloone Show
Exhibited by Thomas Mulligan, Currycramp, Dromod, Co. Leitrim



Overall Irish Angus Reserve Champion
Crossmolina Show
Exhibited by Conor & Eunan Boyce, Quignalegan, Sligo Road, Ballina, Co Mayo



Overall Irish Angus Champion
Crossmolina Show
Exhibited by Shane McGreal, Cahernacole, The Neale, Claremorris, Co. Mayo



Overall Irish Angus Champion
Mullingar Show
Knockmoutagh Aimee
Exhibited by Eamon & John McKiernan, Newtown, Monasterboice, Drogheda, Co. Louth



Overall Irish Angus Reserve Champion
Ballina Show
Exhibited by Lisa & Noel Dowd, Skehard, Creggs, Co. Galway



Overall Irish Angus Champion
Ballina Show
Exhibited by Shane McGreal, Cahernacole, The Neale, Claremorris, Co. Mayo



Overall Irish Angus Reserve Champion
Athlone Show Coneyisland Annie
Exhibited Niall & Brendan Regan, Gorthaganny, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon



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Overall Irish Angus Reserve Champion
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Drumcrow Angus



Drumcrow Armageddon, top priced bull Carrick April 2025 at €10,700, selling to NCBC. Sire: HW Abacus



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Moate Show
Exhibited by Amanda Bogan & Conor Craig, Coolarty, Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford



Overall Irish Angus Champion
Moate Show
Exhibited by Thomas Mulligan, Currycramp, Dromod, Co. Leitrim



Overall Irish Angus Champion
Ballinrobe Show
Exhibited by Shane McGreal, Cahernacole, The Neale, Claremorris, Co. Mayo



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May	12th	Ballina
May	13th	Kilkenny
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December	5th	Elite Show & Sale



Overall Irish Angus Champion
Bandon Show
Exhibited by John Appelbe, Carrigroe House, Clonakilty, Co. Cork



Overall Irish Angus Reserve Champion
Bandon Show
Exhibited by John O'Brien, Sea Breeze, Pilmore, Youghal, Co. Cork



Overall Irish Angus Champion
Charleville Show
Exhibited by John O'Brien, Sea Breeze, Pilmore, Youghal, Co. Cork



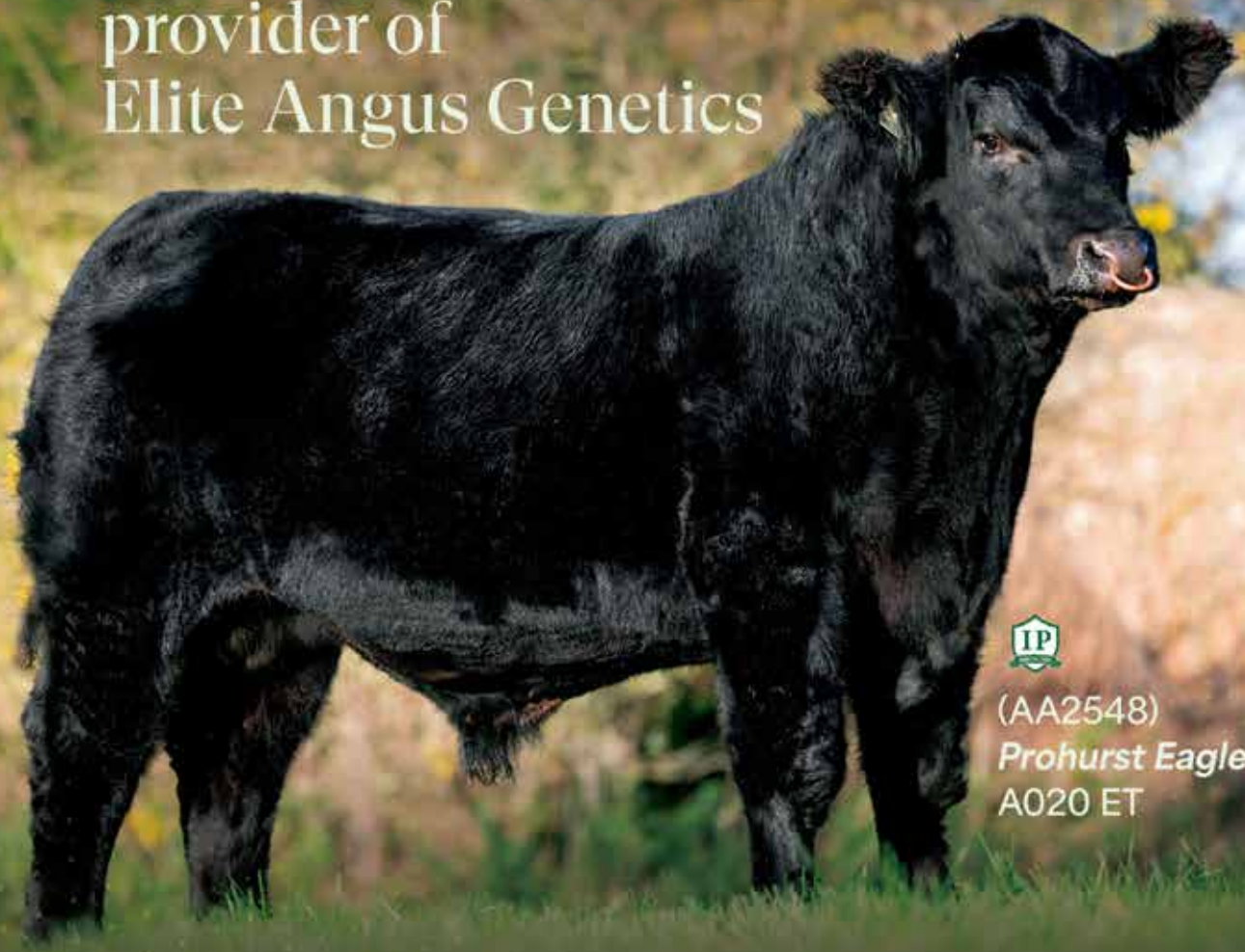
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Name: My name is Kieran Ryan. I am from Ballyhooly which is in north County Cork. I am in second year in St. Colman's College, Fermoy. I have one brother (Matthew).

Age: I am 14 years old.

Joined YDP: I have been a part of the YDP, since I was young. I have loved all the workshops and farm walks. I have learned many priceless tips and tricks for doing up cattle and showing them. I have also met loads of people with the same interest. Along the way I have loved learning about the Angus breed.



Why I like showing cattle: I started showing cattle at a very young age. My first ever show was Cappamore Show in the junior young handler's class. Since then, I have loved every part of showing, learned many skills and had great fun along the way. I have been fortunate to win numerous prizes since I started.

Competitions in YDP: I won the Aldi Irish Angus Young Handler class in Iverk for three consecutive years (2022, 2023 & 2024), along with winning the Irish Angus Junior Young Handlers Section in 2022 and 2023 at the Irish Angus All Irelands in Strokestown. All of these have majorly boosted my confidence and make all the work hard and early mornings worth it.

Winning the 2025 Young Stockperson: This year I was extremely fortunate to win the Irish Angus Junior Stockperson of the Year Class held in Moate Show, Co. Westmeath. I was in a very competitive class and there was not much between everyone. I was looking forward to this event weeks before and had been preparing for some time. I was delighted to be tapped out in first place.



Plans: My plan is to keep showing our own cattle and hopefully breed some cattle of my own, to show in the coming years. I would like to follow a career in veterinary or agriculture after school.

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THE ANGUS BREED FROM THE SALES RING



From my years working within the livestock sales sector, and particularly over the past two years in a management role, it has become very clear that the Angus breed is increasingly in demand around the sales rings.

Beginning with sellers, each week I meet farmers involved in both suckler enterprises and calf-rearing systems. In recent times, there has been a noticeable increase in phrases such as *"incalf to a purebred Angus bull"* appearing in listings for incalf heifers and suckler cows. *This reflects a growing confidence among farmers as they begin to see tangible results from using the Angus breed.*

So, what are those results? While increased financial returns are a major factor, the benefits extend far beyond price alone. I regularly speak with farmers about their stock, and when discussing Angus cattle, the same advantages are consistently highlighted. Ease of calving is a key reason for their popularity among suckler cow producers. In addition, Angus cattle are quick to grow and develop into quality weanlings for those selling at that stage, while cattle retained for beef production mature early, flesh well, and often outperform continental breeds in both age at sale and finishing weight.

From ringside observations, exporters frequently compete with local farmers for Angus weanlings. This clearly demonstrates that demand for the breed is strong not only within Ireland but also in export markets. When it comes to store and finished Angus cattle, feedlot agents are now actively sourcing them, both ringside and online. The added benefit of quality assurance, along with factory bonuses, has made Angus cattle particularly attractive and valuable.

In recent years, buyers regularly suggested introducing Angus-specific classes at our Spring and Autumn cattle shows. We listened, and these classes were introduced. This has added greater variety to our shows. Angus prices have continued to rise steadily over the past number of years, but over the last twelve months the trade can only be described as blistering. Angus cattle have consistently outperformed other breeds on a price-per-kilogram basis across sales.

Sample Prices Achieved at Loughrea Mart (Past 12–18 Months)

The following tables outline a selection of prices achieved by Angus cattle at Loughrea Mart over the past twelve to eighteen months. These figures highlight the strong and consistent demand for the breed across all categories.

Weanlings – Heifers

Weight (kg)	Price (€)	Price per kg (€)
260	1,180	4.53
290	1,270	4.37
310	1,500	4.83
330	1,510	4.57
380	1,700	4.47

Weanlings – Bulls

Weight (kg)	Price (€)	Price per kg (€)
250	1,200	4.80
280	1,350	4.82
350	1,800	5.14
400	2,000	5.00
420	2,040	4.85

These results show that quality Angus weanlings, both heifers and bulls, consistently achieved premium prices per kilogram, reflecting strong competition from exporters and local buyers alike.

Finished Cattle and Stores – Heifers

Age	Weight (kg)	Price (€)	Price per kg (€)
16 months	500	2,200	4.40
18 months	420	1,860	4.42
19 months	390	1,800	4.62
2 × 23 months	543	2,290	4.21
7 × 25 months	630	2,800	4.44
29 months	750	3,300	4.40

Finished Cattle and Stores – Bullocks

Age	Weight (kg)	Price (€)	Price per kg (€)
17 months	410	1,900	4.63
21 months	450	2,080	4.62
8 × 24 months	480	2,200	4.58
26 months	550	2,410	4.38
28 months	685	2,860	4.17
29 months	810	3,900	4.81

Cull Cows

Age	Weight (kg)	Price (€)	Price per kg (€)
53 months	640	2,500	3.90
66 months	810	3,100	3.82
72 months	900	3,620	4.02
80 months	750	3,000	4.00

Stock Bulls

Age	Weight (kg)	Price (€)	Price per kg (€)
23 months	550	3,000	5.45
39 months	710	3,200	4.50
60 months	1,100	4,000	3.63

These figures clearly demonstrate the strength of the Angus trade across all categories, from young weanlings to finished cattle, cull cows, and stock bulls.

Market Trends and Buyer Behaviour

Over the past number of years, the Angus breed has transitioned from being viewed as a niche option to becoming a mainstream and highly competitive choice within the sales ring. Buyer behaviour reflects this shift clearly. Competition for Angus cattle is no longer limited to a single buyer type; instead, exporters, finishers, feedlot operators, and local farmers are all actively seeking quality Angus stock. This broad buyer base has created a resilient trade, helping to underpin strong prices even during periods of wider market uncertainty.

Export demand, in particular, has played a significant role in supporting weanling prices. Exporters are increasingly attracted to Angus cattle due to their uniformity, ease of management, and strong performance post-sale. At the same time, domestic finishers value their efficient feed conversion, early finishing potential, and eligibility for quality assurance and factory bonuses. This dual demand has ensured consistent competition at ringside.

Performance and Production Advantages

From a production standpoint, the Angus breed offers several advantages that align well with modern farming systems. Ease of calving remains one of the most important traits, reducing labour requirements and veterinary intervention while improving animal welfare. This is particularly beneficial for part-time farmers and those operating labour-efficient systems.

Growth rates and early maturity further enhance the breed's appeal. Angus cattle often reach market specifications at a younger age compared to many continental breeds, allowing farmers to reduce feeding costs and improve overall system efficiency. Their ability to flesh well off grass-based systems also makes them ideally suited to Irish conditions, where grass remains the most economical feed source.

Price Performance Across Categories

The sample prices achieved at Loughrea Mart over the past twelve to eighteen months clearly demonstrate the strength of the Angus trade across all classes of stock. From lightweight weanlings to finished cattle, cull cows, and stock bulls, Angus cattle have consistently achieved strong prices on a price-per-kilogram basis.

In-spec cattle, particularly those under 30 months of age and quality assured, have been especially well rewarded. In recent times, traditional concerns such as the number of previous owners have had a reduced impact on price, with buyers placing greater emphasis on weight, condition, and overall quality. This shift reflects a market increasingly focused on efficiency and end-product value rather than background alone.

Breed Recognition and Industry Confidence

The introduction of Angus-specific classes at Spring and Autumn cattle shows has further highlighted the growing recognition of the breed. These classes have not only added variety to show line-ups but have also reinforced the message that profitable alternatives exist beyond traditional continental breeds. The quality of cattle presented in these classes continues to improve year on year, reflecting increasing investment and confidence among producers.

Conclusion

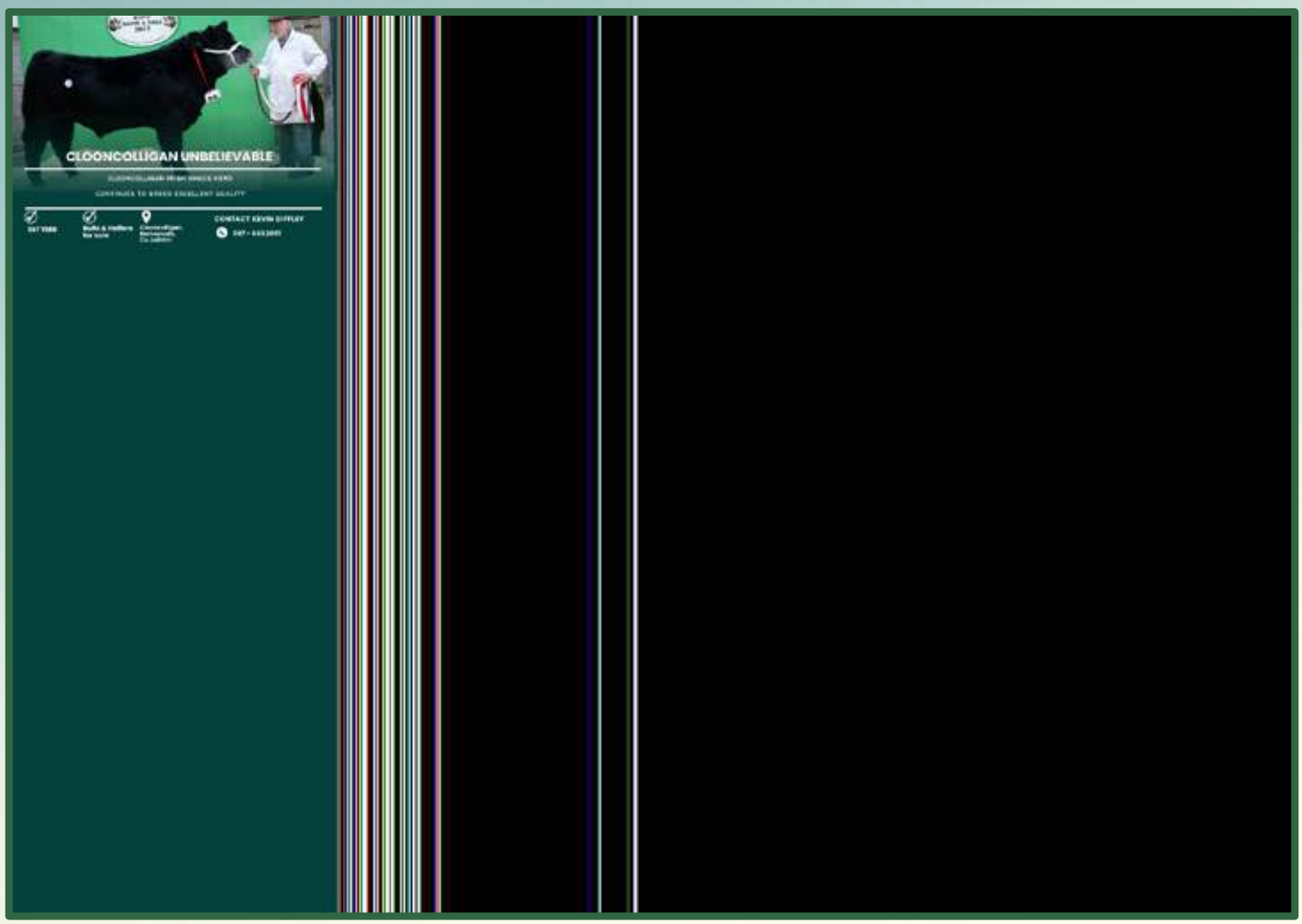
Overall, the Angus breed continues to demonstrate a very positive and sustainable position within the cattle trade. Strong demand, competitive pricing, and consistent performance across all categories indicate that the breed is well placed for the future.

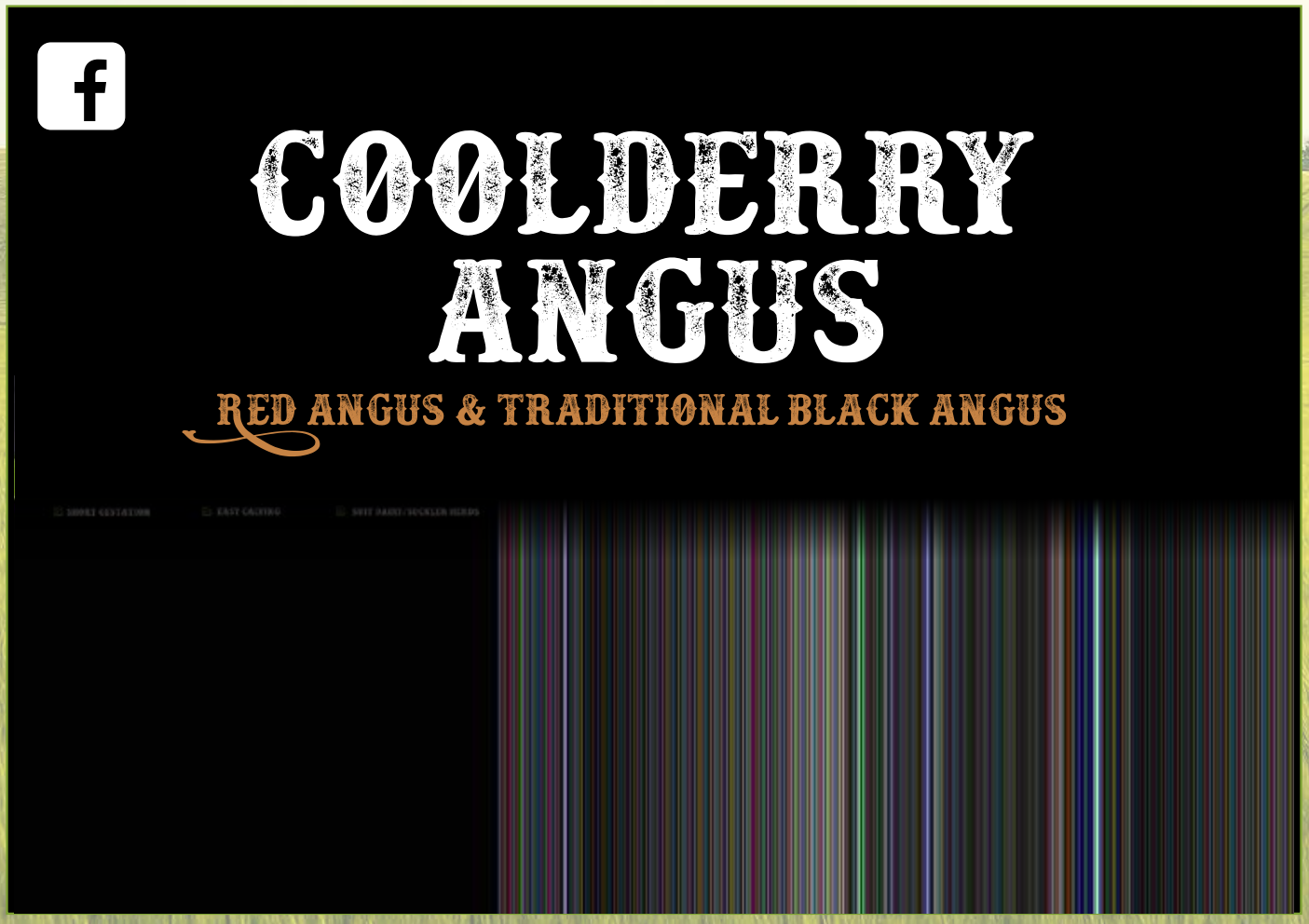
In my professional opinion, the outlook for the Angus breed remains extremely bright. With continued factory incentives, combined with ease of calving, fast maturity, efficient growth, and docile temperament, Angus cattle fit well into a wide range of farming systems. The clearest evidence of this success lies in the number of repeat producers who return year after year with the same type of Angus cattle — a strong indication that the system works.

Long may this positive trend continue.

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‘THE MOST BEEF PER HECTARE’:
Why Angus cattle outpace all other breeds in Australia

Angus cattle are the breed of choice for many Australian beef farmers with fertility, longevity, and excellent carcase traits driving demand.

Angus cattle are the predominant cattle breed of southern Australia and in many places, make up 70% of the beef herd.



Angus breeder Michael Famularo said by not choosing the breed, farmers were leaving money on the table.

While Bos Indicus cattle such as the Brahman dominate the vast stations of the Northern Territory and Queensland, the Angus dominates across the southern states of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, which have climates more comparable to those seen in Europe.

The Angus breed’s popularity is so great that black cattle enjoy at least a $300 (€170) premium compared to ‘coloured’ cattle at sales. Several breeds including the Limousin, Simmental, and even Speckle Park, have developed black versions to try jostle in on the market.



So how did the Angus grab hold of the Australian beef industry?

In the 1990s, Angus cattle started to gain ground on what was the once far more popular Hereford. Breed society Angus Australia sharpened its marketing approach and huge investment was put into developing extensive performance data on bulls.



While there is as much variety within the Australian Angus breed of today as there is between breeds, the main trait is what cattle farmers describe as ‘softness’ and ‘do-ability’. That is, the ability of Angus cattle to finish early on grass or grain, at younger ages than other breeds and with high intramuscular fat (IMF).

The trait is processor driven with major abattoirs not wanting cattle with any sort of a ‘Euro’ (Limousin, Charolais, or Belgian Blue) back end or carcase. Instead, processors want a ‘softer’ carcase, which they say results in more palatable and flavoursome beef, sought by the Australian and export consumer.

The Angus preference is passed the whole way through the supply chain, with suckler farmers converting to Angus at a phenomenal rate.

Suckler farmer Michael Famularo runs 500 predominantly Angus cows at Glenburn, central Victoria, and transitioned from Simmentals in recent years.

“Colour is important because of the market,” he said. “My personal opinion is if you’re not all black, you’re leaving a lot of money on the table.” Famularo said the Angus price premium is particularly evident when cattle prices start to fall, where cattle with colour, or any white face, see prices drop 30-40% behind. “If you don’t have that system to finish cattle to the kill floor, and you have to get to a point where you’re selling weanlings or store cattle, you’re going into a sale where you’re potentially copping a 30-40% discount,” he said.

Cow of choice



An Angus bull in his working cloths on the farm of Tim Wilson

Many suckler farmers are also adamant that there is no cow more fertile, long-lived or maternal than the Angus female. Victorian farmer Tim Wilson runs 450 cows on 1000 acres at Labertouche, Gippsland, an area very similar to the green and wet of Ireland. The herd is split 50/50 between autumn and spring-calving and all calves are brought through to finish, with about 1300 cattle in the system at any one time. All stock are finished solely off grass at 20-24 months and supplied directly to Coles, an Australian supermarket giant. Bullocks are finished between 580kg and 620kg with heifers ranging 480-580kg. “It’s all off grass,” Wilson insisted. His cow herd has four decades of breeding behind it and he said selecting easy calving bulls while not compromising on carcase traits was the name of the game. He said in any given year, he’d be disappointed to have to assist more than 10 cows out of the 450 at calving.



Angus breeder Tim Wilson, Labertouche, Victoria, Australia

Sustainable

Like their Irish peers, Australian farmers have climate targets coming at them from all angles, with plans to make the country net zero by 2050. Wilson said the Angus breed will help him meet his carbon reduction obligations, and that beef consumers will ultimately look for low-methane beef. “Having the most efficient cattle is going to be the way to do it,” he said. He said Angus are a more climate friendly,

medium-framed animal that could be easily finished. "A small amount of inputs go into them to get that weight gain on to them," he said.



Wilson said the breed was "fit for purpose" for the commercially orientated producer, adding that there is no room in his herd for the baggy elders associated with other breeds, or any cow that couldn't get her calf up and sucked herself. "We don't want things that are too big [but] something that can carry its weight through winter easily and not require a power of feed just to maintain its weight," he said.

Pedigree breeders

Pedigree cattle breeders are riding the wave of the Angus' popularity.

Angus Australia extension manager Jake Philips said each year, there are 240 registered Angus bull sales across the country. Pedigree cattle farms are called 'studs', similar to the Thoroughbred industry in Ireland. The operations range from multi-generational farms with 1000 stud cows to up and coming new studs which might start out with 10. Like in Ireland, there is a mix of breeding off data and off phenotype. Some studs aim to breed bulls for other studs and some aim for the commercial suckler client. There are also differences between how bulls are presented for sale - some are often pumped with grain and others are solely grass fed. Most Angus studs hold an annual on-farm bull sale each year, some in both the autumn and spring. These sales can see 100 buyers in attendance with many travelling from all parts of Australia to secure the bull they want.

The well-known Te Mania Angus stud at Hexham, western Victoria, is one of the country's largest pedigree operations. In 2025, the stud sold 166 bulls at its autumn on-farm sale for an average price of $11,290 (€6400), slightly down on the 2024 average of $12,400 (€7000). Other smaller studs conduct private sales throughout the year. Wannon Pastoral, a pedigree and commercial Angus farm at Hensley Park, outside Hamilton, western Victoria, sells 40 bulls direct to clients. Run by brothers Hamish and Robert Mackinnon, the stud has focused on genomics and breeding data to ramp up the performance of its cattle. "We're backed up by the good figures as well as really good types and quiet docility," said Hamish. The Mackinnon brothers run 550 commercial Angus cows and 150 pedigree, with 50 of the commercials used as embryo recipients in any given year. All cows and heifers are given one chance at AI with 50% put to top Australian bulls and 50% to top US bulls. Hamish said only proven cows are flushed. "We only flush three year old cows and above so they've had to have had a calf unassisted as a two year old, then they've had to get back in calf again and calved again, then we flush them," he said. "I'm not interested in the figures until they've had two calves because then I know they're going to get back in calf again."

Data

While Hamish said data wasn't the making or breaking of a cow or bull's potential output, many farmers will nearly buy their bulls blind, solely based on their figures. Bulls are allocated a range of 'Estimated Breeding Values' (EBVs) and Hamish said the most important for his clients were those for calving ease and fertility. Since 2020, every one of his calves has been genomically tested at birth, with breeding selection based from there and the animal's performance under commercial conditions with limited feeding. "That gives us the power to identify those high performing cows early," he said

"I believe [performance figures] drive profitability because there's so many aspects of an animal that you can't visually appraise."You need to record the data and the highest performing animal rises to the top."

Methane



Angus breeder Hamish Mackinnon, Wannon Pastoral, Hensley Park, Victoria

Philips said the next data target for Angus Australia is methane efficiency. The breed society has invested heavily in trialling bulls to determine the genetic lines which produce the lowest carbon emissions. He said the initial findings from the breed society's methane research project found that different Angus cattle can have different emission levels. "Angus Australia are probably leading all of the breed societies in Australia on this," he said. "We hope to have a research breeding value out in the next couple of years which would then identify which sires would have a lower methane emission compared to others."

Whether based on profit or emissions, so many Australian farmers think Angus breeding is the way to go. "I think they turn off the most beef per hectare and they are the lowest cost animal because of their ability to conceive at one [year old], calve unassisted at two and then re-breed in the same time frame, and then go on to have a calf every year for the next 10 years," Hamish said.



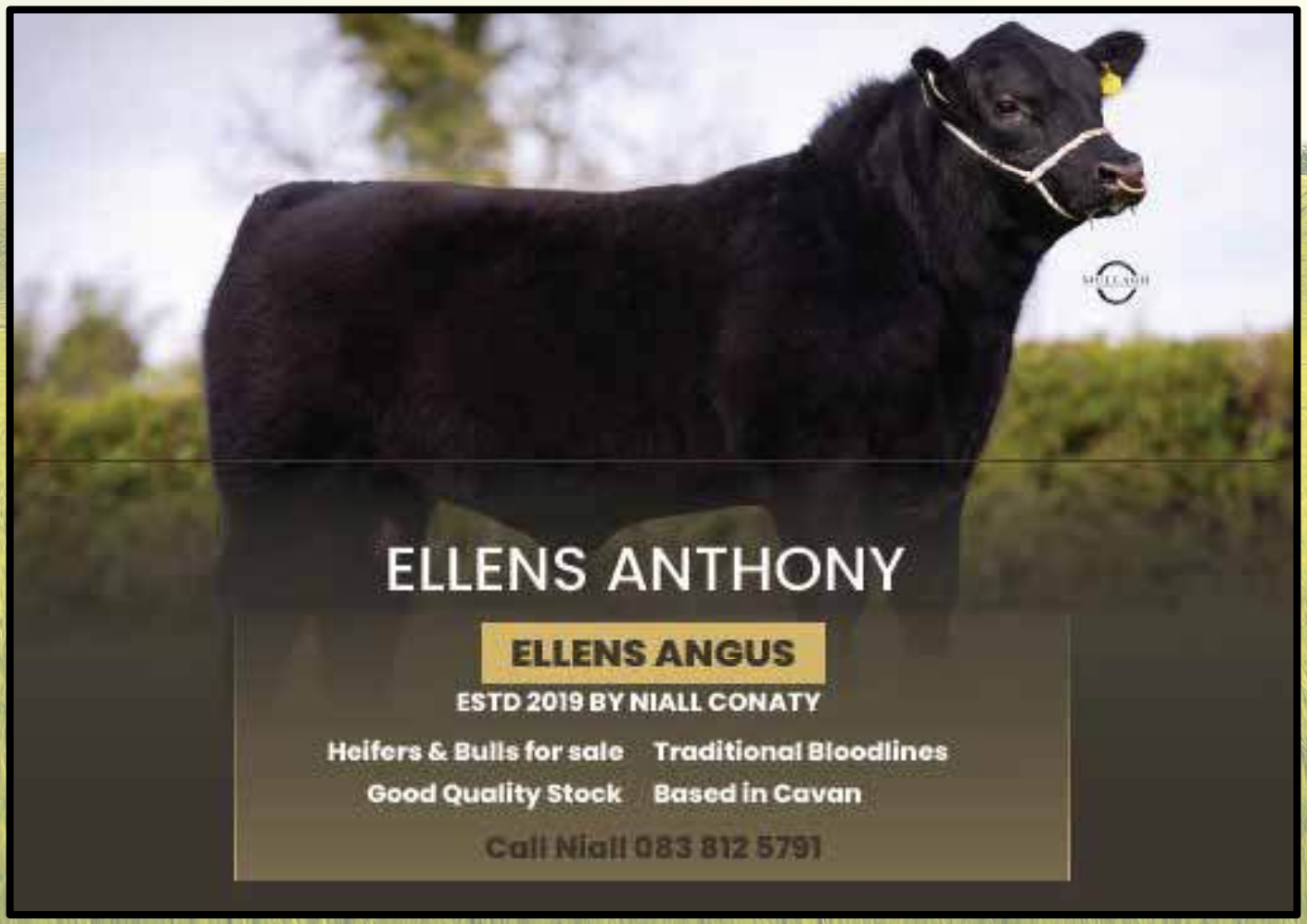
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I would like to begin by sincerely thanking IACS President Gerry Kilgallon and former President Sean Kilkenny for the invitation to judge the All-Ireland Angus Finals 2025 at Strokestown Show. Sean was instrumental in starting our regular trips to Irish IACS shows and sales some years ago and, as always, remains available and supportive.

Special thanks also go to John Farrell, whose help throughout the show was invaluable, and to the rest of the IACS team who always make us feel so welcome: Yvonne, Breeda, Patsy, and Oliver.

My thanks to all breeders for their dedication to the Angus breed and for their understanding and sportsmanship throughout the day.

The best part of judging a show of this calibre, beyond the hard work and competition displayed on the day itself, is recognising the long-term effort behind each animal. It reflects months—and often years—of careful gevnetic decisions, whether through thoughtful breeding choices or the purchase of a promising show heifer from another breeder.



It was a great show, with over 100 entries of outstanding cattle, successfully combining the traditional easy-fleshing and strong maternal Angus traits with the modern demands of beef production: growth, early finishing, and power. These are the characteristics that have allowed the Angus breed to reach number one status in many European countries.

Clooncarne Winnie, D.O.B. 04.11.23 (Class 32: 01.09.23–31.08.24), best combined all of these traits on the day and was deservedly crowned Supreme All-Ireland Champion 2025. She is a powerful, well-balanced two-year-old heifer. Second in Class 32 was Millbawn Winnie, D.O.B. 01.10.23, a very correct and stylish Angus heifer.

In Class 30 (Cow with Calf at Foot), Millbawn Twinkle, D.O.B. 22.04, stood out once again. She displayed all the character and power expected of a champion Angus cow, moving gracefully around the ring and accompanied by a very promising heifer calf. Second place went to Kerins Riokemi, D.O.B. 12.10.18, a cow showing excellent Angus type.

In the junior heifer classes, Cloonhill Amber, D.O.B. 28.12.24, from Class 24 (01.12.24–29.02.25), fully deserved her success. This 8-month-old heifer had everything in the right place according to breed standards, with the best topline on show, an easy-fleshing body, and a cheerful, alert Angus head. She was awarded Junior Female Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion.



From Class 25 (01.09.24–30.11.25), Millbawn Autumn Star, D.O.B. 17.11.24, was a very well-developed heifer, suggesting she will continue to grow and mature gracefully. She was awarded Junior Female Reserve Champion.

In the bull classes, Quignalegan Archie, D.O.B. 12.09.24, from Class 29 (01.09.24–30.11.24), stood out as Junior Male Champion, showing excellent power both front and rear on a long, deep body. Junior Male Reserve Champion went to Newbridge Red Asian, D.O.B. 03.11.24, who placed second in Class 29.

Two other junior bulls deserving special recognition for winning their respective classes were Newstar Buster, D.O.B. 21.03.25 (Class 27: 01.03.25–30.04.25), and Carrowboy Alfie, D.O.B. 19.12.24 (Class 28: 01.12.24–29.02.25). Both were very young but showed great promise for the future.

Senior Male Champion was Gurtavoher Venice, D.O.B. 23.09.22, from Class 33 (bulls born on or before 31.08.23). He was a very well-bred and expertly presented bull who had no rivals on the day.

In Class 34 (Intermediate Bulls: 01.09.23–31.08.24), two promising bulls were presented, both showing strong potential for future development. First place went to Quignalegan Albert, D.O.B. 06.08.24, followed by Molloy Alainn, D.O.B. 19.05.24.



The Pairs and Groups of Three classes clearly demonstrated the consistency of breeders' work, with very uniform and well-matched groups of cattle on display.

Congratulations to all breeders for their excellent work in showcasing the very best of the Angus breed in Ireland. It was truly a pleasure to share this day with you all.

Luis Paulino Martins

JUDGING THE YDP ALL IRELAND STOCK-PERSON AT MOATE SHOW
BY RAYMOND DOCKERY



My name is Raymond Dockery. I am a TY student in Borrisokane Community College. We have a Pedigree Angus and Shorthorn suckler farm at home in Shinrone. I have a huge interest in farming and also in showing cattle. We went to a lot of shows when I was younger, and I started showing at the age of 8. I was a member of the Irish Angus Youth Development Programme (YDP).

I attended workshops where we were showed how to present our animal for show day, from washing, clipping, grooming and leading them in a ring , to get them to stand correctly. As a result of all the hard work and showing throughout the years I was delighted to have won All Ireland Young Stock Person of the year at Iverk show in 2024.



This was the highlight of all my showing years so far. There were 9 competitors in this competition, and all aspects of show day preparation and animal knowledge were tested.

Judging the All Ireland young stockperson of the year.

This win opened up lots of opportunities, and I was asked to judge the All Ireland Young Stock person of the year in Moate show.

As a judge of a young handlers class I was looking for the person who handled their animal with confidence and had their animal well-presented and their ability to lead and get their animal standing correctly. Also their personal presentation was taken into account.

Part of the judging is also asking the competitors about their animal in relation to feeding, their preparation for show day and their knowledge of their animal. As I asked the exhibitors questions I kept a watchful eye on the other exhibitors to make sure they were clued in and aware of their surroundings.

It was difficult to judge as all competitors were very good and well experienced handlers but finally a had to line up all exhibitors in the correct order and select my first, second and 3rd place we have a rule in YDP that all others down the line are fourth this means no one comes last and its better for young handlers and keep them interested in showing again.



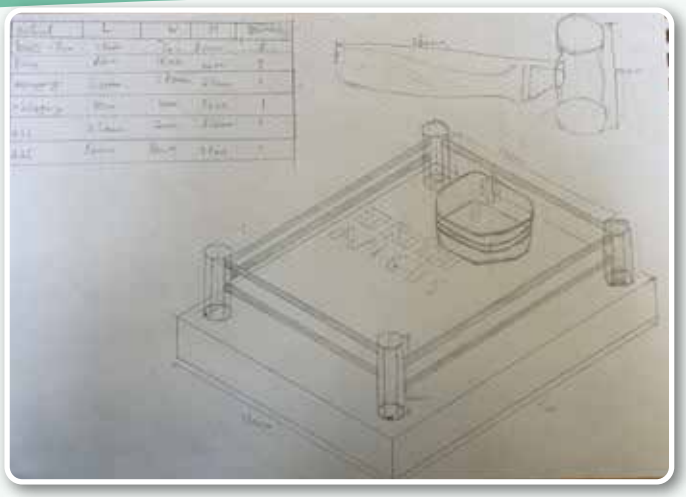
1st Place Keiran Ryan



2nd place William woods



3rd Place



Irish Angus YDP as my Junior cert woodwork Project

In third year in school I brought my love for cattle and my time with the Irish Angus YDP to the classroom. I have a keen interest in woodwork and for my junior cert woodwork practical exam I had to complete a project that brought a community together. I thought the best way to show what brings the farming community together and because I am part of the Irish Angus YDP, I would join all the aspects together. I decided to make a mart ring with an auctioneers gavel.

My chosen materials were ash and mahogany to manufacture the base and to make my gavel. I picked these materials as they are contrasting materials and they work well together. The Irish Angus logo was carved out with a special "CNC" machine.



CNC machine working

I then applied wood filler to make the logo stand out. I put on 4 layers of oil-based varnish to make the piece hold its colour and give it a nice shine. I used 4 brass bars to make the ring.

The project was completed over several weeks at our woodwork classes and each layer of varnish had to be sanded off ready for the next coat



Started off with a square piece for handle on the lathe

The handle was all turned out on the wood lathe and the head and then I had to sand it down several times to get a nice finish. We have a wood lathe at home and I have used it many times before so I was well used to getting designs in wood because of they practice.

There were several skills involved in this project such as wood turning, varnishing, sanding, brass work, drilling, bevelling calligraphy and CNC designing so my teacher Mr Mc Ginn was very excited to see how it would work out and thankfully it finished off well.

I was awarded a Distinction in my Junior cert.

I have a special place for this in my room along with my YDP medals and trophies that I won in the YDP



Finished project



Raymond Dockery,
Junior cert
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On the day he was born he was a bundle of joy
I thanked his mother for such a wonderful boy
I watched him grow up as all fathers do
And I hoped that someday he would walk in my shoes



Animals he loved and he longed for the day
To lead a prizewinner on some big show day
At five years of age his dream did come true
With a brown and white donkey, a blue ribbon he drew



His next was a pony, Robin by name
He had great years of showing till one day he went lame
His uncle Sean had heard of this very sad day
And surprised him with a heifer on his next birthday



A pedigree Angus as black as the night
I will never forget the boy's sheer delight
He fed her and groomed her and trained her to lead
And longed for the day that some judge would take heed

At the Spring Show in Dublin he launched his campaign
The rest it is history and long may it reign.
His love of animals is still to the fore
but a change of direction has gained a lot more



It's the birds he is after, feathered of course
laying beautiful eggs that are champions at shows
The advice that I gave him all those years ago
Makes me a proud father at many's a show
For this I am pleased and I would like to say

You're one hell of a Son, our Oliver J.

















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