



BEEF
BREED: IRISH ANGUS

- **Cross:** Three-quarter bred Angus
- **Born:** February 2010
- **Sire:** Stock bull
- **Breeder:** Darren O'Dowd, Ballindrimley, Castlerea, Co Roscommon
- **Characteristics:** Irish Angus cattle are known for their ease of calving, tender succulent meat qualities, docility and maternal abilities.
- **Society:** Today, there are around 1,100 members in the Irish Angus Cattle Society, with



up to 3,500 pedigree registrations recorded in Ireland annually.
 • **Contact:** For more information, call Patsy Kennan on 071-9620253 or visit the website www.irishangus.ie.



SHEEP
BREED: BELTEX

- **Cross:** Beltex x Belcare/Rouge
- **Born:** March 2010
- **Sire:** Meyers
- **Breeder:** TJ Gormley, Browns-grove, Tuam, Co Galway
- **Characteristics:** Originating in Belgian, the Beltex breed was first introduced into Ireland in the early 1990s. They are renowned for their vigour at birth and double-muscle, as well as high killout, high conformation and light fat cover rates.
- **Society:** Since their introduction to Ireland, they have swept the board at all major carcass

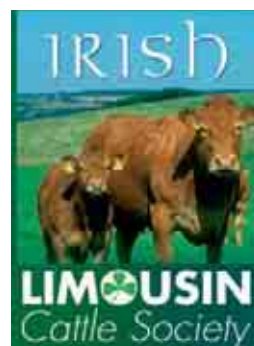


and factory lamb competitions. Today, there are around 38 members in the Irish society.
 • **Contact:** For more information, call TJ Gormley (chairman) on 087-2898829 or visit www.beltexsheepireland.com.



BEEF
BREED: LIMOUSIN

- **Cross:** Limousin x British Friesian/Brown Swiss
- **Born:** April 2010
- **Sire:** Milan Usagi
- **Breeder:** Ann Langan, Castle-view House, Castletown, Enniscrone, Co Sligo
- **Characteristics:** One of the more numerous breeds in the country, Limousin cattle are renowned for their high killout, good conformation, maternal abilities and good growth rates.
- **Society:** The first Limousin cattle came to Ireland in 1972 and, today, there are 2,200 members in the society, with around 8,000 pedigree regis-



trations recorded annually.
 • **Contact:** For more information, call Paul Sykes on 025-85036 or visit the website www.irishlimousin.com.



SHEEP
BREED: CHAROLLAIS

- **Cross:** Charollais x Suffolk
- **Born:** February 2010
- **Sire:** Stock ram from the Slieve Bawn flock
- **Breeder and owner:** Messrs Fallon and Farrell, Strokestown, Co Roscommon
- **Characteristics:** Originating in France, the breed is named after the town of Charolles, where the French flock book is now situated. Its unique head, which is free from wool, broad in shape and slightly pink in colour, is a distinctive feature of this breed. Charollais sheep are renowned for their ease of lambing, vigour after birth, high meat-to-bone ratio and excellent growth rate.
- **Society:** Celebrating its 21st anniversary this year, the first Charollais sheep were imported into Ireland in 1990. Today, there are 147 breeders in the society, with approximately 2,130 purebred animals registered with the society last year alone.
- **Contact:** Call Sheena McCarthy (Chairwoman) on 022-23339 or visit the website www.irishcharollaisheep.net.



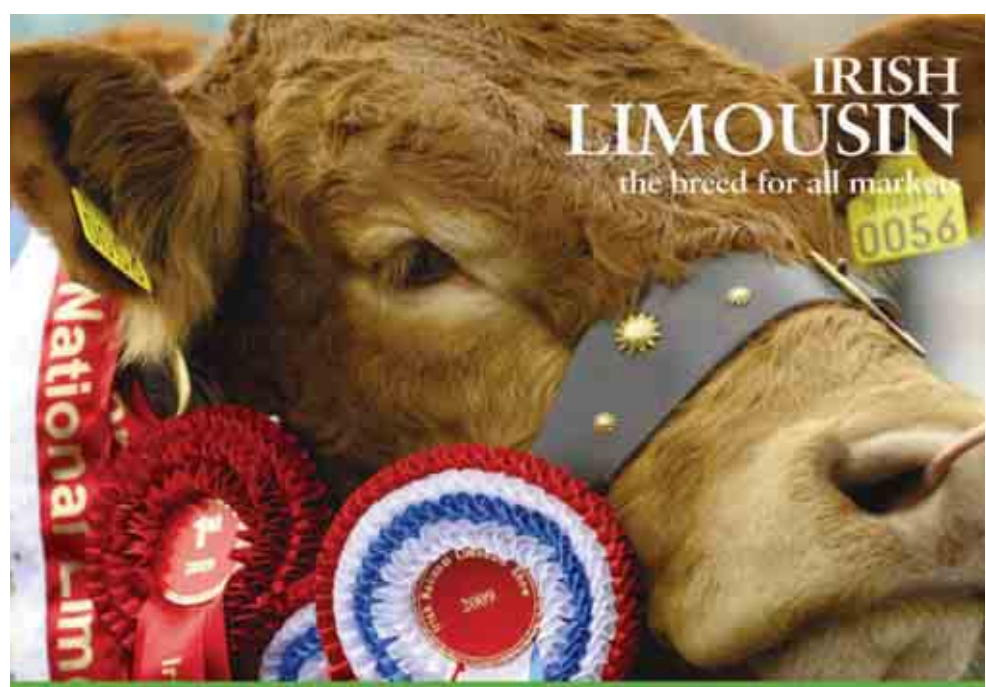
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