



Irish Shorthorn Society Ltd. Newsletter:

June 2025

Dear Members,

Welcome to our June newsletter. We hope it has been a safe and successful calving season for you all so far, please continue to share your Shorthorn progeny with us on social media, we love to see them!

We extend our congratulations to Amelda Middleton Leonard who has been elected President of the Irish Shorthorn Society for 2025. Congratulations also goes to Kevin Murphy, Co. Mayo, our newly elected council member. We also extend our gratitude to Mr. Phil Sheedy, Co. Tipperary who has retired from council. Thank you for your contribution.

Congratulations to Conor Murphy, Co. Carlow, who received the 2025 Pedigree Breeders Council Award for his show winning heifer Ricketstown Flossy Sky. A full report can be found on the society website.

We also wish to congratulate Mary Purcell, past secretary of the Irish Shorthorn Society. Mary was selected as the 2025 Hall of Fame recipient for the society. A full report can be found on the society website.

We would like to remind members that over the phone registrations are **not permitted** and that the office will continue to implement **all fees** which can be found on the society website. Thank you for your continued cooperation.



Irish Shorthorn



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10am - 3:00pm

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Beef & Milking Online Registrations:

How to register:

1. Go to www.irishshorthorn.com
2. Click 'Registrations'
3. Choose 'Beef Registrations' or 'Milking Registrations'
4. Submit details
5. Wait for correspondence from the office regarding payment

Genotyping/DNA Milking Shorthorn Rules:

Genotyping/DNA Testing Reminder for Milking Shorthorns:

- **From 1st March 2025**, all dams born on or after **1st January 2022**, and **all sires**, must be **DNA-tested/genotyped** before their progeny can be registered. The cost is borne by the breeder.
- **From 1st January 2026**, entry into the herdbook will require that **all female calves** be **DNA/genotyped** (sire verified and dam verified if the dam was born on/after 01/01/2022). The cost is borne by the breeder.
- Prior to this, **any herd sires joining from 1st January 2024** must also be **DNA/genotyped**. The cost is borne by the breeder.
- Prior to this, **all male calves born from 1st January 2024** must be **DNA/genotyped** (sire verified). The cost is borne by the breeder.

Please Note: *certificates will NOT be issued until the necessary genotyping has been completed and correct results have been returned.*

Top Prices at Club Sales - Spring 2025:

Croghan Breeders Club Spring Sale: 5th April 2025

- Top Priced Male: Glannview Breeze, €4700. Owned by Adrian Flatley, Co. Mayo.
- Top Priced Female: Elphin Dainty 839, €3150. Owned by Thomas Gormley, Co. Roscommon.

Moyside & Croghan Spring Sale: Monday 21st April 2025.

- Top Priced Female: Adrnaskea Sophie, €3550. Owned by Pat Hehir, Co. Clare.

Well done to all involved!!

Prices from Around the Country - Spring 2025

- 1 x SHX heifer weighing 75kg made **€750** avg. **€9.40/kg** - Cahir Mart
- 1 x SHX bull weighing 89kg made **€600** avg. **€6.74/kg** - Macroom Mart
- 2 x SHX heifers weighing 345kg made **€1810** avg. **€5.24/kg** - Macroom
- SHX heifer weighing 196kg made **€1110** avg. **€5.66/kg** - Drumshambo
- SH heifer weighing 220kg made **€1160** avg. **€5.27/kg** - Drumshambo
- SHX heifer weighing 190kg made **€1020** avg. **€5.37/kg** - Drumshambo
- SHX bull weighing 76kg made **€700** avg. **€9.21/kg** - Corrin Mart

New Beef Shorthorn in Ai:

We are delighted to share that Dovea Genetics have launched a new Beef Shorthorn Bull for Ai this season.

Driney Nice Guy (SH2555) was bred by Mr. Gerard Regan, Co. Roscommon.

Nice Guy is a powerful roan bull with an impressive pedigree and show record to match. He is sired by Creaga Dice and out of a Doon Jeremiah sired cow. He claimed Junior Shorthorn Bull Star of the Future, Junior Champion of Show and Overall Reserve Champion Beef Shorthorn at Tullamore Show in 2024. **Available sexed female.**

Contact Dovea: +353 (0) 504 21755



View Driney Nice Guy's ICBF figures by scanning the QR code provided.

2025 Beef Shorthorn All-Ireland Classes:



Mullingar Show – 13th July:

- All-Ireland Senior (2 year old) Heifer Champion 2025

Tullamore National Livestock Show – 10th August:

- All-Ireland Cow Champion 2025
- All-Ireland Senior Bull Champion 2025

Mohill Show – 17th August:

- All-Ireland Junior Bull Champion 2025

Limerick Show – 24th August:

- All-Ireland Senior Yearling Heifer 01.01.2024-31.03.2024 Champion 2025
- All-Ireland Junior Yearling Heifer 01.04.2024-31.08.2024 Champion 2025

Strokestown Show – 13th September:

- All-Ireland Senior Heifer Calf (01.09.2024 – 31.12.2024) Champion 2025
- All-Ireland Intermediate Heifer Calf (01.01.2025 – 31.03.2025) Champion 2025
- All-Ireland Junior Heifer Calf (01.04.2025 onwards) Champion 2025
- All-Ireland Senior Bull Calf (01.09.2024 – 31.12.2024) Champion 2025
- All-Ireland Intermediate Bull Calf (01.01.2025 – 31.03.2025) Champion 2025
- All-Ireland Junior Bull Calf (01.04.2025 onwards) Champion 2025

Animals shown in an All-Ireland class must have been exhibited at least once in 2025 prior to the All-Ireland class, with the exception of the two-year-old heifer, senior bull, and junior bull classes.

Please contact the individual shows to enter these classes.

New Class at Tullamore Show:

We are thrilled to share that we will have a brand new class at Tullamore Show this year.

Class 280: Best Commercial Beef Shorthorn Female with No Permanent teeth on Show day. This class will be held in the Beef Shorthorn Ring.

We look forward to seeing all the Beef & Dairy Shorthorns at Tullamore Show this year. Best of luck to all!

Irish Shorthorn Society - Premier Sale 2025:

The Irish Shorthorn Society Premier Sale will take place on **Saturday 8th November**, at The Showgrounds, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Roscommon. All animals must be TH tested (it takes a minimum of 21 days for test results), please phone Weatherbys Scientific Ireland for testing kits: **045 875521**.

Address: Weatherbys Scientific Unit F1 - M7 Business Park, Newhall, Naas Co. Kildare.

We recommend submitting your TH test by mid-August at the latest for animals intended for the Premier Sale.

NB: No entries will be accepted without a valid TH result available!

Testing for the TH Genetic Defect: Step-by-step Guide:

1. Collect Hair Samples: Collect a hair sample from each animal you wish to test.

2. Prepare the Samples: Place each sample in a separate zip-lock bag (freezer bag). Important: Do not use sample bags labelled with society branding. This is to avoid additional VAT costs billed to the society, which would increase expenses for the breeder. Breeders must pay Weatherbys directly for TH testing.

- Include a piece of paper inside each bag with the following details:
- Animal Tag Number
- Owner's Herd Number
- Owner's Name, Address, and Phone Number
- Test Required: TH Test for This Animal

Note: If desired, you can request that results be sent to both the breeder and directly to the society.

3. Packaging and Posting: Send the prepared samples to the address below: TH Testing,

Weatherbys Scientific,
Unit F1 – M7 Business Park,
Newhall, Naas,
Co. Kildare.

4. Contact Information: If you have any questions or need assistance during the process, contact Weatherbys at: Phone: +353 (0)45 875521

5. Payment: Weatherbys will contact you directly to arrange payment for the testing service.

Online Beef Sire Directory:

If any members would like to view a list of bulls in Ai, you can view our 2025 Beef Sire Directory on the society website. You can also scan the QR code provided.

- Go to: www.irishshorthorn.com
- Choose Sire Directory
- Choose Beef Sire Directory 2025
- Click on each bull's photo to bring you directly to their live ICBF page



Inbreeding Checker:

Once you have decided what bull to use, there is a feature available on ICBF HerdPlus which helps identify any inbreeding should you cross a particular bull with females in your herd.

This Inbreeding Checker can be found under 'Applications' in the HerdPlus menu.

Major Genes Screen:

A brand-new Major Genes screen is now live on the ICBF website, this is really useful to check your myostatin and polled results - helping you make more informed breeding decisions

This screen displays the Polled Celtic gene and 9 Myostatin gene variants. Each gene is marked with one of the following values:

<u>Value:</u>	<u>Meaning:</u>	<u>Description:</u>
0	No Copies	Animal does not carry the gene
1	One Copy	Animal is Heterozygous
2	Two Copies	Animal is Homozygous

How to access the screen: Log into your ICBF account → View Profiles → Genomics → Myostatin + Polled. This feature is available through your personal ICBF login.

What if a result is missing? In some cases, a result may appear as “No result” for a specific gene variant. This can happen if:

- The animal has a low call rate
- It was tested on an older chip type
- The animal does not yet have a valid genotype

What to do if this happens? Contact Weatherbys (045 875521) to request a standalone Major Genes test.

Dates for Your Diary 2025:

Below are a number of Society & Club sales which will take place during 2025.

- Southwestern Shorthorn Breeders Club Sale: Saturday 27th September, Macroom Mart, Co. Cork.
- Shannonside Breeders Club Sale: Saturday 4th October, Ennis Mart, Co. Clare.
- Moyside & Croghan Shorthorn Breeders Clubs Sale: Saturday 19th October, Elphin Mart, Co. Roscommon.
- Mount Leinster Shorthorn Breeders Club Sale: Monday 28th October, Blessington Mart, Co. Wicklow.
- Irish Shorthorn Society Premier Sale: Saturday 8th November, The Showgrounds, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Roscommon.

Irish Shorthorn Society Merchandise:

We are delighted to share that we will have new merchandise available via the society website shortly. Please keep an eye on our social media accounts for more information.

National Ploughing Championships 2025:

The Irish Shorthorn Society will have a stand at the National Ploughing Championships this year. We look forward to seeing you there!

Breeders Workshop:

Thank you to everyone who attended our April Breeders Workshop which took place in conjunction with The Croghan Shorthorn Breeders Club & Moyside Shorthorn Breeders Club, at Carrick Showgrounds. We hope to meet more breeders around the country throughout the year.

Breed Journal:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and placed adverts in our 2025 Journal. This journal will be available from the office, clubs, and council representatives shortly. It will also be uploaded to the society website. We hope you all enjoy it!

Youth Development Programme:

After the success of our 2024 YDP, we have decided to run the programme again for 2025. This year, the programme will be open to children and young adults aged between 8 & 20 years old.

An online tutorial will be held on **Wednesday 25th June at 7:30pm** via zoom.

Following our online tutorial, participants will have an opportunity to take part in Young Handler classes at qualifying shows. The shows are:

1. Cork Summer Show, Co. Cork – 14th June
2. Bonnicconlon Show, Co. Mayo – 4th August
3. Tullamore Show, Co. Offaly – 10th August
4. Virginia Show, Co. Cavan – 20th August
5. Limerick Show, Co. Limerick – 24th August

The All-Ireland Final will take place at: **Elphin Show, Co. Roscommon – Saturday 30th August.**

Application forms and further information can be found on the society website under 'news'. Applications must be submitted to the office by **20th June.**

We look forward to another successful year with the future of our breed & society. Best of luck to all participants!

Milking Shorthorn Sub-Committee:

If any of our dairy members would like to join our new Milking Shorthorn sub-committee, please get in contact with Adrian Flatley or Michael Conway for more details.

National Genotyping Programme:

ICBF have **re-opened** the National Genotyping Programme and are now accepting **new applications**. This is a cost effective and low maintenance way of genotyping your calves at birth. Many ISS members are part of this successful programme. We would encourage all breeders to join this year. Applications can be made via the ICBF website.