

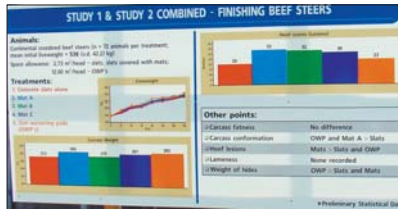
Achieve more money from Durapak slatted rubber

DURAPAK Agri, the Cork-based agri wholesaler, claim that its Durapak Slatted Rubber will bring between two and five times more benefits to farmers who install its three-piece product over and above its competitors.

According to Managing Director Seamus O'Callaghan, preliminary trial data from Teagasc research facility in Grange, County Meath, shows that Durapak came out on top in the combined Teagasc Studies on slatted rubber for 2006 and 2007.

Teagasc carried out a very extensive trial using 360 beef bullocks and compared three different makes of slatted rubber with out-wintering pads and bare concrete slats. The data released by Teagasc at its open day on May 8, 2008, is shown in the table A right.

Mat A is the Durapak mat and as you can see from the table the Durapak mat came out on top and produced animals with an increase in carcass weight at 14 kilo over and above bare concrete slats, which is worth about \$40-\$45 per head of animal (386 kilo carcass weight - 372 kilo = 14kg extra).



In addition, the Durapak mat (as well as out-wintering pads, OWP) produced animals who achieved a higher carcass classification worth possibly \$5-\$10 per head of animal.

What does this mean for farmers?
Briefly it means that where farmers install the Durapak Slatted Rubber

they will be able to make an extra \$45-\$55 per head of animal. As you can see from the table, when you compare the value of Durapak Slatted Rubber against its competitors its worth five times more than Mat B and it is worth almost double when compared to

	Concrete	Mat A Durapak	Mat B	Mat C
Additional Carcass Weight Per Head Kilograms	-	14	3	9
Total Carcass Weight Kilograms	372	386	375	381
Kilo Per Head Per kilo	-	1.04	1.01	1.03
Official Steer Price For RIA's Week Ending 16/08/08 Farm Work Pence Per Kilograms	250.40	250.40	250.40	250.40
Bonus For Higher Carcass Conformation eg. R4 - R3	-	1.3	-	-
Total Value Per Head €	€911.49	€971.56	€939.00	€954.82
Extra Value Per Head Over Concrete €	-	€40.07	€7.51	€22.83
Value Per Pen Of 10 Cattle €	-	€400.70	€75.10	€228.30

■ ABOVE: Table A showing performance of the Durapak mat.

mat C.
Conclusion: The Durapak Slatted Rubber's unique three-piece design allows for greater comfort and

enhanced performance for animals. The double anchoring system is the ultimate in terms of a secure installation.



Greenmount's new greenkeeping facilities gets Rory's thumbs up

LOCAL golfing hero Rory McIlroy opened a Greenkeeping and Golf Academy at Greenmount Campus this week, along with Minister Michelle Gildernew and P J Collins, President of the Golfing Union of Ireland.

Speaking at the opening, Ms Gildernew said: "Golf is a very popular sport and the development of these cutting edge training facilities at Greenmount will offer a further boost to the sport locally.

"Ireland, as we know, is one of the world's leading destinations for golf and excellent golfing facilities, such as this, can only further help enhance tourism in rural areas.

"The development of this project provides a great illustration of the benefits which can materialise when industry and my department work closely together.

"This facility will enhance the training of green keepers, facilitate technology work in sports turf and help train the next generation of top golfers."

The facility includes an eight bay driving range, a short game practice area, as well as three complete holes including water hazards and bunkers so that the golfers can experience the normal challenges of a course.

First to drive off was Rory McIlroy, a product of the Ulster Branch training scheme who won on the European Tour for the first time in 2009.

Rory complimented the GUI and CAFRE saying: "This facility will ensure that there will be many young golfers from the North prepared to challenge for the game's honours in years to come.

"It is a truly excellent facility with top class greens and tees which are a real credit to the college staff."

■ **ON COURSE:** Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Michelle Gildernew along with leading local golfer Rory McIlroy and Golfing Union of Ireland (GUI) President PJ Collins opened the new Greenkeeping and Golfing Academy at College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise's Greenmount Campus. Also, from left, are: CAFRE Director John Fay, Irish League of Golf Union President Anne Wallace and GUI Chairman (Ulster Branch) Nor McCandless.

Teagasc open day

TEAGASC is hosting an Open Day on the farm of Freddie and Caroline Merrin, Ballyhounagh, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan, on Tuesday, June 16, from 11am to 3pm.

The farm, which won the Bord Bia quality beef finisher title in 2008, is 4km out the Drumconrath Road from Carrickmacross. For further information contact Teagasc Monaghan Office 047 81188.



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