

AFBI News & Views Issue 15

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(L-R) Mr Ivor Ferguson (Deputy President Ulster Farmers Union), Mr Terence Hagen (AFBI) and Professor Seamus Kennedy (AFBI CEO) taking part in the sensory evaluation of bacon test at the recent AFBI Open Meeting.

AFBI Showcases its Science

AFBI recently opened the doors of its research facility to a wide cross section of the Northern Ireland agri-food industry

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Limavady winter wheat variety trial

New Yield Record for Winter Wheat in AFBI Variety Trials

A new record yield of over 14 t/ha has been set in 2015 for AFBI winter wheat trials. In the recent harvest, two winter wheat varieties, KWS Barrel and Avatar, achieved over 14 t/ha in the variety trials conducted by AFBI Crossnacreevy

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Kenny McCauley (McCauley Wood Fuels), Noel Gavigan (IrBea), Cathal Ellis (CAFRE), Seamus Hughes (DETI) & Chris Johnston (AFBI)

Wood chip quality workshop held at AFBI Hillsborough

AFBI and the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE) jointly held a wood chip quality workshop recently to explore and highlight aspects of generating heat from biomass

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Dr Tianhai Yan (AFBI)

International Recognition for AFBI's Research on Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Dr Tianhai Yan, from the Agriculture Branch of AFBI has been notified by the prestigious American Journal of Dairy Science that his paper on the measurement of methane emissions from dairy cows is one of the 100 most highly cited papers published in the journal since the beginning of 2012

[Full story here](#)



Dr Gary Lyons (AFBI), Ambassador Shan Morgan (Deputy Permanent Representative to the EU) and Chris Johnston (AFBI)

UK EU Representative visits AFBI Renewable Energy projects

Ambassador Shan Morgan, the UK's Deputy Permanent Representative to the EU, visited AFBI Hillsborough's Environment and Renewable Energy Centre (EREC) recently to get an overview of current renewable energy update in Northern Ireland

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"The Threat of Tree Diseases in Ireland"

A lunchtime seminar entitled "The Threat of Tree Diseases in Ireland" will be held at AFBI Headquarters, 18a Newforge Lane, Malone Upper, Belfast, BT9 5PX on Thursday 22nd October at 1.30 pm

[Full story here](#)



Plots of intermediate perennial ryegrass under test at AFBI Crossnacreevy for the Recommended List

Reseeding this Autumn – Use DARD Recommended Grass Varieties

Grass varieties on the Recommended List are the highest yielding and show the best quality and persistence under local growing conditions, based on detailed independent testing undertaken by AFBI

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Analysing cows DNA may help us identify cows which are more efficient

AFBI's 'genetic bank' points to the future for the dairy herd improvement

Scientists at AFBI have recently completed a research project in which the detailed genetic profile of all cows and replacement heifers in its Hillsborough dairy herd has been obtained

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Dry Cows at the feed barrier

Concentrate Feeding in the Dry Period has no effect on performance and health in next lactation

The objective of the current research at AFBI Hillsborough is to examine the effect of concentrate feeding during the dry period on the performance and immune function of dairy cows

[Full story here](#)



Speakers and chairs from the recent workshop held at the University of Milan

AFBI coordinates Workshop on Beef Eating Quality for industry and scientific delegates from across Europe

Beef industry representatives and scientists from across Europe met on 1-2 October for a workshop entitled "Sustainable beef quality for Europe – a Workshop for Industry and Scientists". The meeting was held at the University of Milan and was associated with the Milan Food Expo 2015

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Did you know?

AFBI are holding a Pig Conference on 10th November

AFBI are holding a Pig Conference at AFBI Hillsborough, Co Down on Thursday 10th November 2015. The theme of the event is "Research to drive sustainable pig production"

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