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Dairy/Pig Placement

Brian works on his family farm in County Cork. His parents, James and Margaret live in the farmhouse, Brian lives next door with his wife Cora and their 3 children, Chloe, Leah and Tom.

Brian works on the farm and Cora works outside of the farm, she is an accountant.

Brian's parents, James and Margaret are actively involved in the farm too.

The farm is set on 130 acres with 115 milking cows plus replacements and calves. There are three bulls, two with the cows and one with the heifers. They keep pigs too, 150 sows and 2500 fatteners. There is a 10 unit Dairymaster parlour with automatic feeders and a new shade has been built to house the cows. Calving takes place between January and April. Silage is cut by an outside contractor.



You may also learn about soil sampling and reseedling and how to manage grassland. You will be shown how to identify and treat sick animals, for example a cow with mastitis, milk fever or lameness. Brian will teach you about dairy hygiene and explain why it is important to follow hygiene rules.

The family keep a Labrador dog too.

Rosscarbery is a small town which lies at the estuary of Rosscarbery Bay. In Rosscarbery you will find shops, pubs, a swimming pool and gym plus a Pitch n' Putt golf course, driving range and there is a crazy golf course next to the farm.

The town is located approximately 40 miles from Cork city and is a popular tourist destination during the summer months. You can find further information about the area at www.rosscarbery.ie and www.cork.ie