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## **Dairy/Beef Placement**

Alan and his family own a mixed farm in County Waterford, a picturesque area in the south of Ireland.

Alan is a young man still living at home with his parents, Hazel and Ken and his sister, Anne. Anne is a nurse.

They currently farm around 600 acres. The land is held in 6-7 lots with the furthest lot being 13 miles away. The milking is done in a 20 unit 'herring bone' parlour with automatic feeders and automatic cluster removal at the home farm. There are approximately 200 cows milked (British Friesian, Jerseys and Holstein cross). They have roughly the same amount of drystock, the majority are finished for beef whilst the remainder are sold as store cattle. Calving takes place between 10 January and the end of April. For breeding there are 5 bulls (increasing to 6 or 7 in 2017) and AI (Artificial Insemination) is used. The breeds of bull are Friesian, Whitehead and Angus.



There are two Pomeranian dogs, Pixie and Penny here as well as two working sheepdogs for the farm. Anne keeps a horse in a small field beside the house but doesn't really have time to ride it much.

The family are interested in watching Hurling, Macra na Feirme (young farmers association), machinery and Dairy discussion groups (particularly Alan!).

The farm is only a few miles from the sea and only a few miles south of Waterford City. There is also a ferry nearby linking Passage East with the village of Ballyhack in County Wexford, across the estuaries of the rivers Suir and Barrow. You can catch a bus at the end of the lane which is a mile away and this will take you either to Waterford City or south to Dunmore East by the sea.

Waterford City has all the facilities you would need from libraries to gyms and shops to pubs and everything else in-between! For more information on what to do in your spare time, please visit [www.visitwaterford.com/things-to-do/stories/WestWaterford.php](http://www.visitwaterford.com/things-to-do/stories/WestWaterford.php)





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