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Dairy/Beef Placement

John and Marie have three children; Conor, Seán and Ciara.

John works full time on the family farm, Marie is at home during the day and also helps out on the farm.

The farm is set on 200 acres and is all in grass. There are 230 purebred Holstein Friesian cows, 100 Holstein Friesian calves and 70 Aberdeen Angus and Hereford beef cattle. The cows are milked in a 20 unit herringbone milking parlour which has automatic cluster removers (ACR's). The cubicle shed has automatic scrapers and a central feeding passage and there is a slatted shed, calving boxes and calf houses. Calving takes place between January and May with the majority born during February and March. Artificial Insemination (AI) is primarily used for breeding and a stock bull (either Aberdeen Angus or Hereford) is used later on in the breeding season to 'mop up'. A diet feeder is used for feeding silage, maize and nuts. You will also find both a Fendt and a Ford tractor, a Terex digger, a manure spreader, sprayer, hedge trimmer, mower and slurry agitator. The cattle kept for beef are sold at approximately 12 to 14 months old. Silage is cut by an outside contractor and usually cut twice each year.



The family have 2 dogs, Dandy and Rover; Rover is a sheepdog and helps with the cows.

The nearest towns are Cashel and Tipperary (both are 10 minutes by car). Both towns have good bus connections to Cork, Dublin and Limerick and many shops and pubs. If you are interested in fitness, the Cannon Hayes sports centre in Tipperary has a fully equipped gym, a swimming pool and many sports classes. There is also a library and Macra na Feirme (Irish Young Farmers Organisation) in Tipperary.

The family interests include sport, with the children playing Hurling, Gaelic Football and soccer. Ciara loves dancing and takes Irish dancing lessons; she is also learning to play the piano. Marie likes to keep fit and goes to Zumba classes, John enjoys socialising with his friends over a pint in the local pub when he can and attending the children's various activities.

Marie's family live nearby, her parents are 7kms away and she has some siblings in the area. Her sister Betty usually stays during the weekends and during school holidays.

You will find this is a busy household with somebody always coming and going!