

BovINE Insights for Beef Farmers

Accessible, Relevant and Farmer Friendly 'On Farm'
Practice Information and Materials

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1. BovINE Website



Sustainability of European Beef Farming

BovINE
BEEF INNOVATION NETWORK EUROPE

BovINE is an EU funded thematic network project focused on knowledge exchange to help address the challenges and drive the sustainability of the European beef farming sector and community. The project will connect with farmers across Europe by providing an open platform – the BovINE Knowledge Hub – where beef farmers, advisers, member organisations and researchers can exchange knowledge and share experiences to drive awareness and adoption on farm of innovative and proven practices.

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BovINE Themes

The BovINE project is focused on four key themes:

-  Socioeconomic Resilience
-  Animal Health & Welfare
-  Environmental Sustainability
-  Production Efficiency & Meat Quality

Priority Topics for 2021

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Environmental Sustainability

- Need to identify how best to reward farmers for environmental deliverables such as carbon reduction, biodiversity, water, soil and air quality
- Carbon sequestration

BovINE Knowledge Hub

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Register to the BKH to comment and share content



1.1 Language Pages

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Netwerk Manager - Dirk Audenaert, Boerenbond



Ik ben Dirk Audenaert en al 25 jaar rundveeconserent bij de Boerenbond. In die functie kom ik in direct contact met de rundveehouders en focus ik mij vooral op de bedrijfseconomische resultaten. Met de FOCUS boekhouding van Boerenbond zoek ik samen met de veehouder naar de belangrijkste verbeterpunten om zijn economisch rendement te verbeteren.

De vleessector in België neemt binnen Europa een unieke positie in door de dominantie van het Belgische Witblauw ras. Gepassioneerde veehouders stegen erin om met dit dikbilras op de dure Vlaamse landbouwgronden rundvlees te produceren. Andere vleesrassen zijn in mindere mate vertegenwoordigd in Vlaanderen.

Als Netwerk Manager in Vlaanderen zou ik graag de brug vormen tussen de wetenschap en de praktijk. Ik hoop dat we in Vlaanderen een netwerk kunnen vormen van vleesveehouders, adviseurs en andere stakeholders uit de retail. We gaan op zoek naar goede landbouwpraktijken op een Europees niveau.



Communiqués de presse

1. Mai 2021

Les besoins fondamentaux des éleveurs de bovins viande sont à l'origine de la sélection des sujets prioritaires pour 2021 du réseau européen BovINE (financé par l'UE) FR-210429-BOV-PR03-Final-french translation



Sustainability of European Beef Farming: Challenges and Solutions



BovINE project: a great opportunity for French farmers to exchange good practices



Annual French technical day for beef sector

Cartes du réseau BovINE

BovINE a créé des cartes de réseau illustrant les acteurs impliqués dans le réseau de connaissances et d'innovation de la viande bovine dans chacun des 9 pays partenaires. Cliquez sur la carte pour visualiser la carte du réseau pour un pays particulier.

[Voir les cartes du réseau BovINE](#)

Partenaires en France

IDELE

Idele, Institut français de recherche appliquée et de développement dans le domaine de l'élevage des



1.2 Network Managers Page



Network Managers

The BovINE Project has nine Network Managers based in each of the nine countries involved in the project. These Network Managers are responsible for the creation and development of local networks, as well as organising the national level events held in Autumn of each year.

Belgium




DIRK AUDENAERT
BOERENBOND

My name is Dirk Audenaert and have been a consultant in livestock at the Boerenbond since 25 years. In this role I have direct contact with the beef farmers and I put the focus on the economic figures of the farm. In Boerenbond we have the FOCUS bookkeeping so I can search together with the beef farmer to the factors which are important for a better profitability.

The beef sector in Belgium is very unique by the dominance of the Belgian Bleu. Beef farmers, full of passion, can produce in this way good beef on Flemish ground which is very expensive. Other races are less important.

As network manager in Flanders I want to be the bridge between research and practice. I hope that we can form a network of beef farmers, advisors and other stakeholders so we can bring our experience together. Together

AIRI KULVERT
LIIVI
Estonia



Airi Kõlvet, member of the board of Liivimaa Lihaveis, has been active in the grass-fed production for 20 years. She has degree in animal science from the Estonian University of Life Sciences.


As a farmer, she has introduced sustainable grazing methods, which would provide living conditions and habitats for all naturally occurring species as well as grass-fed cattle.

Airi has also taught farmers in the framework of various projects led by cooperation partners Eesti Lihaveisekasvatajate Selts and Organic Farming Platform.

She has a good grasp on the situation with the Estonian grass-fed beef farms, the advisors' networks, and research and educational projects pertaining to grass-fed cattle.

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France



MARIE PENN
FNB

Mrs Marie PENN holds a Master's degree in advanced agronomy (spec. vegetal productions) obtained in 2012, at Agro-campus Ouest (Angers, France).

During five years, she worked for the agricultural insurance company, Groupama. First, she worked as product manager in the one of the 9 regional mutuals of Groupama, located in Brittany and Pays de la Loire. She was in charge of the greenhouses insurances issues, farm buildings and mortality of animals. Then, she worked at the head of the Group's operational strategy of this insurance named Groupama Assurances Mutuelle, located in Paris.

She was involved in the elaboration of the new climatic insurance product, for grasslands, in case of climate-related events (drought, excess or deficit of temperature).

She has been working for FNB as a project manager since summer 2017, in Paris. She is the interlocutor within the beef inter-branch (Interbev), and its actors (slaughterers, distributors, butchers, etc.).

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1.3 Thematic Pages

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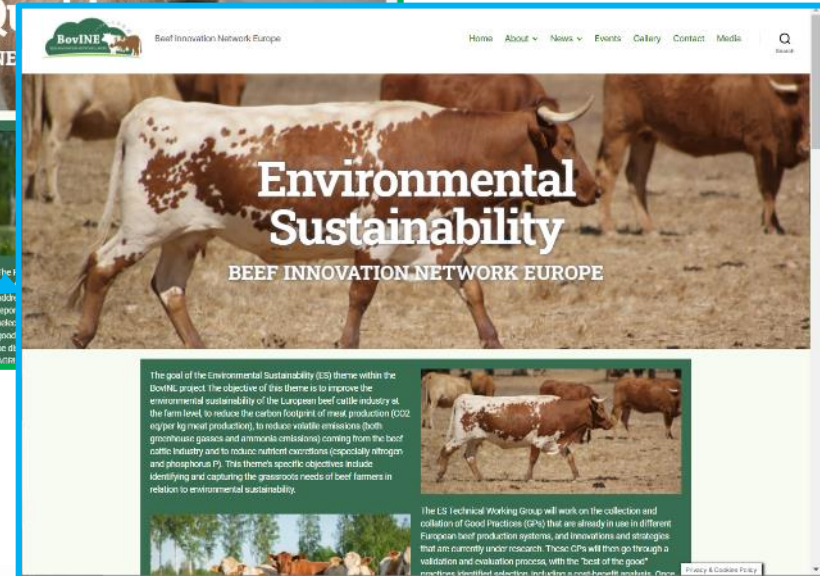
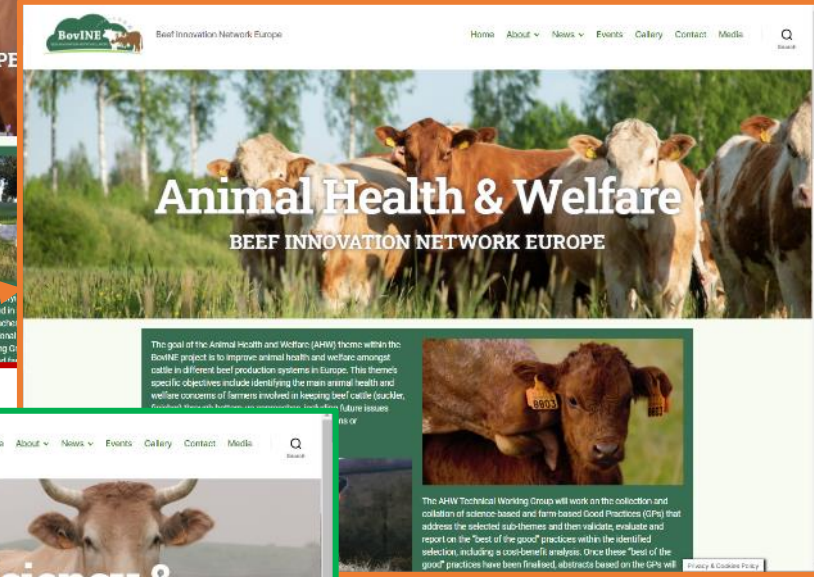
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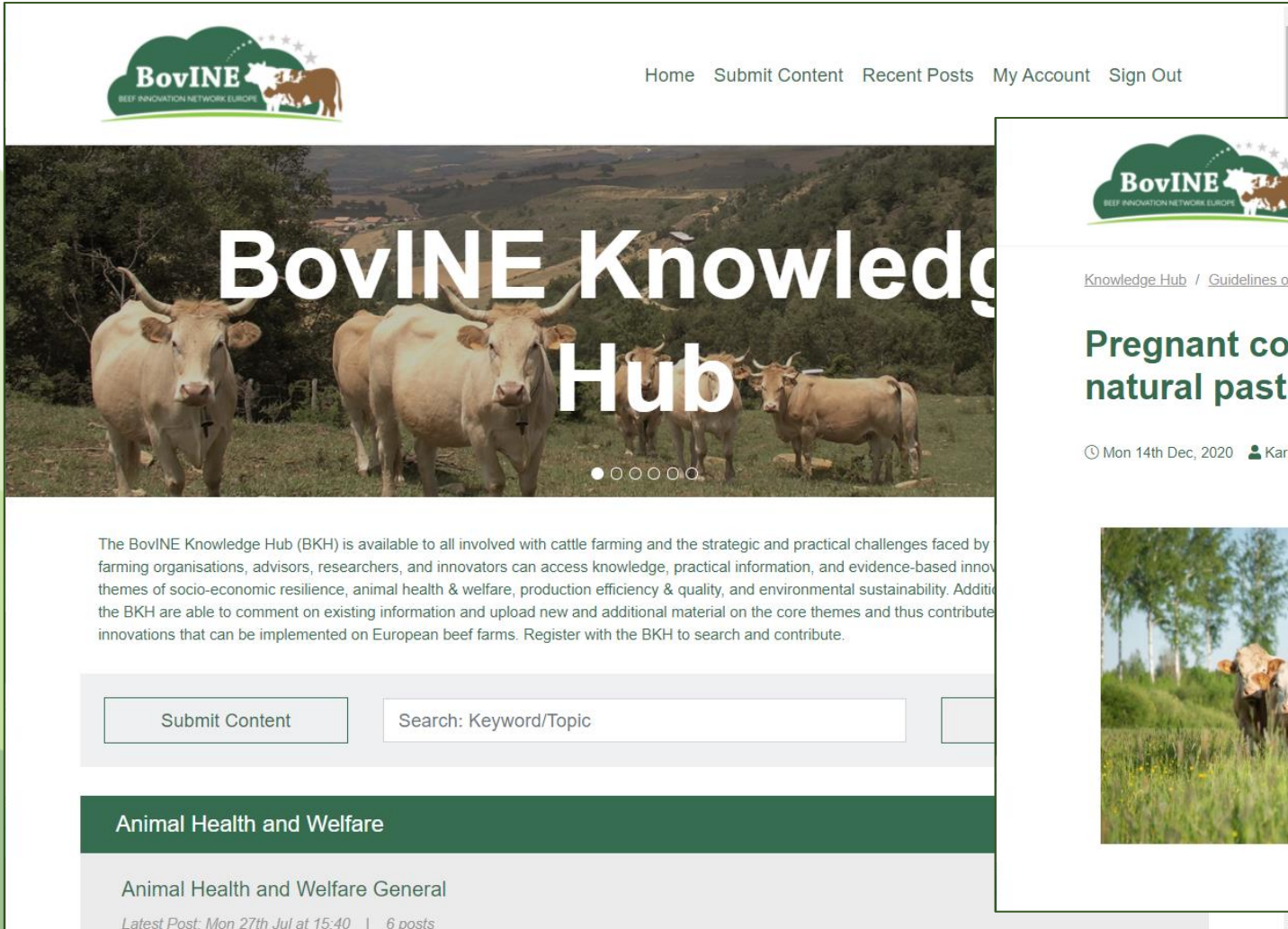
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2. BovINE Knowledge Hub - BKH



2.1 Content for Farmers

- **Research Innovations (RIs)** identified by the project (converted to Good Practices (GPs) when demonstrated on farms or via other methods such as online expert practitioner groups)
- **Good Practices (GPs)** identified and verified (some also through demonstration farms or via other methods) by the project
- **Related information** including visual content – videos, images, graphics
- **Links to** – other websites/online, published papers, articles

Automated individual data for improving feed efficiency in Mertolenga cattle

Mon 23rd Nov, 2020 Virginia Resconi Genetics feedlot residual feed intake Content Type: Good Practice

A common challenge for beef cattle farmers is the high production costs, which could be minimised by improving feed efficiency; this would also minimise the environmental impact of beef production. That is why the association of Mertolengos Bovine Breeders (*Associação de Criadores de Bovinos Mertolengos*) in Portugal installed nine units of the **Roughage Intake Control (RIC)** system from Hokofarm Group (the Netherlands) in their Performance Testing Station, aiming to automatically collect individual data for feed intake. The data they gathered supports the selection of future breeding bulls and thus to genetically improve the efficiency of the Mertolenga population. Therefore, this innovation is related to three BovINE themes: *Socioeconomic Resilience* by reducing feeding costs and *Production Efficiency and Meat Quality and Environmental Sustainability* by improving food efficiency.



Improving carcass quality through annual inspections of certified grass-fed beef

Wed 10th Feb, 2021 Jakeline Romero data exchange quality schemes SEUROP carcass classification Content Type: Good Practice

Livimaa Lihaveis is a non-profit organisation from Estonia which aims to ensure animal welfare and sustain the biodiversity of grasslands, every single member of which is a certified organic beef producer. However, many carcasses from grass-fed animals were either too small (under 250 kg) or showed poor fatness; therefore, Livimaa Lihaveis has created a government-certified quality scheme: 'grass-fed beef', which includes yearly farm inspections in order to help farmers reach the desired carcass characteristics.

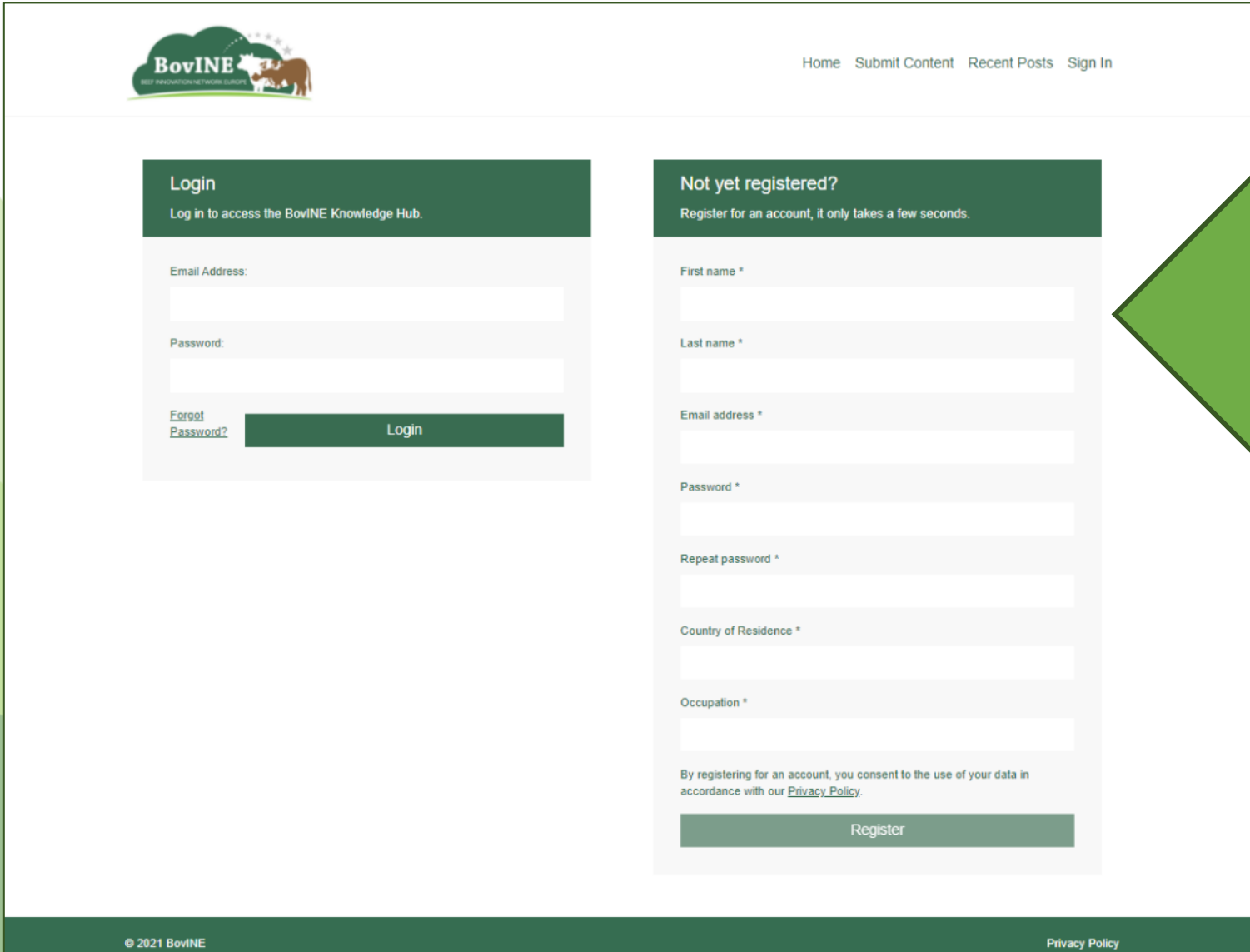
The grass-fed beef quality scheme currently has 112 farms as members, with mostly Aberdeen Angus and Hereford breeds and a medium farm size of 30 suckler cows, where young bulls are castrated. Cattle are finished totally on grass or with a combination period of grazing with silage and hay offered indoors in winter (grass intake from May to October and silage and hay intake from November to April). In the video linked to below images of these types of animals are shown.



The 'grass-fed' quality scheme implies the following:

- A carcass weight of 250–350 kg;
- A SEUROP fatness score between 1 and 4, but the recommended for a higher price is 3; and
- Age at slaughter: less than 30 months for castrated animals and bulls (not castrated) under 24 months.

2.2 Registration



The screenshot shows the BovINE website interface. At the top left is the BovINE logo. To its right are navigation links: Home, Submit Content, Recent Posts, and Sign In. Below the navigation is a header with two main sections: 'Login' and 'Not yet registered?'. The 'Login' section has a dark green header with the text 'Login' and 'Log in to access the BovINE Knowledge Hub.' Below this are input fields for 'Email Address:' and 'Password:', a 'Forgot Password?' link, and a 'Login' button. The 'Not yet registered?' section has a dark green header with the text 'Not yet registered?' and 'Register for an account, it only takes a few seconds.' Below this are input fields for 'First name *', 'Last name *', 'Email address *', 'Password *', 'Repeat password *', 'Country of Residence *', and 'Occupation *'. At the bottom of this section is a 'Register' button and a small text block: 'By registering for an account, you consent to the use of your data in accordance with our [Privacy Policy](#).'



2.3 How to Contribute



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Knowledge Hub / New Post

Select a category

Select a subcategory

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Tags:

Other relevant themes relating to this post:

- Animal Health and Welfare
- Production Efficiency & Meat Quality
- Environmental Sustainability
- Socio-economic Resilience

Country specific to post?:



- Belgium
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- Poland
- United Kingdom
- Not Applicable
- Estonia
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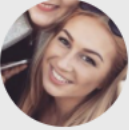
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Other systems for animal welfare assessment, presented on the BovINE Knowledge Hub are for example [EiKoTiGer](#), [Boviwell](#).

Other relevant themes: *Socio-economic Resilience*
Country related to post: *EU Wide, Spain*

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Mimi Saville

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2.3 How to Contribute

- Relevant content based on experiences to benefit other farmers & Beef Farming sector
- Make sure you have permission to share the content – credit where necessary/appropriate
- Only submit final and complete content to ensure quality
- Approval process in place for new posters to prevent spam on hub
- Search function improves with increase in content

2.4 What's in the Bovine Knowledge Hub (BKH) for you?

- **Access to a wealth of knowledge** that's been **verified** by range of experienced practitioners who are part of the BovINE project
- **Knowledge related to the needs of farmers** – as expressed by farmers and collated by our Network Managers across Europe (so targeted and focused)
- **Content focused on farmers and 'on farm' practice** – not a place for promotion by sales people
- All registered users have the ability to **contribute and share own knowledge** – as well as commenting on others posts and providing links etc

2.5 Questions about the BKH?




3 EIP-AGRI Practice Abstracts


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Fotoshooting day 2 - in the farm's office. The photographs will not be spectacular but #cocreative #innovation processes require excellent management and documentation which we'll try to emphasise with pictures. @EIPAGRI_SP #multiactorproject #dissemination #AKIS. pic.twitter.com/2chfknyfmW

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James Gaffey
@BiorefineryIE

#IrishBioeconomy The @BiorefineryGlas project is one of @TheRDS Spring Award winners in the Sustainable Rural Innovation category-well done to partners @MTU_ie @ucddublin @CarberyGroup @GrassaVenio & #Barryroe, and to the other winners. Thanks also @agriculture_ie and @EIPAGRI_SP twitter.com/BiorefineryGla...

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Related content

- Videos from EU Pig on animal health and welfare
- A World Without Antibiotics, Uppsala Health Summit 2015
- Call for projects to improve animal health and welfare
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- Reinforcing the attractiveness of the sheep sector

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BovINE - beef innovation network Europe

Geographical scope	European Union
Keywords	animal health animal welfare bovine thematic network

BovINE is a Horizon 2020 thematic network focused on knowledge exchange to help address the challenges and drive the sustainability of the European beef farming sector and community.

Project Co-ordinator Professor Maeve Henchion, Teagasc, says: "BovINE provides a unique opportunity for the European cattle farming sector to work together to exchange knowledge and co-create solutions. All European beef farmers can take advantage of the networking opportunities and channels provided by BovINE, not only Member States represented by project partners."


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Knowledge will be generated and exchanged directly, and via the Knowledge Hub across the four interlinked themes of:

- socio-economic resilience,
- animal health & welfare,
- production efficiency & meat quality
- environmental sustainability.


The Hub is designed to enable all stakeholders, particularly farmers tackling these challenges and topics head-on every day, to not only search and access research innovations and good practices but to also contribute their own knowledge and experience. Content will build over time.



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3.1 EIP-AGRI Practice Abstracts Catalogue



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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	BovINE D7.7 Catalogue of BovINE GPs submitted as EIP-Agri Practice Abstracts (March 2021)														
3	BoVINE Theme	Title of GP	Lead partner	Date Submitted to EIP-AGRI	Accepted by EIP-AGRI	Link to EIP-AGRI	Priority Topic	Link for BKH	Video available	Photo/visual available	Proven in Demo	Primary Country of application	Secondary Country of application	Language 1	Language 2
5	1. Animal Health & Welfare	Pelvimetry for natural births – measuring the pelvic area to	FLI	Mar-21			1.1. Guidelines of perip	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/pelvimetry-for-nat	No	Yes	No	Belgium		German	English
6	1. Animal Health & Welfare	Scoring vitality in newborn calves	FLI	Mar-21			1.2. Health and welfare	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/scoring-vitality-in	No	Yes	Yes	Ireland	Germany	German	English
7	1. Animal Health & Welfare	The neonatal maladjustment syndrome. Squeeze techniqu	FLI	Mar-21			1.2. Health and welfare	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/squeeze-techniqu	Yes	Yes	Yes	Portugal		German	English
8	1. Animal Health & Welfare	Vitamin E, Selen, Ferrum - Management of newborn calves	FLI	Mar-21			1.2. Health and welfare	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/management-of-n	No	Yes	No	Germany		German	English
9	1. Animal Health & Welfare	Rubber slats - the animal welfare version of slats? Mats of	FLI	Mar-21			1.3. Lameness of finishe	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/use-of-rubber-ma	No	Yes	No	Germany	Ireland	German	English
10	1. Animal Health & Welfare	Deep litter - a sensible compromise for fattening bulls?	FLI	Mar-21			1.3. Lameness of finishe	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/deep-litter-a-sens	Yes	Yes	No	Germany		German	English
11	1. Animal Health & Welfare	Digital Dermatitis - an expert vision of foot pathology	FLI	Mar-21			1.3. Lameness of finishe	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/digital-dermatitis	No	Yes	No	Portugal		German	English
12	1. Animal Health & Welfare	Foot and leg scores - Collecting Foot and Leg Scores for Abe	FLI	Mar-21			1.4. Recognising causes	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/collecting-foot-an	Yes	Yes	No	Portugal		German	English
13	2. Environmental Sustainability	Use of nutrient management plan to improve environment	ILVO	Mar-21			2.1. Reduction of Nutrien	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/use-of-nutrient-m	No	No	Yes	Ireland		English	
14	2. Environmental Sustainability	Application of liquid manure with trailing shoe	ILVO	Mar-21			2.1. Reduction of Nutrien	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/application-of-liq	No	No		Germany		German	English
15	2. Environmental Sustainability	Cover crops to decrease nutrient leaching	ILVO	Mar-21			2.1. Reduction of Nutrien	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/cover-crops-to-dec	No	Yes		Belgium		Dutch	English
16	2. Environmental Sustainability	GHG mitigation in fodder production for beef cattle	ILVO	Mar-21			2.2. Reduction of the Car	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/ghg-mitigation-in	No	No	No	Poland		Polish	English
17	2. Environmental Sustainability	Beef carbon plan in Fernandez Terreros family farm	ILVO	Mar-21			2.3. Strategies to Reduce	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/beef-carbon-plan	No	No		Spain		Spanish	English
18	2. Environmental Sustainability	Using ruminal stimulant to reduce methane emissions	ILVO	Mar-21			2.3. Strategies to Reduce	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/using-ruminal-sti	No	Yes		Portugal		Portuguese	English
19	2. Environmental Sustainability	Using the BDGP (Beef Data and Genomics Programme) and	ILVO	Mar-21			2.3. Strategies to Reduce	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/using-the-bdgp-be	No	No		France		French	English
20	2. Environmental Sustainability	Improvement of the performance of beef cattle through tar	ILVO	Mar-21			2.3. Strategies to Reduce	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/improvement-of-t	No	No		Germany		German	English
21	3. Production Efficiency & Meat Quality	Smart farming: linking information from ear and tail anima	Uni Zar	Mar-21			3.1. Animal monitor tool	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/smart-farms-indiv	Yes	Yes		Poland		Polish	English
22	3. Production Efficiency & Meat Quality	Beef's Own Worth (B.O.W.): a predictor of carcass value at t	Uni Zar	Mar-21			3.4. The use of available	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/data-to-improve-perform	No	Yes		Ireland		English	
23	3. Production Efficiency & Meat Quality	Improving carcass quality through yearly inspections of cert	Uni Zar	Mar-21			3.4. The use of available	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/improving-carcass	Yes	Yes		Estonia		Estonian	English
24	3. Production Efficiency & Meat Quality	Genetic improvement for eating quality traits	Uni Zar	Mar-21			3.4. The use of available	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/genetic-improven	No	Yes		Ireland		English	
25	3. Production Efficiency & Meat Quality	Beef Label Rouge: a quality specification in France	Uni Zar	Mar-21			3.4. The use of available	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/beef-label-rouge	Yes	Yes		France		French	English
26	3. Production Efficiency & Meat Quality	Marker-assisted selection related to meat tenderness in tv	Uni Zar	Mar-21			3.4. The use of available	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/potential-marker	Yes	Yes		Spain		Spanish	English
27	3. Production Efficiency & Meat Quality	Prediction of beef palatability using the Meat Standard Au	Uni Zar	Mar-21			3.4. The use of available	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/prediction-of-bee	Yes	Yes		Ireland		English	
28	3. Production Efficiency & Meat Quality	Muscle ultrasonography utilization as a methodology to pe	Uni Zar	Mar-21			3.4. The use of available	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/muscle-ultrasono	No	Yes		Portugal		Portuguese	English
29	4. Socioeconomic Resilience	Yearly benchmark tool for full production costs for differen	CRPA	Mar-21			4.1. Economic planning t	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/yearly-benchmark	No	Yes	No	Belgium		Italian	English
30	4. Socioeconomic Resilience	Matching platform for landowners and beef cattle farmers	CRPA	Mar-21			4.3. Risk management sy	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/matching-platform	No	No	No	Estonia		Italian	English
31	4. Socioeconomic Resilience	Contract marketing of beef to restaurants in Germany	CRPA	Mar-21			4.1. Economic planning t	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/economic-planning-too	No	No	No	Italy		Italian	English
32	4. Socioeconomic Resilience	Use of contract pricing in risk management for finished cat	CRPA	Mar-21			4.3. Risk management sy	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/use-of-contract-pr	No	No		Ireland		Italian	English
33	4. Socioeconomic Resilience	Economic effectiveness of feeding with Roinikon SYSTEM	CRPA	Mar-21			4.1. Economic planning t	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/economic-planning-too	No	No		poland		Italian	English
34	4. Socioeconomic Resilience	Mathematical model to estimate the ideal culling weight a	CRPA	Mar-21			4.1. Economic planning t	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/mathematical-mo	No	No		Portugal		Italian	English
35	4. Socioeconomic Resilience	Beef cattle farms association to jointly market their anima	CRPA	Mar-21			4.3. Risk management sy	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/risk-management-system	No	No		Spain		Spanish	English
36	4. Socioeconomic Resilience	Manure management with the use of satellite imagery and	CRPA	Mar-21			4.3. Risk management sy	https://hub.bovine-eu.net/search/risk-management-system	No	No		Italy		Italian	English



4. Farm Practices – Highlighted RIs & GPs

- Webinars
- Animations
- Social Media
- Press Releases & Articles

4.1 Webinars

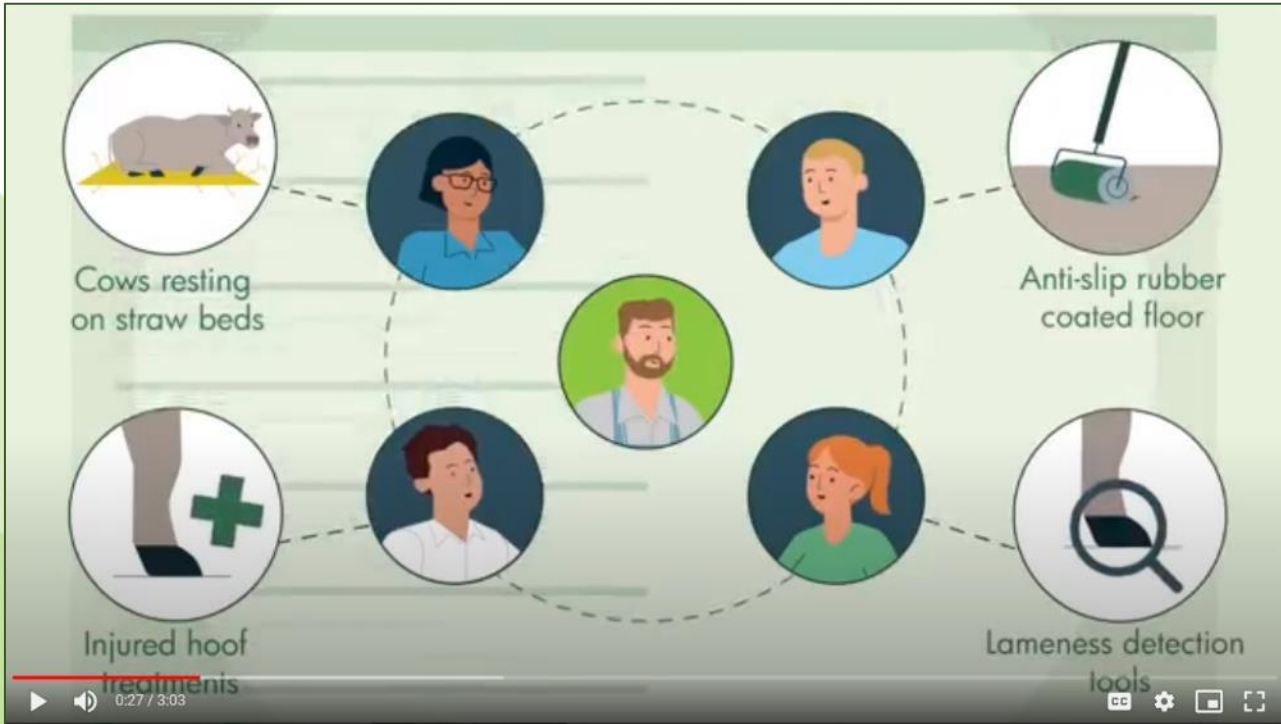
3 webinars delivered focused on Y1 Priority Topics – available to view on website & YouTube

4th webinar - **Virtual Fences for Beef Cattle,**
28th June 5PM CEST

8 more webinar to be organised & delivered to focus on Y2 & Y3 Priority Topics

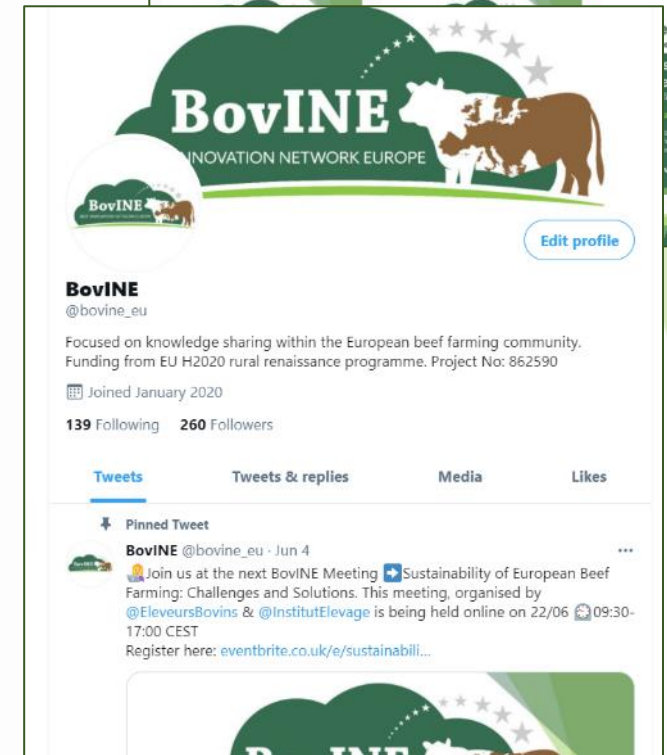
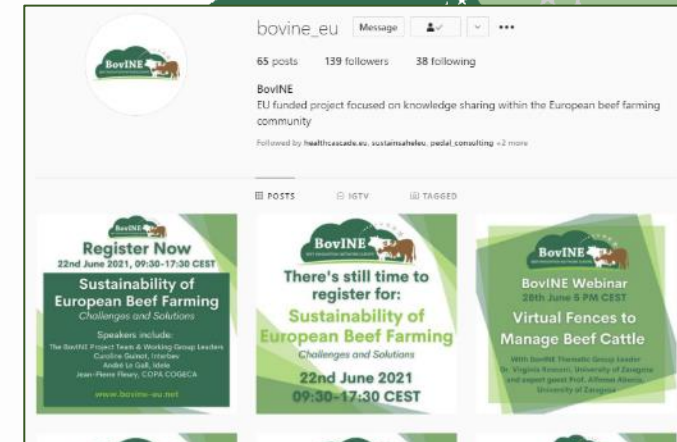


4.2 Animations



4.3 Social Media – useful for farmers too – no really!

- BovINE channels
Twitter, Instagram, Facebook
- Quick way for farmers to access BovINE information via phones when ‘on farm’ – how?
 - Follow BovINE channels
 - Like, comment, share posts to extend reach and share with your farming colleagues and advisors
 - Quick way to ask questions of the project (we will pass them on)



4.4 Press Releases & Articles

- Press Releases issued in English centrally – available in all 9 languages
 - distributed to central media database
- Sent by partners to selected media partners across 9 countries
- Result - articles and information in newsletters, magazines and websites accessed by Beef Farming community





Sustainability of European Beef Farming

4.4 Press Releases & Articles

wen en silberiden, om via die weg input te krygen. De cononacrisis heeft wat met in het eten gegooid, waardoor dit nog niet allemaal zo efficiënt kon verlopen als voorzien. Maar we merken dat iedereen zich flexibel opstelt, zodat het project toch vooruitgaat. Misschien brengt dit ook nieuwe kansen mee. De korte keten gaat vooruit. Wanneer de veehouder weer meer contact heeft met de consument, kan dit de visie van de consument op de veehouderij ten goede komen.

Karen: "Op Europees niveau bestaat er al een netwerk van demobedrijven: de FarmDemo Hub. Wellicht levert die site al de eerste kandidaat-bedrijven voor de demo's op. Er zitten daar wel al wat Vlaamse melkveebedrijven op, maar niet veel vleesveebedrijven. Het wordt zeker nog een uitdaging om de vleesveehouders mee te krijgen, maar er zijn in Vlaanderen mooie bedrijven die met innovatie bezig zijn en daar een rol kunnen spelen. We willen dit project ook linken aan de Europese partnerschappen voor innovatie of EIP's. Die stimuleren innovatie en interactie tussen landbouwers. Landbouwers kunnen samen met onderzoekers, adviseurs en andere actoren een operationele groep oprichten rond een bepaalde thematiek. We hadden in enkele jaren geleden al een operationele groep met vleesveehouders rond ammoniakemissies. Het Resultaatwerkje geeft ook heel wat input, doordat rundveehouders daar aansloepen met hun vragen. We hebben daar al contacten, maar we rekenen zeker ook op Dirk en zijn collega's voor nieuwe input."

In welke thema's willen jullie zeker stappen vooruit zetten?

Riet: "Binnen het verpakket klimaat gaan we werken rond het reduceren van de koelstofvoetafdruk. Een ander topic is watergebruik en waterkwaliteit. Per topic zijn er vier onderliggende thema's. Elk jaar focussen we op één ervan. Bij onbepaalde focussen we

eerst op het verlagen van de enterische emissies. Wellicht gaan hier veel voedergereelate zaken in zitten. Maar dat is een Europees probleem, waarbij we ook rekenen op onderzoek uit andere landen. Voor het topic water gaan we eerst kijken naar het reduceren van nutriëntenverlies in oppervlaktewater. Ook hiervoor moet heel veel expertise zitten in andere landen."

Karen: "De thema's zijn gekozen op basis van een enquête bij de verschillende partners. We zijn wel blij met de keuzes. Enterische emissies is bijvoorbeeld heel actueel, gezien het comment van de sector met de Vlaamse overheid. We willen ook meekijken hoe we die doelstellingen kunnen realiseren voor de rundveesector."

Wat zal behalve dit artikel het eerst zijn dat de boeren over BovINE gaan merken, de komende maanden?

Karen: "We willen samen met Boerenbond bekijken hoe we het project het best onder de aandacht kunnen brengen bij de veehouders en andere stakeholders. Daarnaast willen we met een samenstroom van echte noden boven te krijgen. We zoeken ideeën rond de verschillende thema's. Dit is iets waarin Dirk zijn rol als netwerkmanager zal spelen. Uiteraard hopen we dat de consumentenregels ons materiële toelaten om ook fysiek samen te komen, zodat we het niet allemaal online moeten doen."

Karen: "We gaan eind dit jaar een eerste groot Vlaams netwerkvent organiseren, waarin we interactie willen krijgen en samen brainstormen, in de hoop dat daar positieve dingen uitkomen voor de sector."

We mogen de kansen die dit project biedt niet laten liggen.



Dirk Audenaert
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Wil jij meewerken?

Burgel is binnen Europa een belangrijk vleesveeslact met een hoge zoetvoertzingsgraad. Het wilbaue ras heeft gezorgd voor deze sterke ontwikkeling, maar andere vleesveerasen konden de laatste jaren een lichte opmars. Vanuit Boerenbond vind ik dat we de kans die dit project biedt niet mogen laten liggen. Binnen Vlaanderen is onderzoek voor de vleesveesector zeer beperkt. De sector zijn echter saamsinnig. Wat zijn onze troeven op het vlak van onze ecologische vasthoud? Wat zijn onze beperkingen in onze sector? Hoe proberen andere landen het economisch rendement te verbeteren? Wat met onze vleesdierhouderij en ons dierenwelzijn? Het zijn allemaal thema's die ons sterk interesseren. We krijgen een unieke kans om onze positie duidelijk te stellen en een brug te vormen tussen wetenschap en praktijk. Ik hoop alvast op een positieve reactie van onze vleesveehouders, adviseurs en andere stakeholders. Ben je geïnteresseerd in het Vlaamse BovINE-netwerk? Meld je dan aan via dirk.audenaert@boerenbond.be

ATTUALITÀ

Progetto Bovine, a favore dell'allevamento da carne

di Alessandra Ferretti

Vi lavorano 18 partner europei, tra cui Cpa e Univarve. Media partner IZ. Intende stimolare le innovazioni nel settore. Orientamenti: salute e benessere degli animali, efficienza produttiva e qualità della carne, sostenibilità ambientale, resilienza socio-economica



SU INTERNET

Il sito web BovINE e il Knowledge Hub sono accessibili all'indirizzo www.bovine.eu.net. Per tenersi aggiornati sulle novità BovINE sarà disponibile una regolare e-newsletter, che verrà inviata a coloro che chiederanno l'iscrizione all'indirizzo bovine@minervacomms.net o sul sito web.

Una rete tematica internazionale per stimolare e accelerare l'adozione di innovazioni, diffondere l'innovazione nel settore dei bovini da carne e stimolare lo scambio di conoscenze e di idee tra ricercatori, consulenti, agricoltori e altri soggetti interessati. È l'obiettivo del progetto BovINE Innovation Network Europe, che a gennaio 2020 con durata triennale è sostenuto da un finanziamento dell'Unione Europea di 2 milioni di euro, vede la partecipazione di 18 partner distribuiti in nove paesi europei: Irlanda (coordinatore), Italia, Francia, Germania, Spagna, Polonia, Portogallo, Belgio ed Estonia. Ciascun paese partecipa con l'abbinamento tra un ente di ricerca e un'organizzazione di produttori. Nel caso dell'Italia, Univarve è il secondo partner italiano di

BovINE e, con le attività di Alessandro Mazzeaga, avrà il ruolo di creare una rete nazionale di portatori di interesse incaricati di far conoscere a livello europeo le tecniche innovative applicate negli allevamenti italiani. Marie Henrichon, del Teagasc - Agriculture and Food Development Authority irlandese e coordinatrice del progetto, spiega: "BovINE offre al settore europeo dell'allevamento bovino da carne un'opportunità unica di lavorare insieme per lo scambio di conoscenze e la co-creazione di soluzioni. Tutti gli allevatori europei di bovini, e non solo quelli degli Stati membri rappresentati dai partner del progetto, possono trarre vantaggio dalle opportunità di networking e dai canali forniti da BovINE".

Quattro sfide
La conoscenza tra ricercatori, agricoltori e i partecipanti sarà generata tramite il Knowledge Hub e verrà usata su quattro temi interconnessi: salute e benessere degli animali, efficienza produttiva e qualità della carne, sostenibilità ambientale e resilienza socio-economica. "spiega Karen De Roost: "Invece della foto, del Cpa, è il coordinatore per il progetto della tematica resilienza economica. Afferma: "Il Knowledge Hub è stato progettato per consentire a tutti i soggetti interessati, in particolare agli agricoltori che affrontano

continuamente queste quattro sfide, sia di accedere alle innovazioni della ricerca e alle buone pratiche, sia di contribuire con le proprie conoscenze ed esperienze, i contenuti si costruiranno nel tempo". Ma vediamo in che cosa consistono esattamente i quattro temi. "Quando parliamo di salute e benessere animale" - spiega Karen De Roost - "ci riferiamo ai problemi podali dei vitellini. Nel primo anno questo è stato scelto come argomento da affrontare e trattare come priorità. I problemi podali gravi possono infatti portare allo scarto dell'animale, nonché a problemi di benes-



The screenshot shows a page from the 'Beef' magazine with the headline 'BovINE - identifying challenges and searching for solutions'. The article is by Adam Woody and discusses the BovINE project's goals and challenges. It mentions that the project aims to address issues like animal health, productivity, and sustainability. The page also features a 'MARTBIDS' section with a table of live sales for various beef breeds and a 'Case study: Madigan Squeeze' section describing a farm's success in reducing methane emissions.

If you are reading, receiving, accessing channels that are not yet covering the work of BovINE - let us know!

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4.5 Key Actions for You

‘Make the most’ of BovINE & the knowledge the project is generating/making available ...

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5. Comments & Questions

