

# Northern Ireland Bovine Genetics Genotyping Scheme

## Rules and Guidance

### To be eligible for a Scheme payment you must have:

An eligible farm business,

An eligible genotype from an eligible animal,

Opted in to the Scheme and the Bovine Genetics Project (BGP).

### An eligible farm business shall:

1. Have applied to be part of the Scheme.
2. Provide such further information in relation to any animal as the Department may request.
3. Order an official tag from a DAERA approved tag supplier and submit the vial to a DAERA approved laboratory for analysis. DAERA approved tag suppliers and laboratories can be found on the SRG user portal.
4. Have an existing BACS payment arrangement in place with DAERA or arrange for one to be put in place to receive payments from the scheme.

### An eligible genotype shall:

1. Be one which has been confirmed by DAERA's service provider ICBF.
2. Be taken from an eligible animal.
3. Be submitted to and have laboratory analysis completed before 15.05.2028.
4. Be submitted to an approved laboratory within 7 days of its taking.
5. In relation to new birth registrations, a sample shall be taken as soon as reasonably practicable but not later than 20 days after birth.

### An eligible animal shall:

1. Not be classified as 'M' on NIFAIS with a date of birth on or before 31.12.2026.
2. Be one of a Bos Taurus breed.
3. Be live, aborted foetus, stillborn calves or calves which have died before tagging.

<i>Genotyping scheme period</i>	<i>Eligible bovines</i>
1 September 2026 to 31 December 2027	All existing dairy breeding females (cows). Dairy replacement youngstock female. All existing beef breeding females (cows). Beef replacement youngstock female. All existing stock bulls (dairy and beef) or potential to be
1 January 2027 until 31 December 2027	All new birth registrations (male and female, dairy and beef).