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MAJOR ANGUS EXPORT TO ITALY

This week 50 Irish-bred pedigree and crossbred Angus cattle were exported to Fasano in Italy. It's understood these are the first Irish-bred Angus cattle to be exported to Italy in over 30 years. The animals were purchased by suckler farmer, Tommaso De Pasquale, who is trying to establish a pedigree Angus herd on his 100-hectare farm. Eventually, he hopes to market the cattle to restaurants as locally produced Angus beef. The exported animals came from four herds: Jim Mulvey, Ballinwing, Co Leitrim, supplied a total of 20 pedigree cattle; seven pedigree in-calf heifers belonged to Norman Little, 11 commercials were sourced from John McEnroe, Oldcastle; and 12 pedigree animals came from the Lissduff herd of Leo McEnroe, Co Cavan. Pictured at the assembly yard in Trim before loading were Leo McEnroe with his bull Lissduff Dinkey, along with Norman Little, President of the Irish Angus Society, Albert de Cogan, President of the Aberdeen Angus Association, and purchaser Tommaso De Pasquale in the background.