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Irish Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Exported to Italy

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Irish Aberdeen-Angus breeders have achieved an export breakthrough with the export of 50 pedigree and commercial Aberdeen-Angus cattle to Italy.

The consignment comprised 33 pedigree cattle from four herds and 17 commercial cattle for slaughter and marketing as Certified Aberdeen-Angus beef to leading restaurants in South-east Italy.

"We are delighted to have secured this business and we are hopeful that the buyer will return in the autumn to make further purchases," said Jim Mulvey, who supplied a bull and 19 heifers from his old-established [Ballinwing herd](#) at Leitrim, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim.



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The shipment also included a senior stock bull, Lisduff Dinky, three pedigree heifers and two calves, and six Aberdeen-Angus cross cattle from Leo McEnroe, Lisduff, Maghera, Virginia, Co Cavan, 11 commercial Aberdeen-Angus from Bartle and John McEnroe, Liss House, Oldcastle, Co Meath, and seven in-calf pedigree heifers from Norman Little's Cavetown herd.

The cattle were gathered at Trim Assembly Centrane, Co Meath, before shipment from Rosslare Port to Cherbourg and by road to Lecce. Buyer, Tommaso de Pasquale, is a farmer and meat processor.

"Tommaso 'phoned me when the cattle arrived and he is very satisfied with his purchases," said Mr Mulvey, who is planning to visit Mr de Pasquale next week (w/c June 25) to see the cattle in their new home.

The chief executive of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society, Ron McHattie, said the export breakthrough was "great news" for the Aberdeen-Angus breed in Ireland.

"Irish breeders have put a lot of work into winning this market in Italy and we congratulate them on their success," said Mr McHattie. "We look forward to building on this initial export in the months ahead."

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