



Teagasc Moorepark Boundary Stonewall Semi-Natural Woodland Riparian Buffer Strip Hedgerow Wetland Area Boxes Wild Bird Cover — Roadway

Enhancing biodiversity on Irish dairy farms









Background

- New CAP will set a minimum area for wildlife habitats on all farms
- Dairy farms have on average 6-10% farm area as habitats (e.g. Moorepark >12%)
- Hedgerows are dominant (6 km on average dairy farm)
- Quality of most hedgerows on intensive dairy farms is poor

Take home messages

- Maintain existing habitats
- Improve the quality of habitats
- Good quality habitats are beneficial to water, soil, carbon storage and biodiversity