Winter Wheat

Table 5: Winter Wheat Returns

	Average	top 1/3	Top v Average
Physical			
Total No. hectares	5263		
No. Of Farms	154	51	
Tillage Adj. Ha	34	28	- 6
Yield t/Ha	10.6	11.2	+ 0.60
Financial			
Crop Sales €/tonne	€ 163	€ 164	+ 1
Gross Output /ha	**€ 1,915**	**€ 2,085**	**+ 171**
of which is straw/ha	*€ 189*	*€ 250*	*+ 60*
Material Costs/ha	€ 686	€ 677	- 8
Total Machinery Costs/ha	€ 335	€ 337	+ 2
of which are contractor/ha	*€ 139*	*€ 35*	*- 104*
Other Variable Costs/ha	€ 57	€ 51	- 6
Gross Margin/Ha	**€ 837**	**€ 1,020**	**+ 183**
Fixed Costs/Ha	€ 404	€ 431	+ 27
Net Margin/ha	**€ 433**	**€ 589**	**+ 156**
Key Figures			
Break Even Costs €/ton*	€ 140	€ 134	- 6
Land Lease Costs/ha	€ 166	€ 171	+ 5
Net Margin/ha (exc. Land Rental)	*€ 599*	*€ 760*	*+ 161*

** Cost per ton excluding straw*

- Average yields are 0.2 t/ha (1.9%) above the CSO national average, with the top 1/3 of farmers producing 0.8 t/ha (7.6%) above the CSO national average
- The top farms grew more area and produced 0.6t/ha more yield than the ePM average which delivered a higher Gross Output of €171/ ha or 8.9% higher than the average

- Despite achieving a higher yield the top group spent marginally less on variable costs compared to the average
- Fixed costs are 6% higher on the top group compared to average
- The Net Margin of the top 1/3 was €156/ha (36%) higher than the average group.
- The average Net Margin was €170/ha higher in 2017 compared to 2016 due to a 10% increase in grain price and 16% increase in straw income and a slight reduction of 2% on variable costs