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ORGANIC FARMING SCHEME INFORMATION DAY FOR HORTICULTURAL GROWERS

1-Day Free Information Session & Workshops with DAFM, OGI, Teagasc, ACA & Leading Small Growers

Thursday February 29th 10.00am - 4.00pm County Arms Hotel, Birr, Co Offaly



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Organic Farming Scheme

Jack Nolan 29th February 2024



"Minds are like parachutes

They only function when they are open." Thomas Dewar

Support research on mental health among farmers

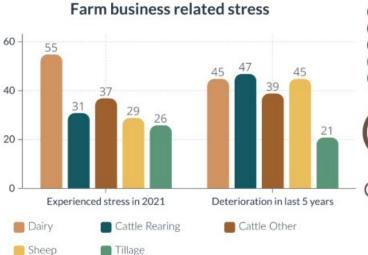


Dying to Farm: Developing a Suicide Prevention Intervention for Farmers in Ireland



Funded by the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention, here in the School of Agriculture & Food Science, M Russell, Prof. Louise McHugh, & Ms. Anne Markey are exploring factors impacting farmer well-being and distre 😒 to develop our understanding of farmers' mental health and how we can best support farmers.

Farmer health & wellbeing



Across farm systems 78% of famers reported good

or very good health

of Sheep farmers report poor or fair health

▼53%

of farmers with poor or fair health have an identified replacement, lowest on Sheep farms at 31%.

Recent evidence-based research identified a high **prevalence** of musculoskeletal injury among Irish

A survey of 600 Irish farmers (100 farmers from each of the six main farm enterprise systems in Ireland) found that 56% of farmers had experienced a musculoskeletal injury. The most common types of injury or disorder were related to the back (37%).

To get a better understanding of the lived experience of back pain/injury among Irish farmers, detailed interviews were conducted with a number of farmers.

iews explored how the farmer suffered the first place, the type of work that they nger carry out on the farm, the changes d made on the farm due to their back and how they manage their pain on a

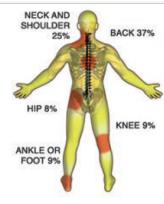
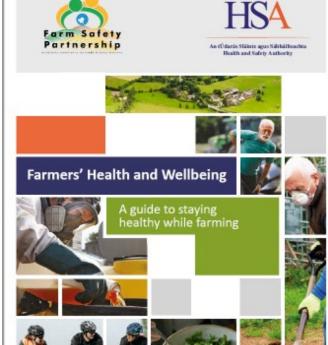


Figure 1: Musculoskeletal injuries among Irish farmers



Produced by: The Farm Safety Partnership - Health and Vulnerable Persons Working Group

A formative evaluation to inform the design of a bespoke farmers' health training programme.

Hammersley, C., Richardson, N., Carroll, P., McNamara, J., & Meredith, D.

'On Feirm Ground':

Interim Report **Executive Summary**

What do I need?

Completed Application Form HR1

Folio Numbers of the Farmed Land

Maps – Folio or other showing the boundaries

If related to inheritance – will/probate/administration

Organic sector forum



Marketing

• Education, training, research

Procurement

Advisors



OFS payment rates

	Year 1-2	Year 3 – 5
	(in conversion)	(fully converted)
	1 - 70 ha €/ha	1 - 70 ha €/ha
Drystock	€300/ha	€250/ha
Tillage	€320/ha	€270/ha
Dairy	€350/ha	€300/ha
Horticulture	€800/ha	€600/ha

- Participation payment €2000 yr 1 of conversion
- €1400 annum thereafter
- https://cap-calculators.apps.rhos.agriculture.gov.ie/payments

Organic Capital Investment Scheme - OCIS

• 60% grant rate

• €90,000 investment ceiling.

- €160,000 for Registered Farm Partnerships.
 - Minimum of 1 hectare declared on BISS





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