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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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“Minds are like parachutes

They only function when they are open.” Thomas Dewar

Mental_Health_Survey_Call

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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 desire to develop our understanding of farmers' mental health and how we can best support farmers.

Aims of this research are to identify people to complete an online questionnaire on well-being, distress, farm...

Farmer health & wellbeing

Farm business related stress



Across farm systems

78%

of farmers reported good or very good health



31% 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 farmers.

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. Interviews explored how the farmer suffered the first place, the type of work that they regularly carry out on the farm, the changes made on the farm due to their back and how they manage their pain on a daily basis.



Figure 1: Musculoskeletal injuries among Irish farmers

Interim Report Executive Summary



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

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

Farmers' Health and Wellbeing

A guide to staying healthy while farming

Plain English Approved by NALA

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

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 (in conversion) 1 - 70 ha €/ha	Year 3 – 5 (fully converted) 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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