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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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**“Advisory Services for Horticulture –
What's Available & Access to Advice”**



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About Teagasc

- Advisory services
- Education, training, knowledge transfer, research & innovation programmes
 - Animal & grassland
 - Crops, environment & land use
 - Food
 - Rural economy & development



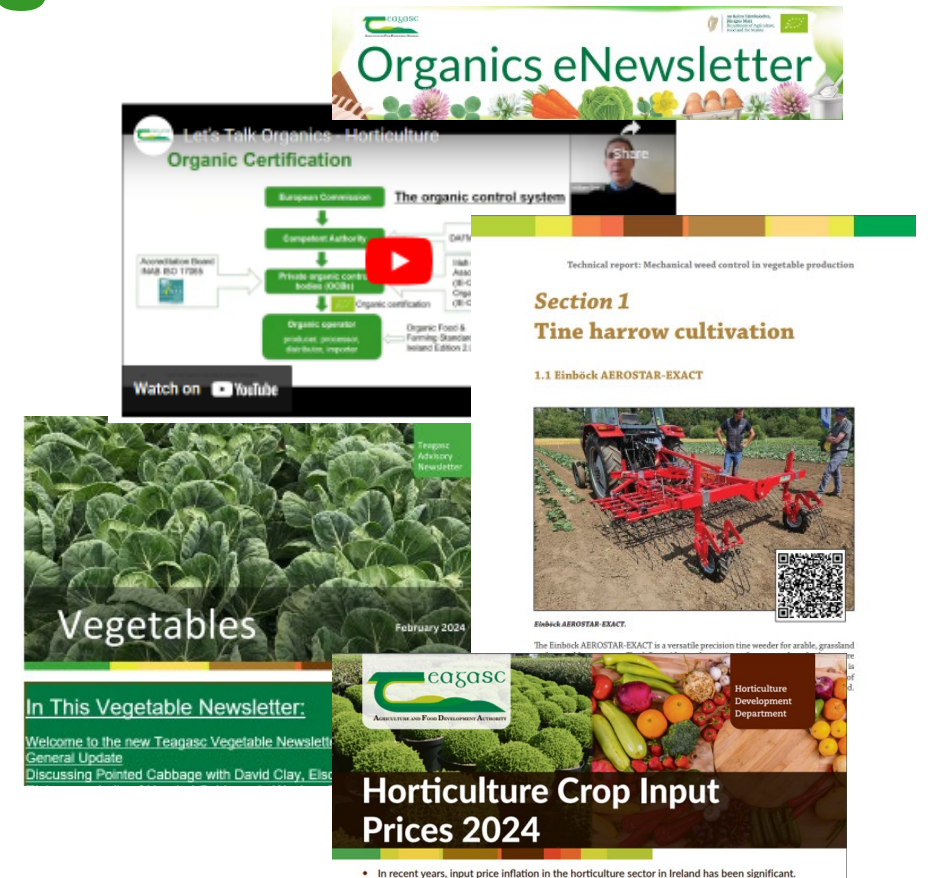
Teagasc Horticulture Development Department & Teagasc Organics

- Advisory services for horticultural growers provided by Teagasc Advisors & Specialists:
 - On-farm visits, office & phone consultations according to contract
 - Advice incl. agronomy, technical, compliance, planning, development & business
 - Schemes assistance from DAFM Approved Advisors e.g. BISS, OFS, scheme of investment aid for commercial horticulture, OCIS/TAMS, organic processing investment grant scheme etc.



Teagasc Horticulture Development Department & Teagasc Organics

- Education, training & knowledge transfer
 - 25 Hour Level 5 QQI Organic Farming Principles Course
 - Horticulturist Apprenticeship
 - QQI Level 5 & 6 Certificate in Horticulture
 - Farm walks & Organic Monitor Farm Programme 2023-2027
 - Webinars, newsletters, programmes, technical notes & reports
 - Opportunity to develop discussion groups



Teagasc research & innovation for horticultural growers

- Horticulture research facilities at Teagasc Ashtown Food Research Centre & Oak Park
 - Continue to identify research needs & include horticulture & organic horticulture in research calls
 - Opportunity for on-farm trials as part of Organic Monitor Farm Programme
- Ongoing collaboration & knowledge procurement with other Irish, UK & international research institutes, organisations, experts & advisors

Thank you

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Time for Tea & Coffee!