

# REGIONAL REVIEW

TEAGASC ROSCOMMON LONGFORD ADVISORY REGION



**73,820**  
SUCKLER COWS



**334,055**  
SHEEP



**21,150**  
DAIRY COWS



**3,010 CLIENTS**



**6 SIGNPOST FARMS**

**2 DAIRY  
2 BEEF  
2 SHEEP**

Total  
Farms

**8,604**

Average  
Farm Size

**28 Ha**

Average Age  
of farmers

**58 yrs**

**Over 80%**

of farmers have  
a beef enterprise

**Only 3%**

of farmers have  
a dairy enterprise  
of farm holders  
are female

## Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the Roscommon Longford Annual Regional Review. This report summarises the Regional activities in 2021 and summarises the main enterprises in the Region.



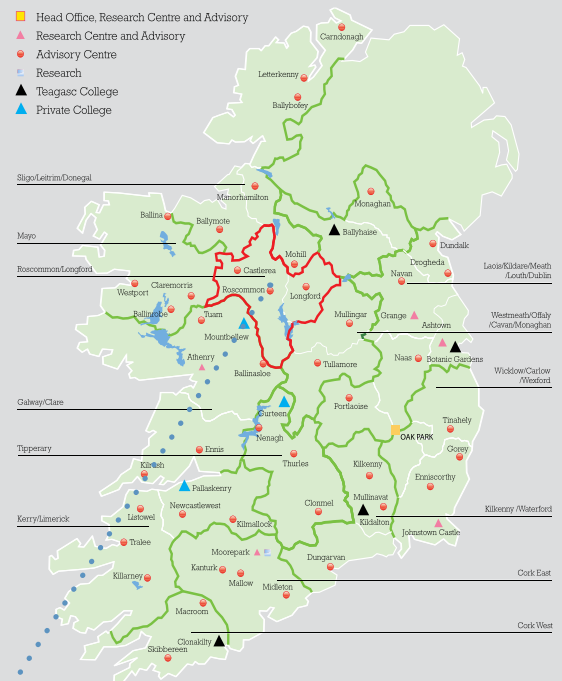
I would like to acknowledge the hard work of staff in the Region and commend our stakeholders for their ongoing support – in particular the 2 dairy Co-ops Aurivo and Lakeland dairies, all the farm organisations and the many stakeholders involved from time to time on specific problem issues – for example LAWPRO, Roscommon and Longford County Councils, DAFM, APHA, local contractors and merchants among others. I would like in particular to acknowledge CROI Heart and Stroke Charity, Galway for delivering a 6 week programme to a group of Roscommon farmers, focusing on heart health, fitness, diet and general wellbeing.

**Tom Kellegher**  
Roscommon Longford  
Regional Manager



# TEAGASC ROSCOMMON LONGFORD REGION OFFICES:

Teagasc advisory offices are based at Longford, Roscommon and Castlereagh. There are 6 Signpost farms in the Region with all locations visible on the map below. The Signpost farms have a critical role to play in delivering the climate message to farmers in the Region.



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A total of 6 Signpost farms have been identified for the RNL D Region:

- 1 **Martin Connolly**  
Signpost beef farm  
(also DairyBeef 500)
- 2 **Kevin and Enda Farrell**  
Signpost Dairy (Lakeland)
- 3 **Olivia Hynes**  
Signpost Beef/Sheep farm
- 4 **Shane Keaveney**  
Signpost Beef Farm
- 5 **Cathal and Des McHugh**  
Signpost Dairy (Aurivo)
- 6 **Shane Moore**  
Signpost sheep farm

# REGIONAL REVIEW 2021

## TEAGASC ROSCOMMON LONGFORD ADVISORY REGION

### Farming in the Region – Census of Agriculture 2020

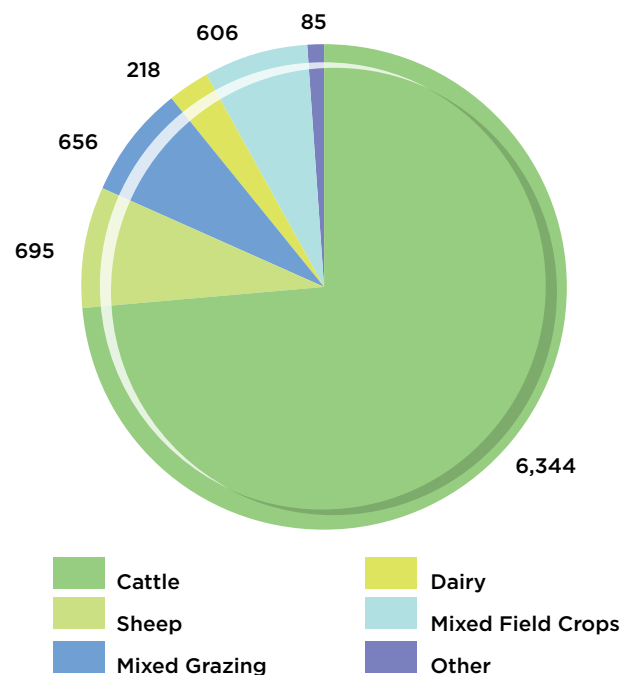
The census of agriculture 2020 indicates that since the previous census of 2010, the number of farms in the Region has fallen from 8,914 to 8,604. That's a decrease of 3.5%.

**Average Age 58 Yrs** **45%** of farm holdings are less than 20 Ha  
**Average Agricultural Area 28 Ha** **13%** of farm holders are female

It also shows that in Roscommon Longford, the average age of the farm holder is 58 years and the average agricultural area per farm is 28 Ha. It also shows that 45% of all holdings are less than 20 Ha and that 13% of farm holders are female

The most important enterprise is beef with 6,344 specialist beef producers. When you factor in the beef producers in mixed grazing and mixed cropping groups, in excess of 80% of farmers in the Region have a beef enterprise. There are 695 specialist sheep producers according to the census but there are 2,253 flocks in the Region. So sheep production is really important. Dairying is low at 218 specialist dairy farmers, and in total there are closer to 280 farms with dairy cows out of the 8,604 farms.

Farm Type – Roscommon Longford



### FARM ENTERPRISE TYPES



**73,820**  
**SUCKLER COWS**  
**5,700 FARMS**



**21,150**  
**DAIRY COWS**  
**280 FARMS**



**334,055**  
**SHEEP**  
**2,253 FARMS**

#### Mission

To provide scientific leadership and support to Irish farmers and food companies in achieving a sustainable food system.

#### Vision

'For Teagasc to be a globally recognised leader in developing innovative science based solutions for the sustainable transformation of our land resources into products and services for the benefits of society'.

#### Our Values

'Teagasc seeks to be professional, responsive, efficient, innovative, accountable, independent and scientifically excellent in carrying out its functions.'

# TEAGASC ROSCOMMON LONGFORD REGIONAL ADVISORY TEAM

## Teagasc Regional Network Offices

Teagasc is the national body providing integrated research, advisory and training services to the agriculture and food industry and rural communities. The overall goal of the Teagasc Advisory Programme is to support the on-going development of sustainable family farms in Ireland, through efficient and effective knowledge transfer (KT) activities. The programme currently supports almost 140,000 individual farmers with 42,000 farmers contracted to Teagasc for services annually.

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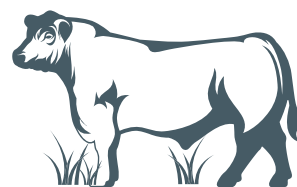
## BALLINASLOE



## Beef Enterprise

This is by far the most important enterprise in the Region with probably over 80% of farmers in the Region involved in a beef enterprise.

There are 5,700 suckler farmers in the region with 73 820 suckler cows. Average farm size is 27Ha. There are 12 drystock advisors in the Region. 2021 on beef farms was characterised by a year of rising beef and mart prices but also increasing costs. Weanling and store live prices rose by an average of 8% and 9% per Kg respectively with beef carcass prices 12% higher than in 2020. Total costs rose by an average of 8% due especially to increases in feed (+20%), fertiliser(+7%) and energy costs (+16%). Gross Margin per hectare on cattle rearing farms rose by 5% with a very small increase in net margin per hectare.



# 73,820

**SUCKLER COWS**

**AVERAGE FARM SIZE 27 Ha**  
**5,700 SUCKLER FARMS**

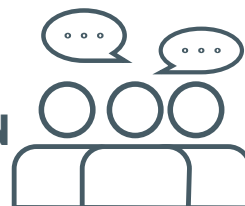


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**ADVISORS**

# 22

**BEEF DISCUSSION GROUPS**



## SIGNPOST FARMS

**1 DAIRY BEEF**  
**500 FARM**

**2 FUTURE**  
**BEEF FARMS**



**TEAGASC**  
**ACTIVELY PROMOTES**  
**WOMEN IN**  
**AGRICULTURE**

Gross margin per hectare on cattle finishing farms rose by 10% with a modest increase in net margin per ha. (+€72). Total numbers of cattle slaughtered dropped by approximately 90,000 head in 2021 and live exports reduced by over 12,000 head. The number of calves born to the suckler herd dropped by 1% compared to 2020.

It is expected that there will be a further 12% increase in expenditure costs in 2022 on Irish beef farms driven again by increased fertiliser, feed and fuel costs. Beef prices are not expected to change significantly in 2022 due to current high global beef prices, a limit on EU imports due to high shipping costs and an overall drop in beef production within the EU.



Beef Seminar Longford





Farm walk on the farm of John Curley

The indications are that lamb prices are set to remain strong, albeit with a modest price decrease of an estimated 5% below the record 2021 levels. However, with much higher production costs in 2022, in particular feed and fertiliser, gross margins are expected to fall by around 15% below 2021. It is likely that with fertiliser prices up by 120% the response will be to reduce the level of fertiliser used in an effort to offset some of the rise in production costs. If reduced fertiliser usage leads to a fall in grass production, this can in turn lead to an increase in the use of concentrate feed.

## Sheep Enterprise

This is another extremely important enterprise in the Region and while there are 695 specialist sheep enterprises according to the Census of Agriculture 2020, there are 2,253 farmers in the Region with sheep on the ground – that's almost 26% of farms.

Irish lamb prices in 2021 are estimated to have increased in the order of 30% on the previous year, according to National Farm Survey (NFS) data, with record high prices being maintained right throughout the year. However, total costs also increased by around 20% resulting in an estimated 26% average increase in gross margin on mid-season lowland sheep systems. In particular, the cost of concentrate feed for sheep increased by 40% in 2021 due to a combination of an increase in the concentrate price coupled with a significant increase in the volume being fed at farm level.

Olivia Hynes and her mother at their farm Jamestown, Four Roads Co Roscommon Teagasc Future Beef farmers.

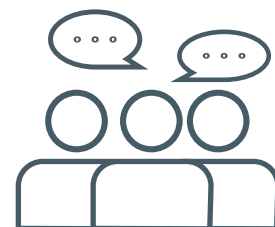


**2,253 FLOCKS**  
**334,055 SHEEP**



**5 ADVISORS**

**6 DISCUSSION GROUPS**



**SIGNPOST FARMS**

**1 SHEEP  
1 MIXED BEEF/  
SHEEP FARM**

**SHEEP WELFARE SCHEME WORTH €860,000**



Sheep farm walk.

## Dairy Enterprise

There are only 218 Specialist dairy farms in this Region according to the Census of Agriculture 2020, but there are around 280 farms with a dairy enterprise.

2021 was a good year for dairying. The average dairy farm income is estimated at €94,000, a 28% increase on the 2020 average. This is small representing just under 3% of farms in the Region. This increase was underpinned by a number of factors including generally good grass growing conditions, increased milk yield per cow and an increase in the price paid for milk. However some increases in production costs were also observed including feed and fertiliser costs which increased by 16% and 10% respectively. Currently the 'typical Irish dairy farm' has a herd size, a stocking rate and an average farm size of 83 cows, 2.05 LU/ha and 60 ha respectively.

Assuming that normal weather conditions prevail in 2022, forecasts for the dairy sector indicate a decline in average farm income to approximately €80,000 despite an expected milk price of 40.6 c/L for the year.



This decline is driven by a 13% increase in production costs. Further price rises of 6% and 120% are forecast for feed and fertiliser.



Below: Farmers at a Teagasc/Irish Grassland event on the farm of Kevin and Enda Farrell, Longford.



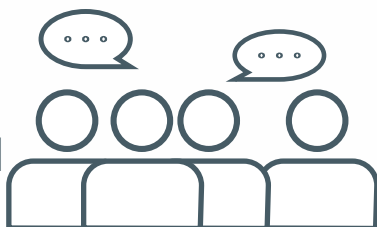
**AVERAGE SIZE**  
**83 COWS**

**AVERAGE FARM SIZE 60 HA**  
**280 FARMS; 21,150 COWS**



**1 ADVISOR**

**4 DISCUSSION GROUPS**



**2 DAIRY JOINT PROGRAMMES**  
**1 WITH AURIVO**  
**1 WITH LAKELAND DAIRIES.**

**SIGNPOST FARMS**

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to acknowledge the valuable information provided by and co-operation of:

- Census of Agriculture 2020 CSO Office
- Teagasc National Farm Survey



Aurivo Joint Programme participants Cathal McHugh and local Teagasc advisor Seamus Nolan



Grass 10 advisor John Maher at a Grass 10 farm walk at Payne's farm Roscommon




## Climate Change and Environment

### Cereal Enterprises

Tillage farming in 2021 could be described as ideal. Despite the cold first half of the year there was adequate plant stands, moisture and sunshine to give high yields.

Good weather at harvest allowed all crops to be saved in good condition and the excellent prices increased margins of all crops. The average gross margins increased by 90% compared to 2020. This resulted in a predicted net margins increase of €525 per hectare compared to 2020.

There are significant challenges for 2022 with nitrogen fertiliser prices close to three times the costs in 2020. However this cost is somewhat offset by the continued buoyant prices for cereals at the moment. There is little scope to reduce nitrogen inputs in 2022, with research showing that savings of between 25-35 kg of nitrogen per hectare will result in a minimal loss of yield and increased margins. In 2022 where yields return to normal and factoring in an increased costs of 35%, average margins for cereals are predicted to fall to €260 per hectare.



**NET MARGINS INCREASE OF**  
**€525 PER**  
**HECTARE**  
**COMPARED TO 2020**



**CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING**  
**FARMERS OVER THE NEXT DECADE**

### What is the Signpost programme?

The Signpost programme is a multi-annual campaign to lead climate action by all Irish farmers, and achieve early progress in reducing gaseous emissions from Irish agriculture while also improving water quality, maintaining and in some cases improving biodiversity, reducing costs and creating more profitable and sustainable farming enterprises.

It will also act as a test bed for on-farm carbon sequestration measurements so that this can, in time, be taken into account by the EPA in the national Greenhouse Gas inventory. It is a collaborative programme, led by Teagasc and including all relevant industry partners and state bodies such as Bord Bia.

#### **A total of 6 Signpost farms have been identified for the Roscommon Longford Region:**

**Shane Keaveney**, Ballinlough, Castlerea – Beef

**Martin Connolly**, Milltown, Castleplunkett – former Greenacres Calf to Beef

**Olivia Hynes**, Jamestown, Ballyforan – Mixed beef and Sheep

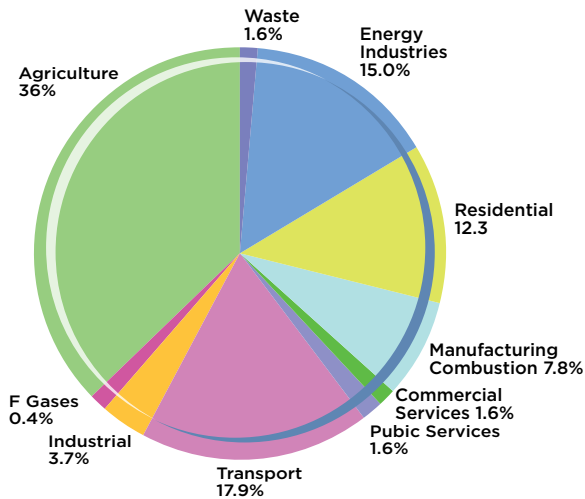
**Shane Moore**, Cloneen, Athleague – Sheep

**Cathal & Des McHugh**, Cuilrevagh, Strokestown, Aurivo – Joint Programme

**Kevin Farrell**, Corrabola, Ballymahon – Lakelands

The programme is well resourced with national specialist advisors to the Signpost Programme along with in this Region, 2 soils and environment advisors, 1 ASSAP advisor and the 6 Signpost farms, each with an associated advisor.

**Figure 1: Profile of GHG Emissions 2020**



Farmers at a reseed event in Longford



## Climate change

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing farmers over the next decade. There is a lot of negative commentary about farming in the media as agriculture accounts for 36% of GHG emissions in Ireland. (Fig.1) Ambitious targets have now been set for Irish Agriculture between now and 2030 to reduce GHG emissions by between 22-30%. Teagasc have designed a roadmap to help achieve this target but it requires immediate buy in from farmers. This is the purpose of the Signpost Programme – to identify and demonstrate to farmers locally, what measures farmers need to adapt now to assist Irish Agriculture reach these targets.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEMES ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN ROSCOMMON/LONGFORD REGION



**430 CLIENTS**  
IN GLAS (50% OF TEAGASC CLIENTS)

**33 CLIENTS IN REAP**  
(Results Based Environment Agri Pilot Project)

**GLAS €11.85m**  
**REAP €1.28m**

## ASSAP/ Water Quality

In addition to the GHG issues, there are also water quality issues and targets to be met. Priority areas for action have been selected for a targeted campaign aimed at improving water quality in certain catchments.

There are 8 in the Region – In Longford Lough Forbes and Camlin and in Roscommon, Clooneigh, Jiggy/Hind, Tulsk, Island, Carriknabrahra and the Suck. In addition we are dealing with an MCPA issue in the Lough Forbes catchment which requires ongoing attention and while some progress has been made, the problem remains and requires further attention.



Grainne and Shane Keaveney, Ballinlough, Roscommon Teagasc Future Beef farmers



## Education

There are at all times 2 education classes in the Region – one part time and one distance education course.

There are 30 students on each course. Most advisors deliver modules of the course and all the practical skills and discussion group requirements are delivered by Regional staff using demonstration farms. Two more courses are scheduled to start in autumn 2022.

**30**  
PART TIME STUDENTS

+

**30**  
DISTANCE LEARNING  
STUDENTS



**THERE ARE 2 STAFF  
FTE'S INVOLVED IN  
COORDINATING  
THESE COURSES.**



**TEAGASC**  
PROMOTES FARM  
HEALTH & SAFETY  
NATIONALLY



**PRACTICAL  
SKILLS**



Recent part time students receiving their certificates from Maura Hopkins and Therese Hilliard Teagasc Education Officer



Anne Burke presenting the Oliver Burke memorial award to Rachel Morgan with Tom Kellegher Regional Manager.

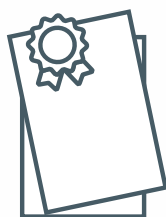
## Farm Management

The Farm Management Department provide a range of supports to advisors, specialists and clients when completing specific tasks for their clients. The work is not enterprise specific, but the work is primarily focussed on key areas, which include:

- Financial Efficiency of the farm business using the Teagasc Profit Monitor analysis.
- Farm Planning
- Certification of Business Plans for Government Tax reliefs.
- Basic Payment Application
- Collaborative Farming support and promotion on collaborative farming methods
- Farm Succession
- Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Scheme (TAMS)



**1500** ATTENDEES  
AT SUCCESSION EVENTS



**851**

BUSINESS PLANS  
FOR GOVERNMENT  
TAX RELIEFS  
COMPLETED  
NATIONALLY

<b>BPS</b>	Basic Payment Scheme	<b>€56,709,000</b>
<b>BDGP</b>	Beef Data and Genomics Programme	<b>€2,548,435</b>
<b>BEEPS</b>	Beef Environmental Efficiency Programme	<b>€3,521,000</b>
<b>BEAM</b>	Beef Emergency Aid Measure	<b>€950,000</b>
<b>TAMS</b>	Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Scheme	<b>€960,000</b>

In 2021 a major upgrade of the Teagasc Profit Monitor analysis software was completed. Last year advisors completed some 43,000 Basic Payment Scheme applications. Farm Succession is a challenge with the age profile of Irish farmers, and supporting families to make important decisions on this topic while keeping farms viable will continue to be prioritised in 2022.



**2,000 Ha in 2021/**  
GPC FROM €510 - €680 PER HA FOR 15 YEARS  
**€446M** EXPORT VALUE  
**€34-40,000** PER HECTARE STANDING PRICE

## Forestry

In Roscommon, forestry cover accounts for 11.7% of land area or 28,754 Ha. This is both privately owned forestry and Coillte owned. In 2020 a further 273Ha was planted of which 115 Ha was planted by farmers.

In Longford forestry cover accounts for 8.6% of land area or 9,517 Ha. Again this is both privately owned forestry and Coillte owned. In 2020 a further 124 Ha was planted of which 36 Ha was planted by farmers.



**11.7% Forestry cover in Roscommon**  
**273 Ha was privately planted in 2020**

**8.6% Forestry cover in Longford**  
**124 Ha was planted privately in 2020**

The evolving Irish forest sector is highly important to rural economies and at a national level. There are now 390,000 hectares of private forests. Since 1980, almost 19,000 farmers have received support to establish new forests. Many private forests are approaching maturity and the forecasted net realisable timber volume is 1.74 million cubic metres (m3) for 2022, up from 1.46 million m3 in 2021. The mobilisation of this important resource represents both a challenge and an excellent opportunity.

New planting in 2021 will be about 2,000 ha, down from 2,434 ha in 2020. The challenge is to sustainably increase planting levels to approach national targets set at 8,000 ha. DAFM's Afforestation Grant and Premium scheme supports planting through afforestation grants and annual premium support. Annual premiums are paid for 15 years and typically range €510 to €680/ha. New forests may also be eligible for Basic Payment.

During 2021, the Teagasc Forestry Development Department was very active and continued to provide advisory, training and educational support to new and existing forest owners through a wide range of engagements. These included comprehensive one-to-one advice and a range of local and national events such as forestry workshops, virtual forest walks, live broadcasts, timber marketing and wood use webinars, forest owner group support, on-site events and forestry input to agricultural education courses. An extensive range of events planned for 2022 can be viewed on the forestry section of the Teagasc website.



## Pigs

There are just 13 commercial pig producers in Roscommon Longford with an average size of 650 sows. There has been no expansion in recent years but numbers have been stable.

The Irish pig sector is the third most important agricultural enterprise in Ireland after milk and beef, accounting for 8% of GAO and employing 8,500 people. There are 280 commercial pig farms comprising 200 sow breeding/integrated farms with an average herd size of 700 sows and 80 specialised finisher farms, with a national output of 3.9 million pigs. The sector enjoyed a buoyant period of profitability in 2019 and 2020, with export value reaching almost €1 billion in 2020. Unfortunately higher feed ingredient prices and a lower international pigmeat demand reduced the sector's profitability in 2021.

**280 FARMS**  
**3.9m PIGS/EXPORT**  
**VALUE 2021 €1BN**



**AVERAGE FEED COST**  
**2021 118c PER KG DEAD WEIGHT**  
**/5 YEAR AVERAGE IS 109c**  
**PER KG DEAD WEIGHT**  
**/2021 MARGIN OVER FEED**  
**WAS 41c PER KG DEAD WEIGHT**

The annual average feed cost in 2021 was 118 cent per kg dead weight. That is 9 percent higher than the 2020 and 5 year average of 109 cent per kg dead weight. At 159 cent per kg dead weight, the 2021 Irish pig price was significantly lower than the 174 cent per kg average for 2020. This price of 159 cent per kg dead weight is marginally lower than the five year average (2017- 2021) of 161 cent per kg dead weight. The 2021 'Margin Over Feed' (MOF) per kg was 41 cent/kg dead weight. During 2021 the monthly MOF reached a peak at 53c/kg in May and then gradually decreased to 19c/kg dead weight in December.

**Average feed cost 2021 118c per Kg dead weight/5 year average is 109c per Kg dead weight/2021 margin over feed was 41c per Kg dead weight**

## Horticulture

There are very few horticultural enterprises in the Roscommon Longford Region. There are just 1 or 2 mushroom/strawberry growers remaining. There are no commercial ornamental producers in the Region.



While Brexit and the Covid-19 pandemic have negatively influenced input costs, labour availability and supply chains, the demand for horticultural produce including food and plant material has never been higher. A work permit scheme was announced late in Q4 which will permit 1000 workers from outside the EU to be hired into the horticulture sector in 2022, alleviating some of the chronic labour shortages experienced in 2021 season. In recent months, growers have seen unparalleled increases in costs of key inputs to the horticulture sector in Ireland. Considerable volatility remains as primary producers try to forward plan business for 2022 and manage cash flows. In an environment where cost planning is difficult, risk is increasing very significantly for primary producers.

The Teagasc horticultural programme was focussed on applied technology adoption. The HDD tries to identify and shape the best practical applications of research knowledge in order to enhance the efficiencies and capabilities of growers and enterprises in this sector. Focus continues on labour-saving technologies, evolving production systems to limit the requirements for crop protection products, and increasing economic and environmental sustainability.

## Rural Enterprise

### 1. Options

**Each year an Options course is offered in the Region. Expert speakers are invited in over 4-6 nights to inform interested farmers of opportunities to further develop their farm.**

This can include adding value to existing production or diversifying into something new. The 2021 Farm Business Options webinars provided an innovative channel to communicate farm business messages to farm families. The Teagasc and Local enterprise Office (Roscommon) Farm Business pilot in March 2022 will provide a template to run similar collaborative events throughout the Teagasc regions. These six night courses will focus on Business planning, taxation, marketing and new product development.





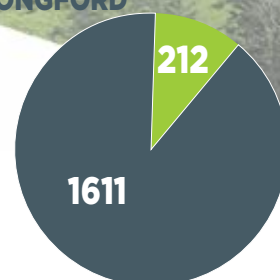
Teagasc advisors Cian Condon, Donal McCabe, Anne O'Malley, Martina Enright, Bernard Doorley, along with Regional Managers Siobhan Kavanagh and Tom Kellegher and trip organiser Barry Caslin, Teagasc Rural Development.

## 2. Organic Farming

At present in Ireland, there is approximately 90,000 hectares under organic production, which represents 2% of the agricultural area. The current Programme for Government has a target to align Ireland's organic land area with that of the current EU average of 7.5% approx. There are currently 1823 organic farmers participating in the DAFM Organic Farming Scheme (OFS) of which 212 are in the Roscommon Longford which is approximately 11.5% of Organic producers. Funding for the 2022 Organic Farming Scheme (OFS) is up €21 million from the €16 million 2021 allocation, allowing for the opening of the OFS for new entrants in 2022.

IRELAND AGRICULTURAL  
ORGANIC AREA 2%  
ORGANICS WORTH  
**€0.67m** TO  
ROSCOMMON LONGFORD

212 (11.5%)  
ORGANIC FARMS  
IN ROSCOMMON  
LONGFORD



1,823 ORGANIC  
FARMERS NATIONALLY

## 3. Equine Enterprise

2021 was an excellent year with a record number of five figure sales returns at public auctions, thanks largely to online marketing improvements.

The equine advisory team provides support across breeding/production, husbandry, sustainability and income generation, all of which were covered in the Let's Talk Equine Webinar series on the first Tuesday of the month. The specialist team is also now supported by 12 equine contact advisors across the country to provide local equine support.

## 4. Goats

**There is a clear and continuing shortage of goat's milk, particularly for cheese production.**

In spite of efforts to the contrary, some markets were substantially undersupplied towards the end of the year. The establishment of the Inishowen Goat Products Company (facilitated by Teagasc involvement) begins production in Q1/2 2022 and will be a major breakthrough in the sector.

Teagasc Roscommon Longford Regional Advisory Team on a farm visit.



# Media and Social Media...

The RNLD Region has an excellent profile on all media platforms.

There are almost weekly articles in the local newspapers – Roscommon Herald and the Longford Leader, in addition to an active online presence on Twitter and Facebook, and most advisors manage WhatsApp groups with their clients. During Covid, Zoom and LYNC have been used to deliver discussion group meetings and webinars have become a very useful platform in replacing former public events. We run 8-10 webinars per annum from November through to March and these have proved very popular among farmers and is a very convenient way of delivering a message to farmers, without them having to leave their home. We also produce 20 videos in the year and have learned that short videos of approximately 30 seconds have greatest impact and get most views.

## Communication Content

Articles	4/Month
Videos	1-2 /month
Radio Interviews	2/Month
Webinars	8/year
Social Media Posts	daily

## Communication Media

Regional Webpage	Updated Weekly
Social Media.....	FB/ Twitter/ You Tube
Zoom	
Local Radio	
Local Press	
Puca	1-2 Texts per Week
Whatsapp	



**8 x WEBINARS**  
**114 x AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**



**20 x NO OF VIDEOS**



**9,300 READERS**  
**ROSCOMMON HERALD**  
**5865 READERS**  
**LONGFORD LEADER**



**1666**  
**FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS**

## The benefits of being a Teagasc client

**Clients have access to Teagasc advisors by phone, arranged on-farm visits, discussion groups etc. Teagasc regional offices are also in regular contact with clients via text and other media about deadlines and other urgent messages.**

Teagasc clients receive technical newsletters, tailored to their enterprise mix, ten times per year through the post. In addition the Teagasc magazine **Today's Farm** is also delivered to clients six times per year.

The advice provided by Teagasc regional staff is underpinned by four research programmes

- **Crops, Environment and Land Use**
- **Food**
- **Rural Economy and Development**
- **Animal and Grassland Research and Innovation**

The Teagasc annual research portfolio comprises some 300 research projects, carried out by 500 scientific and technical staff in our research centres throughout Ireland. In addition to the education officers in each region Teagasc education offers a wide range of agricultural, horticultural, equine and other courses at four Teagasc colleges and works closely with three private colleges.

### How do you become a Teagasc client?

Contact your local Teagasc office

