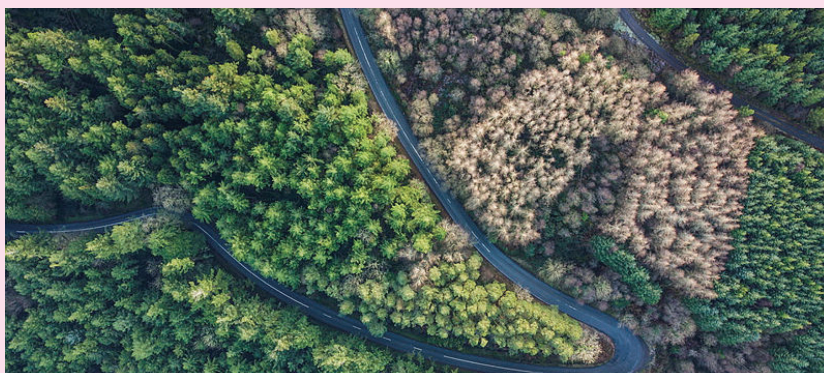


Forest recreational walks in 2022

Teagasc, in association with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), is organising a nationwide series of forest walks from 9-20 May, focusing on forests that have a recreational element.

At each event, forestry experts from Teagasc and the Department will explore the many benefits of forests designed with recreation in mind. All are welcome to attend, with all events commencing at 7pm.

Registration is necessary at www.teagasc.ie/forests4recreation.



County	Nearest town	Date	Contact
Carlow	Rathvilly	12 May	Frances McHugh; 087 622 2111
Cavan	Belturbet	9 May	Kevin O'Connell; 087 121 6159
Cork	Mallow	9 May	John Case; 087 224 2283
Donegal	Manorcunningham	11 May	Steven Meyen; 087 677 5158
Kerry	Killarney	11 May	Jonathan Spazzi; 087 710 2739
Laois	Ballyroan	17 May	Liam Kelly; 087 909 0495
Mayo	Balla	12 May	Noel Kennedy; 087 909 0504
Meath	Kilmessan	17 May	Kevin O'Connell; 087 121 6159
Roscommon	Elphin	18 May	Noel Kennedy; 087 909 0504
Sligo	Tubbercurry	19 May	Kevin O'Connell; 087 121 6159
Tipperary	Killinaule	20 May	Michael Somers; 087 121 6163
Westmeath	Cloughan, Mullingar	10 May	Liam Kelly; 087 909 0495

Organic farm walk – Andrew and Leonie Workman

May 11

- Organic cereals and milling flour farm walk.
- **Venue:** Dunany Flour Organic, Drogheda, Co Louth.
- **Event time:** 12pm.

See list of organic farm walks on inside back page.

Beef2022 Open Day – Supporting Sustainable Beef Farming

- **Venue:** Teagasc, Grange, Dunsany, Co Meath.

Getting to grips with the Summer Wedge on PastureBase – webinar

May 12

Join John Douglas and Joseph Dunphy, Teagasc Grass10, and Micheal O'Leary from PastureBase Ireland, along with 2021 Young Grassland Farmer of the Year Philip Tyndall, Co Wexford and 2021 Drystock Grassland Farmer of the Year Aidan Maguire as they discuss getting to grips with the Summer Wedge on PastureBase.

- **Venue:** Online.
- **Event time:** 7pm.

Saturday 18 June 2022

Teagasc Sheep Open Day

An opportunity to review the latest research and technical advice from the Teagasc Sheep programme and its practical application at farm level.

- **Venue:** Teagasc Animal and Grassland Research and Innovation Centre, Athenry, Co Galway. Eircode: H65 R718.

Kildalton 50th year anniversary event

- **Venue:** Kildalton Agricultural and Horticultural College, Piltown, Co Kilkenny. Eircode: E32 YW08.

World Potato Congress 2022

30 May 2022 – 1 June 2022

• **Venue:** RDS, Dublin 4.

• **Event time:** -

The Changing World of the Potato

The Irish Potato Federation is proud to host the 11th World Potato Congress (WPC) 2022, which will take place in Ireland from 30 May–2 June 2022.

Founded in 1973, the Irish Potato Federation was originally set up to promote the interests of the wholesale potato trade in Ireland and promote potato consumption.

Today, it consists of 10 members, comprising potato growers, wholesalers, packers, importers and exporters of both seed and ware potatoes.

The Federation has been an active member of Europatat, the European Potato Trade Association, for over 40 years and is recognised by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and Bord Bia as the official negotiating body on behalf of the wholesale potato trade in Ireland.

Keep up-to-date in advance of BEEF 2022

The Beef Edge podcast is Teagasc's weekly beef podcast. Presented by Teagasc beef specialist Catherine Egan, the podcasts cover the latest news, information and advice to improve your beef farm performance. It is a free audio show that anyone with an iPhone, Android phone or computer can listen to.

You can listen anywhere and anytime. The podcast will be featuring a variety of interviews with Teagasc staff in advance of the BEEF 2022 open day, highlighting key stands and villages to visit on 5 July.



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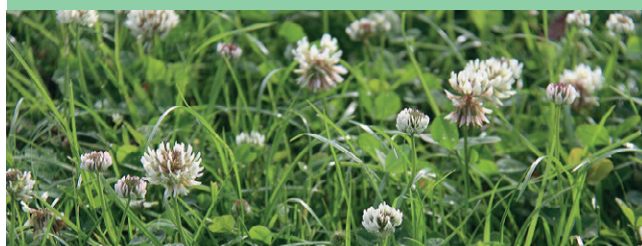
Maeve Regan,
Head of Ruminant Nutrition, Agritech

With rising costs on farm, discussions around reducing expenditure in the short-term are ongoing. However, can we really consider putting a hold on our reseeding plans in 2022?

The straight answer here is no – research indicates that new grass, when compared to older permanent pasture, has the following benefits:

- 25% more responsive to applied nitrogen
- Results in more available grass during the shoulders of the season (typically periods of increased supplementation requirements)
- Results in faster re-growth
- Increases total annual production/ha

Economically, a low proportion of perennial ryegrass in the sward is costing the average dairy farm up to €300/ha in lost grass production during the growing season. When planning a reseed, the largest gains will be made by replacing the oldest/least productive swards. Farms should identify their poorest performing paddocks – paddocks with the least amount of grazings last year, paddocks with a low percentage of perennial ryegrass content, areas that typically have a slow regrowth following a cut/grazing, or typically have a poorer response to nitrogen application.



Clover Inclusion

Where reseeding or sward rejuvenation occurs, clover inclusions cannot be overlooked for obvious reasons. Clover is a crucial long-term investment on farm as its nitrogen fixing abilities will help mitigate against fertiliser prices.

With lots of interest currently around increasing clover content in the grazing platform, successful establishment of clover and the use of multi-species swards, an increased focus must be placed on soil fertility and good grassland management practices. Prior to reseeding, it is crucial to carry out soil tests for Phosphorus (P), Potassium (K) and pH. Ideally, fertility status of the area selected for reseeding/sward rejuvenation should be in Index 3 for P & K, with a target pH of 6.3 or above.

For further reseeding advice or to learn more about our 2022 Tipperary Grass Seed Range, contact your local Agritech Sales Advisor or visit www.agritech.ie



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