



An Roinn Talmhaíochta,
Bia agus Mara
Department of Agriculture,
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Organic Farming Scheme (OFS)

2022

Teagasc Meeting February 2022

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OFS – Important Dates



- Opening Date - 9 February 2022
- Closing Date - 8 April 2022
- BPS Closing Date - 16 May 2022

Organic Farming Scheme



- On-line application only
- On-line application only for BPS
- Planner/Agent Optional
- Completion of FETAC level 5 Course in Organic Farming
- Organic licence – from OCB's

Organic Control Bodies Details



- Irish Organic Association
Tel: 0906 433 680
Email: info@irishoa.ie
- Organic Trust
Tel: 045 882377
Email: info@organictrust.ie

Organic farming application



Text ORGANIC to

51444

51777

Prepare a plan

Apply on agfood.ie



OFS Terms and Conditions – Changes from 2021



- Full OFS payment increased from 60ha to 70ha
- Reduction in Stocking Density to receive full payment – 0.5 LU/Ha to 0.15 LU/Ha

OFS Ranking & Selection System



- Revision of RASS –
- Prioritisation of;
 - Young Farmers
 - Higher stocked holdings
 - Horticulture, Cereal and Dairy Enterprises
 - Total conversion over partial conversion
 - Prioritisation of mixed farms
 - Larger Organic area

OFS Payment Rates



- Horticulture < 6Ha In Conversion €300/HA
< 6Ha Fully Organic €200/HA
- Tillage < 20Ha In Conversion €260/HA
< 6Ha Fully Organic €170/HA
- All Other Up to 70Ha In Conversion €220/HA
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OFS Approval Process



- BPS Closing Date 16 May 2022
- Ranking & Selection Commencement once BPS Finalised
- OFS Approvals – October 2022
- OFS Advance Payment – Nov 2022

CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027



- Draft Plan submitted to Commission
- Engagement with DAFM
- Formal Approval

CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 - OFS



- €256m over lifetime
- Specific Organic Dairy Payment
- Increased Payments

Contact Information



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