



# **DAFM Organic Farming Scheme (OFS) 2022 How to Apply Farming Considerations**

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# DAFM Organic Farming Scheme 2022- Steps to Apply

# Step 1: Register with Organic Certification Body

**Competent Authority in Ireland**

Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the  
Marine



**Approved private sector body**

Organic Certification Bodies



# Step 1 Register with Organic Certification Body

## Irish Organic Association



- Based in Unit 13 Inish Carraig, Golden Island, Athlone, Co. Westmeath,
- Phone: 090 643 3680
- Email: [info@irishoa.ie](mailto:info@irishoa.ie)
- Website: [www.irishorganicassociation.ie](http://www.irishorganicassociation.ie)

## Organic Trust



- Based in Unit M4, Naas Town Centre, Dublin Road, Co. Kildare, W91 F7X3.
- Tel: 045 882377
- Email: [info@organictrust.ie](mailto:info@organictrust.ie)
- Website: [www.organictrust.ie](http://www.organictrust.ie)

# Application Checklist to Organic Certification Body

- Organic Conversion/Management Plan
- Animal Health Plan (if applicable)
- Soil Results
- Farmyard Sketch
- Farm Map
- Org 1 Form
- OCB Forms

# Step 2: Apply to Join the DAFM Organic Farming Scheme

- Having registered as an organic farmer with the Organic Certification Body a person then can apply to the DAFM to join the OFS
- Submit separate Organic Farming Scheme (OFS) application **ONLINE** ([www.agfood.ie](http://www.agfood.ie)) **Deadline:** 8th April 2022

# Step 3 : Submit a 2022 BPS Application

- Choose “in-conversion” or “organic” land parcels on 2022 BPS (Basic Payment Scheme) application **ONLINE**.  
**Deadline:** 16th May 2022.

# Step 4 : Complete 25 hour QQI Course on Organic Production


For information on Teagasc  
25 hour QQI  
Organic Farming Principles  
course go to:

[www.teagasc.ie/organics](http://www.teagasc.ie/organics)



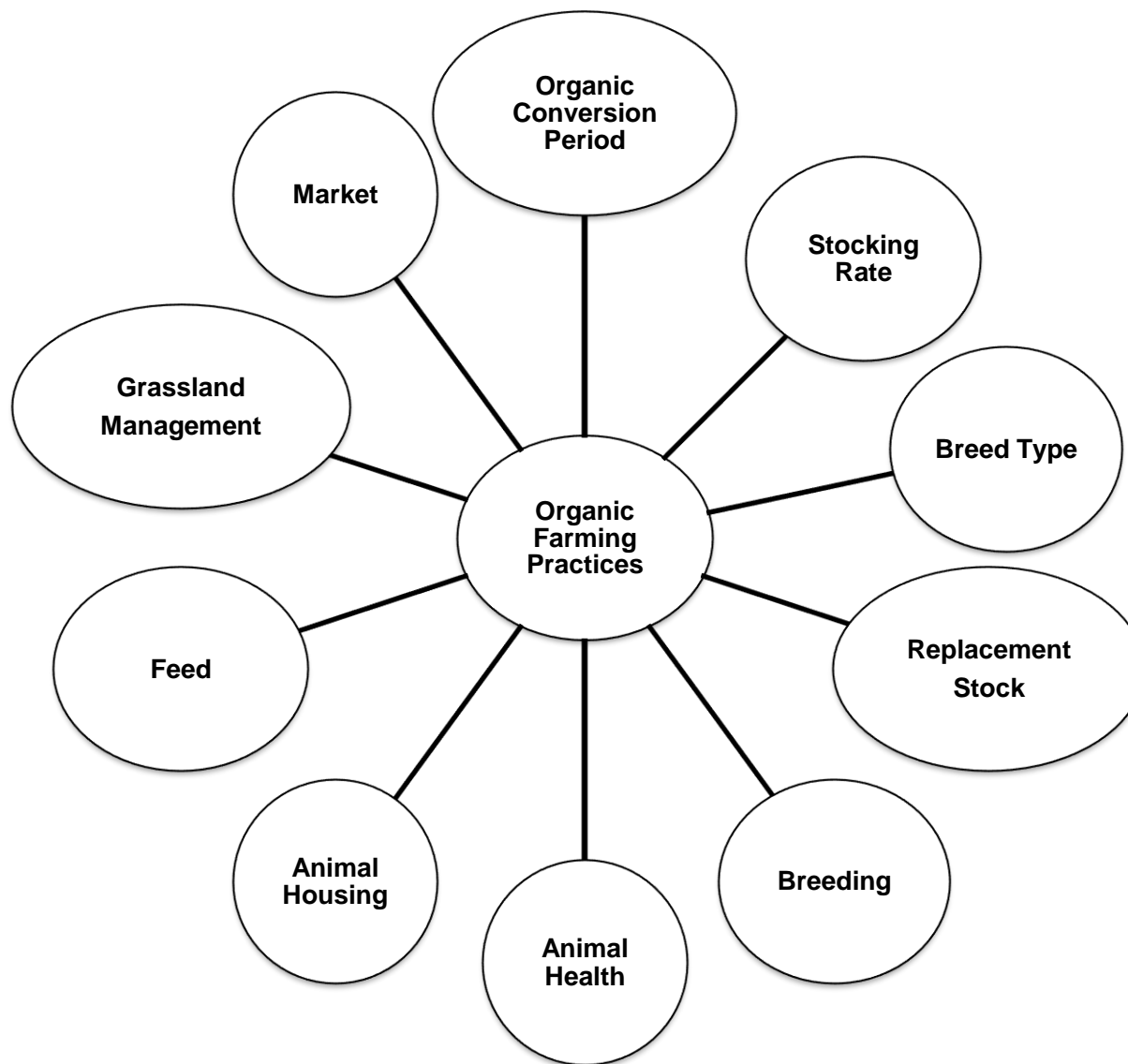
*A copy of Certificate showing successful completion must be uploaded as part of the OFS online application on or before **1<sup>st</sup> November 2022***



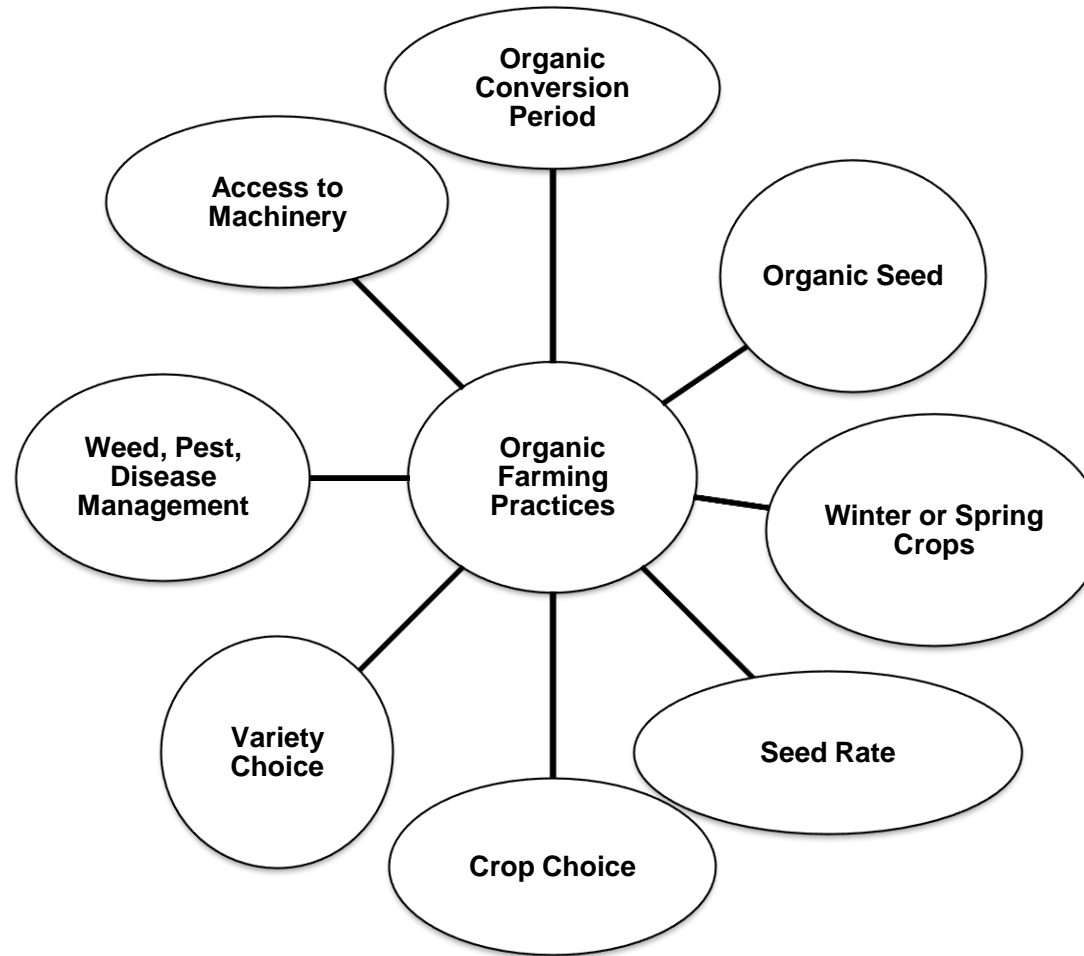


# Organic Farming as an Option – Farming Considerations

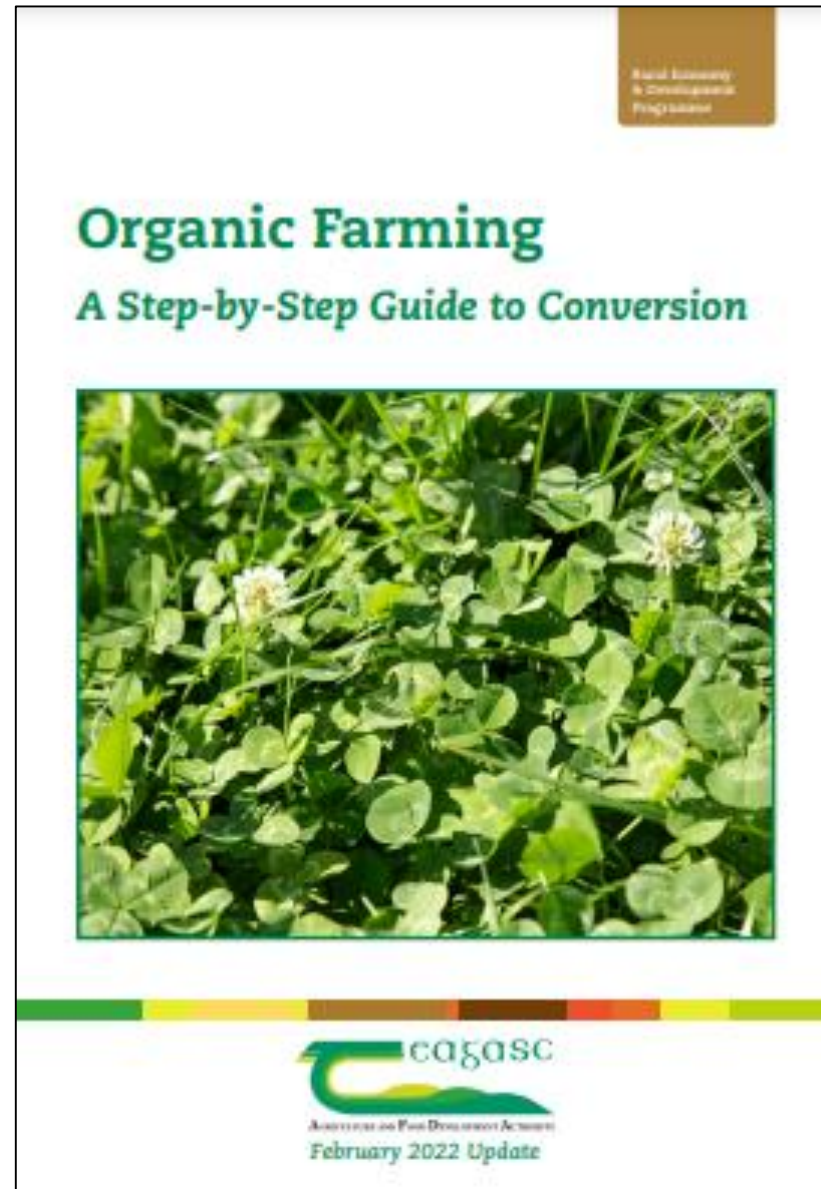
# Organic Livestock Considerations



# Organic Crops Considerations



[www.teagasc.ie/rural-economy/organics/](http://www.teagasc.ie/rural-economy/organics/)



# Organic Farm Walks 2022

Teagasc, Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine and organic organisations invite all farmers and members of the public to see organic farming in practice and to meet and speak with the producers and sector's experts.

**Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March | 12pm**

Seamus Howard, Gortlecka,  
Kilnaboy, Ennis, Co. Clare  
**Dairy**

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March | 12pm**

Brigid O'Connor, Gleann na  
Gealt, Camp, Tralee, Co. Kerry  
**Hill Sheep, Agri - Tourism**

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April | 12pm**

Ross & Amy Jackson, Lacka,  
Carrig, Birr, Co Tipperary  
**Cereals, Sheep**

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May | 12pm**

Andrew & Leonie Workman, Dunany  
Flour Organic, Drogheda, Co Louth  
**Cereals, Milling Flour**

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May | 2pm**

Mark & Grainne Duffy,  
Clogher, Ballybay, Co. Monaghan  
**Poultry-eggs, Cereals, Beef Finishing**

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June | 2pm**

John Hurley, Castle Hill House,  
Knockalaughta, Ballintubber,  
Castlerea, Co Roscommon  
**Suckler to Weanling, Sheep**

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June | 2pm**

Fergal Byrne, Calverstown  
Little, Dunlavin, Co Kildare  
**Sheep, Cereals, Beef Finishing**

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June | 2pm**

Donal & Frederique Keane, Camelton  
Stud, Summerhill, Co Meath  
**Suckler to Beef, Cereal**

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June | 2pm**

Clive Bright, Ardsallagh,  
Ballymote, Co. Sligo  
**Beef, Direct Selling**

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July | 2pm**

Gavin Tully, Clonhenritte,  
Camolin, Enniscorthy, Co Wexford  
**Cereals**

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July | 2pm**

Declan Houlihan, Corrigeen Organic  
Farm, Rathcabin, Birr, Co Offaly  
**Cereals, Poultry-eggs**

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July | 2pm**

Rose O Sullivan & Martin Fox,  
Spring Cottage Organic Farm,  
Parke, Kinnegad, Co Westmeath  
**Fieldscale Vegetables,  
Protected Cropping, Cereals,  
Poultry-eggs, Direct Selling**

# Thank You