



# Understanding and supporting social sustainability of farmers

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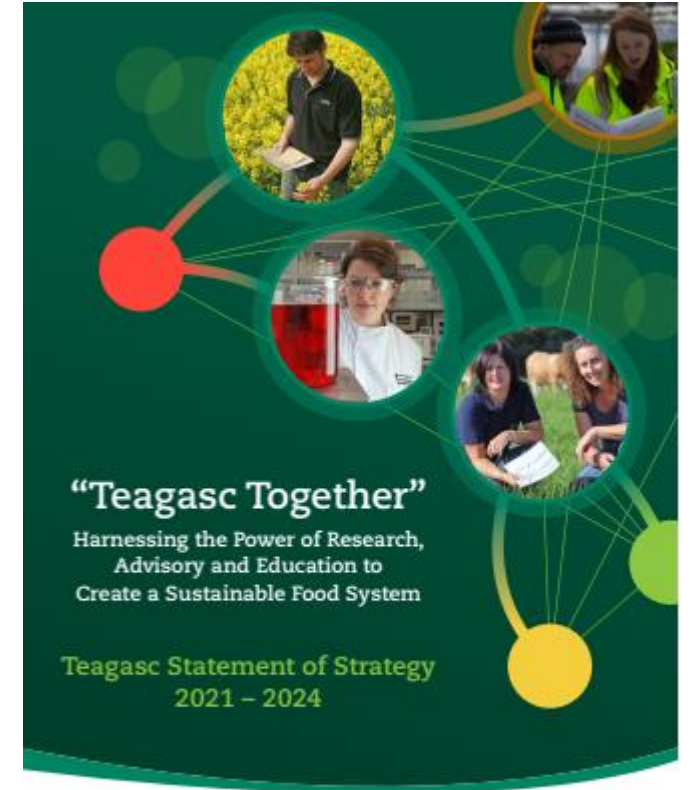
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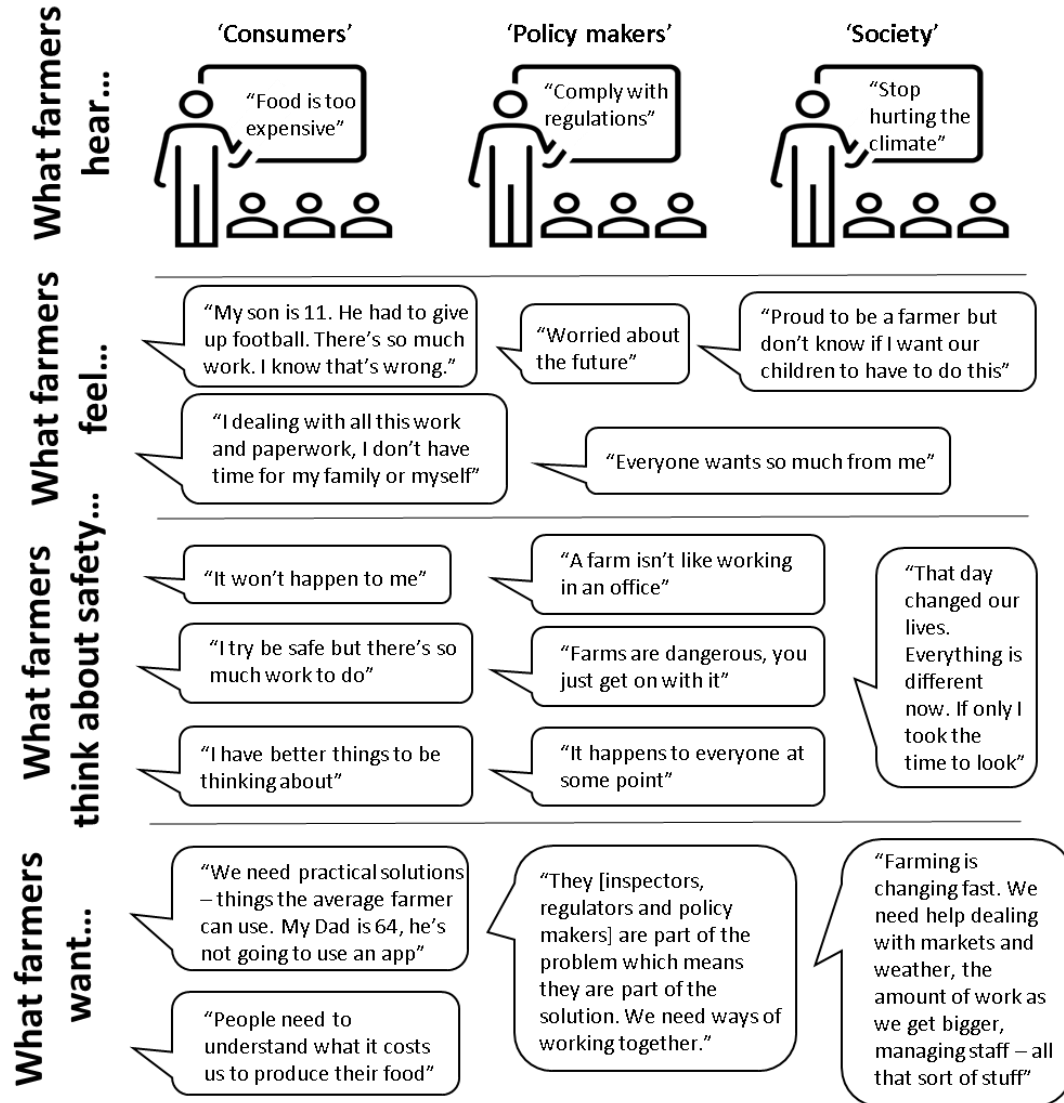


# Teagasc' role in farmer health, safety and wellbeing

- “Our commitment to **social sustainability** is captured primarily by our plans for making farms safe for work and home life...”
- Teagasc Together: Strategic Goal 1
  - Securing Farmer Health and Safety and Wellbeing



# Key Challenges



- Age
  - Farmers continue working into old age – more likely to die from an injury
- Culture / Identity
  - Self-reliance (getting on with it / making do)
  - Socialised into risk acceptance / taking (This is how we do things around here)
- Workload and Uncertainty
  - Long hours, working alone
  - Weather, finance, policy, markets, 'society'
- Approach
  - 'Show, don't tell'

# Approach



*Extend the approach of One Health that is central to Teagasc Together by foregrounding the centrality of the **social sustainability of farmers** as a critical nexus in the development of a sustainable food system.*

- 1. Development Sustainability of Farmers*
  - Equipping farmers with the knowledge, skills and practices to sustain safety and health*
- 2. Maintenance Sustainability of Farmers*
  - Empowering farmers to proactively engage with contemporary policy agendas relating to food, climate and the environment.*

# Teagasc Together

*Harnessing the Power of Research, Advisory and Education to Create a Sustainable Food System*

