



AGRICULTURE AND FOOD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Irish Agriculture and Food Development Authority

Remarks at Launch of Teagasc Annual Report 2012

Professor Gerry Boyle, Director
21 October 2013

Teagasc Mission

Mission

To support science-based innovation in the agri-food sector and wider bioeconomy so as to underpin profitability, competitiveness and sustainability

Teagasc Goals

GOAL 1

Improve the competitiveness of agriculture, food and the wider bioeconomy

GOAL 2

Support sustainable farming and the environment

GOAL 3

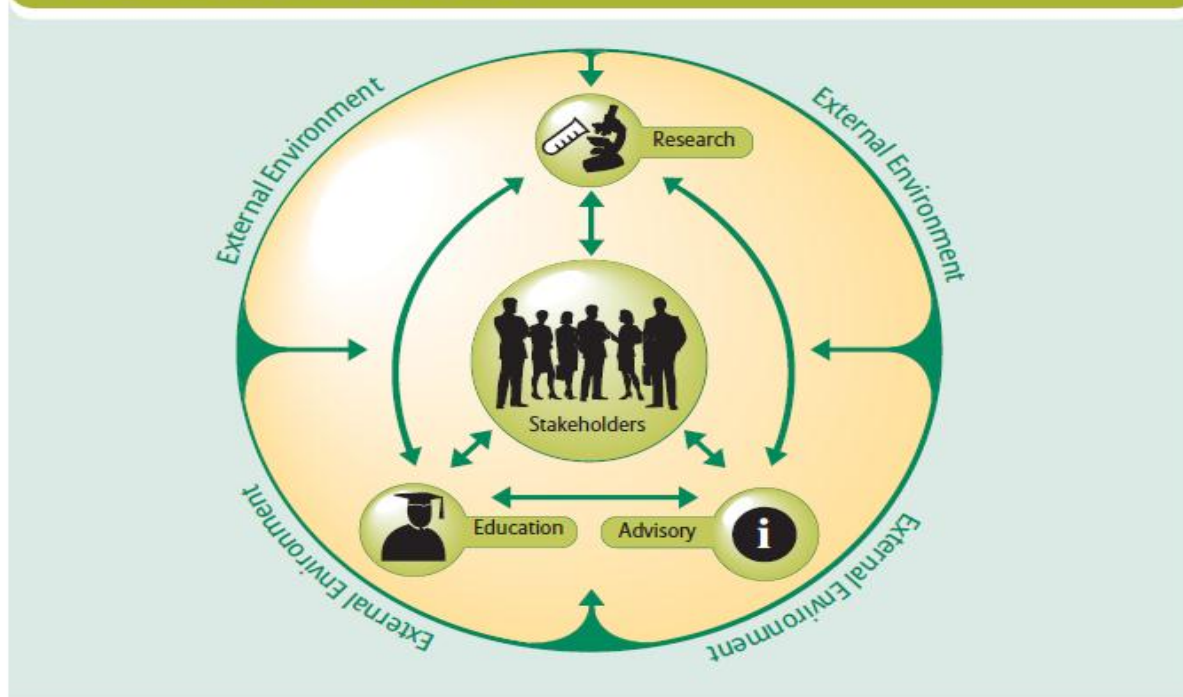
Encourage diversification of the rural economy and enhance the quality of life in rural areas

GOAL 4

Enhance organisational capability and deliver value for money

The Teagasc Model of Innovation

Figure 1 Teagasc Model of Knowledge Delivery



Teagasc Programmes

- **Animal and Grassland**
- **Crops, Environment and Land Use**
- **Rural Economy and Development**
- **Food**
- **Education**
- **Advisory**

Key Performance Metrics (annual)

Research

- 378 refereed publications
- €16.5 m 'external' income
- Interaction with 237 food companies
- 201 Ph.d. students ('Walsh Fellows')

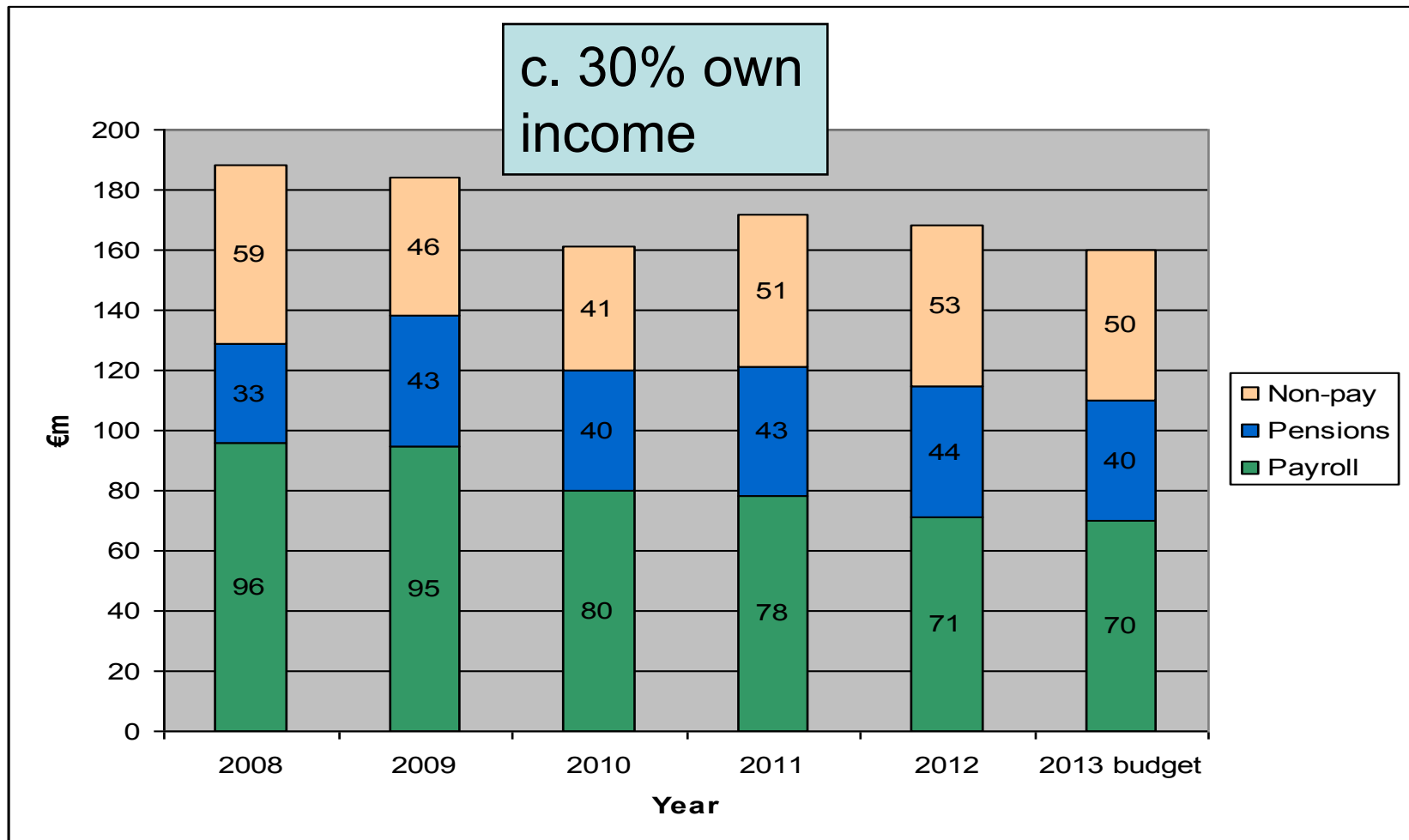
Advisory

- 40,000 paying farmer clients
- 14,000 in Discussion Groups
- 6,000 in dairy Discussion Groups (1/3 of dairy farmers)
- Joint Programmes with main co-ops
- Teagasc/IFJ Better Beef Programme
- €11.5 m income

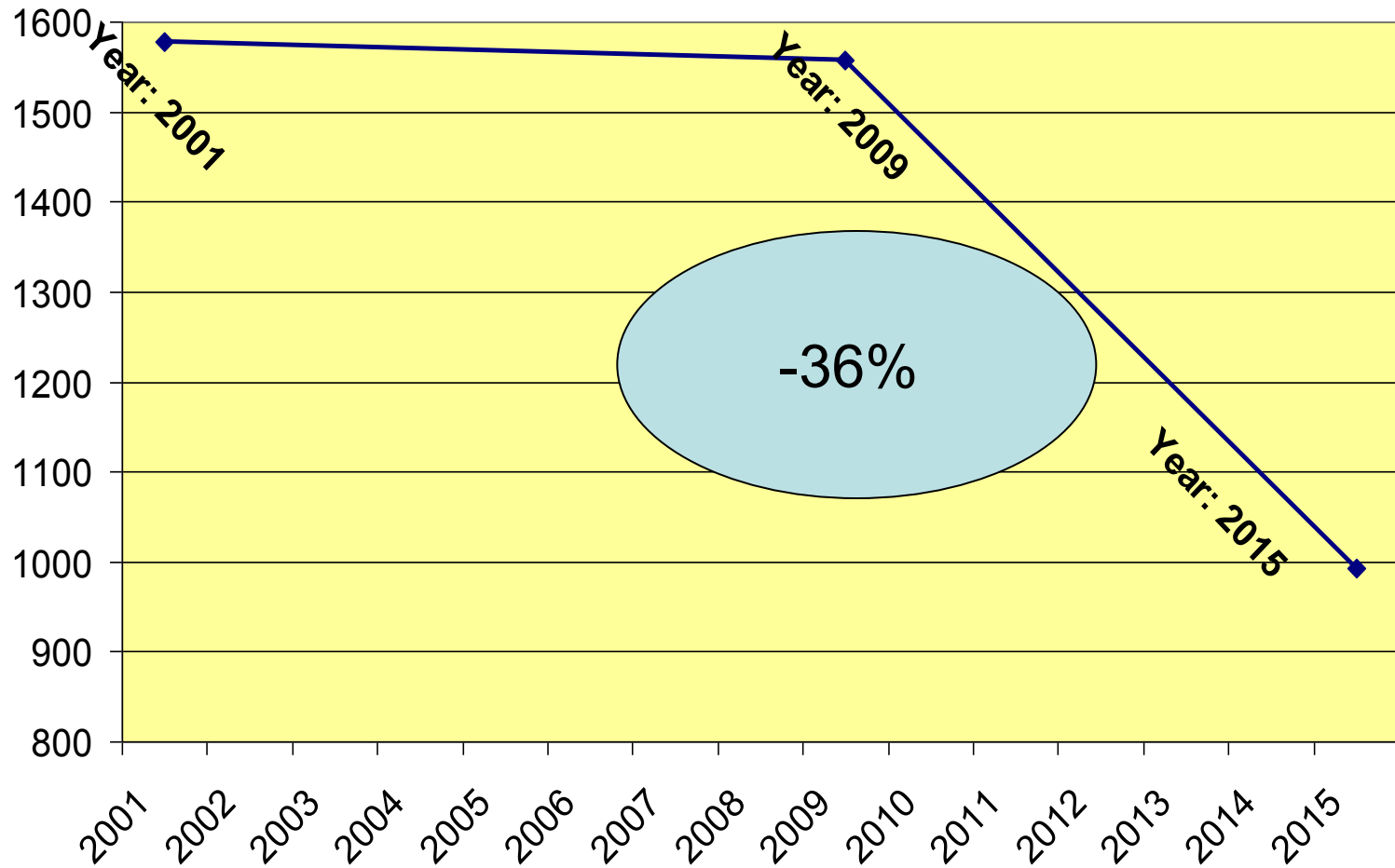
Education

- 1500 enrolments in Teagasc colleges
- 3,600 participating in Teagasc courses in colleges and Regional Education Centres
- 7,000 in adult courses

Current Expenditure 2008 – 2013



Teagasc Staff Numbers 2000 to 2015



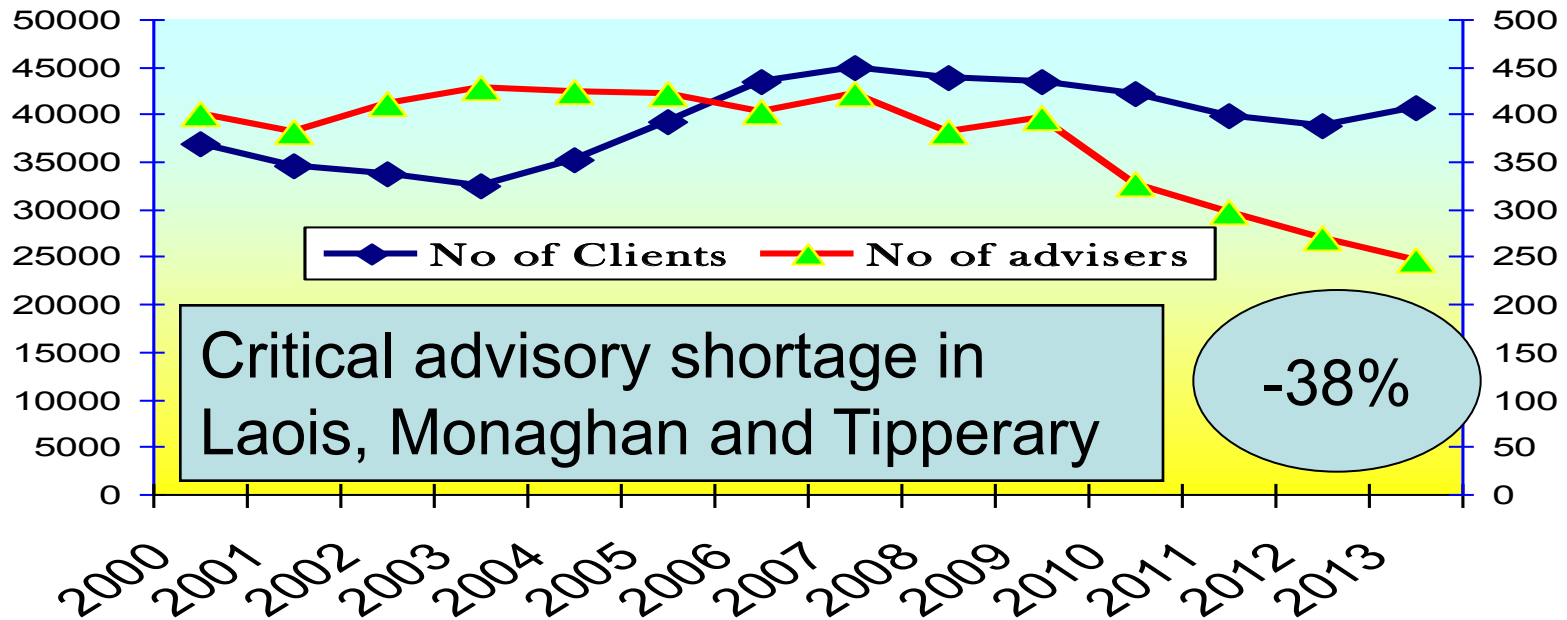
Teagasc Sites Map December 2012

- Head Office, Research Centre and Advisory
- ▲ Research Centre and Advisory
- Advisory Centre
- Research Station
- ▲ Teagasc College and Advisory
- ▲ Private College
- Planned Closure

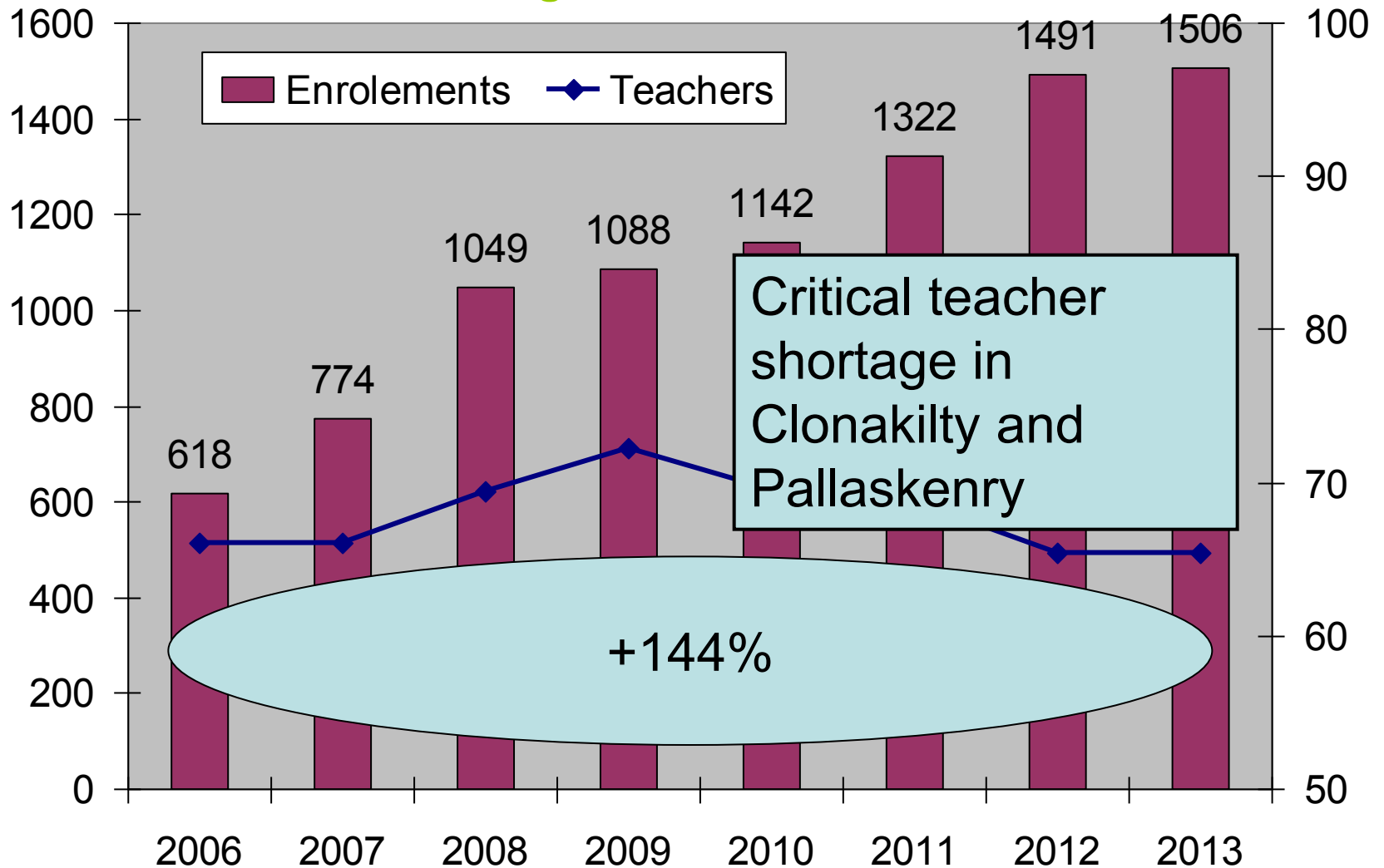


December 2012	
Advisory offices	51
Teagasc colleges	4
Private colleges	3
Research centres	8

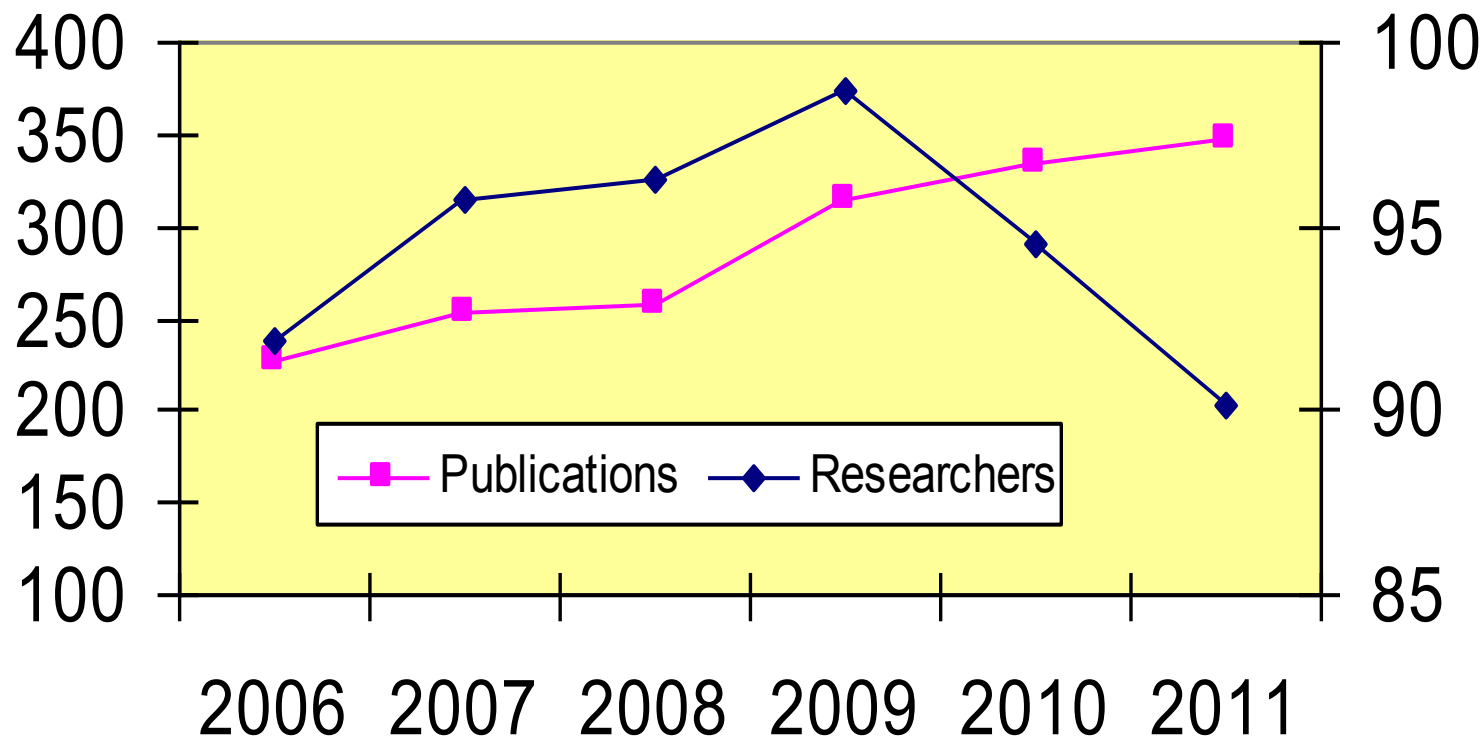
Trends in Client and Adviser Numbers 2000 to 2013



College Enrolments and Teachers



Refereed Publications by Permanent Researchers 2006 - 2011



Teagasc Change Plan 2014-2016

How to deliver on the increasing opportunities and demands for science, technology and innovation in view of challenges arising from:

- Reduced staff resources and lack of critical mass in key areas
- Reducing non-pay budget
- Sourcing capital for ongoing investment
- Retaining key staff and recruiting new high-quality staff
- Inability to reward high level staff performance

Teagasc's New Strategic Directions

- Focus on programme prioritisation ... curtail or eliminate low priority activity
- Continue to deliver key programmes in support of FH2020 and other national policies
- Key focus on developing sustainably intensive farming systems
- Strengthen our innovation-support role for Irish food cos to underpin the growth of the agri-food sector and enable it to contribute to overall economic growth, job creation and national environmental and social outcomes
- Continue the process of organisational change in line with the Public Sector Reform Plan to ensure that we continue to deliver value for public money