

Livestock Systems Department

Title

Developing Farm Business Structures to increase land mobility and to promote an intergenerational shift in Dairy Farming in Ireland

Abstract

The removal of the milk quota regime will expose a number of new obstacles limiting the potential from expansion on Irish dairy farms. These barriers include the availability of land around the milking platform, the availability of highly skilled and motivated farm business managers and finally the availability of capital to fund the expansion process. This project aims to develop strategies and models around different innovative farm business structures that allow more than one business to operate from one or a number of holdings. Thus facilitating the entry of highly trained and skilled individuals onto dairy farms and allowing land that potentially is not in dairying to enter dairying. These structures will have a number of central themes designed to share risk between the land owner and the farm business manager, incentivising efficiency for the farm business manager, facilitating equity growth for the farm business manager and allowing shared investment on the overall farm. The structures will be designed to be robust and be capable of dealing with different situations at farm level. A new farm demonstration programme will be set up for farms operating within the new structures.

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