

Teagasc Hardwood Presentation

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- *Forester 1981*
- *Research Forester 1985- Kiln Schedules for Irish Softwoods*
- *Sawmill Manager 1990-2007*

Coillte Hardwood Production

- Coillte Investment with financial help from Enterprise Ireland

Sourcing of Raw Materials

- ❖ Coillte
- ❖ Private landowners
- ❖ Felling Licenses
- ❖ Felling Operations

Airdrying

- What to cut six months ahead
- Irish Weather Conditions
- Stacking for Air Drying

Kiln Drying

- Successfully achieved for all species
- Different schedules for different species and thickness

Resawing and Grading

- Bales of different species, grades, lengths and thicknesses
- Correct storage and identification

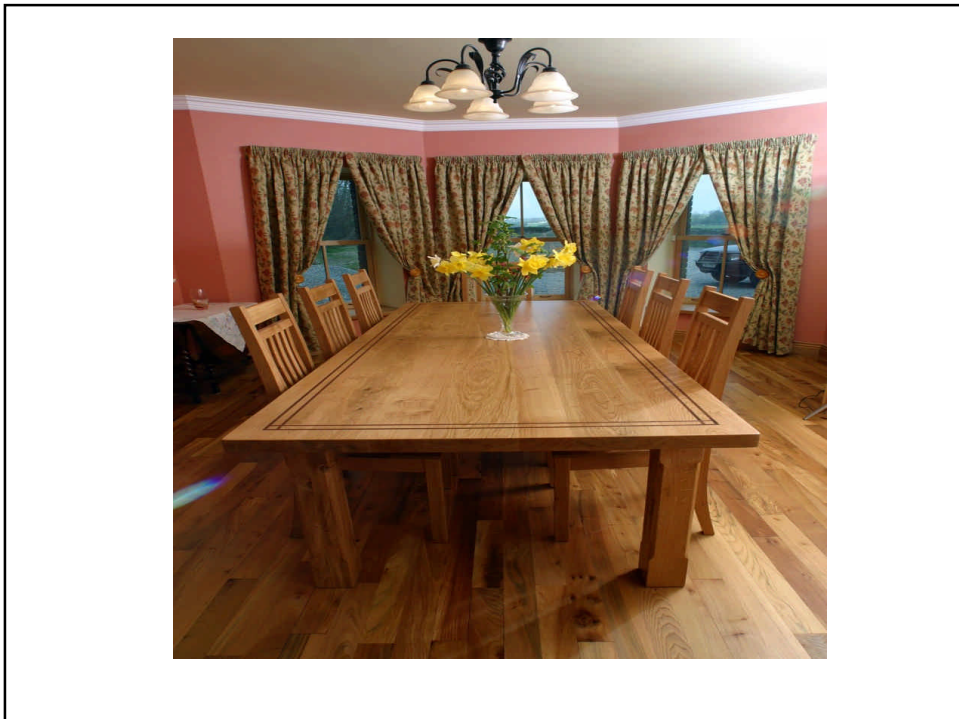
Sales and Marketing

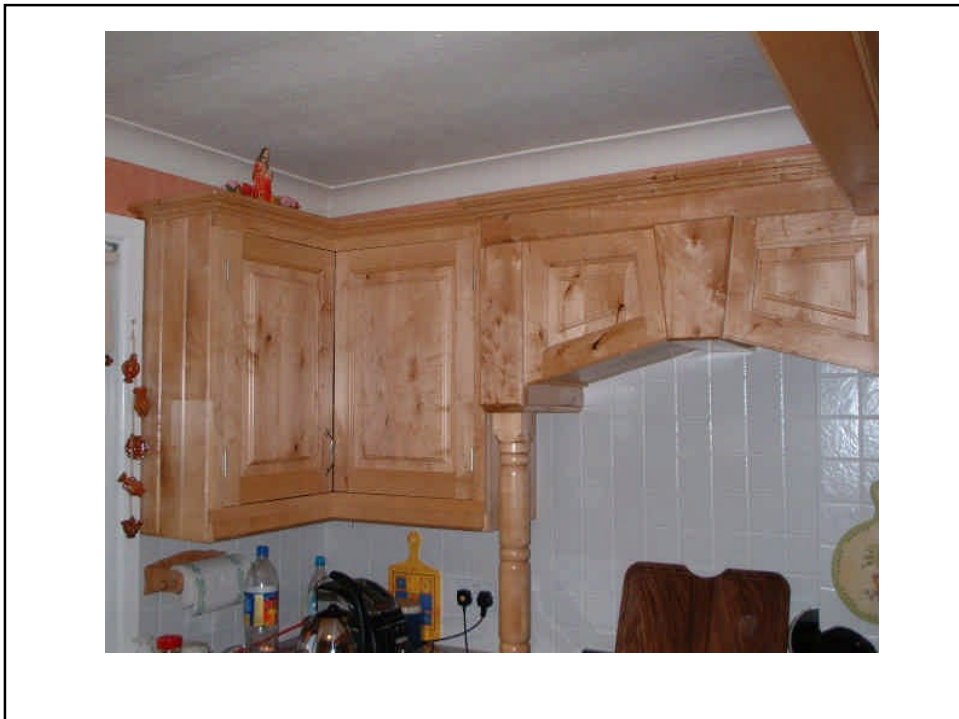
- Presentation of product
- Convincing a traditional Joinery sector
- Repeat business with the Joinery Sector
- Markets for By Products
- Machining of the Hardwoods
- Marketing the Irish Heritage

The Learning Curve

- Training
- Harvesting of Hardwood timber
- The Raw material
- Air drying and Kilning
- Maintaining correct moisture content
- Resawing and grading
- Presentation
- Continuity of known grades
- Comparison to Imported raw material
- Irish Beam Market
- Machined Products







Important Points

- The need to co-ordinate round log forecast with a grading system
- Supply of small round commercial logs
- Irish Hardwoods can be successfully produced