

Stock details

	2022	2023
Dairy cows		
Suckler cows		
0-1 Year females (dairy)		
1-2 Years females (dairy)		
0-1 Year females (beef)		
1-2 Years females (beef)		
2+ Years females (beef)		
0-1 Year males (beef)		
1 – 2 Years males (beef)		
2+ Years males (beef)		
Sheep (ewes)		
Hoggets		
Rams		

Grassland performance

Grassland	Average
Average Grass DM production/ha for 2022	
Number of grass walks completed/yr on average	
Number of grazings per paddock in 2022	

Declaration: I agree to abide by the terms and conditions as set out in the application form and by the judge's decision in all circumstances. I agree to grant Teagasc access to required data on the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine databases.

Entrant's Signature: _____

2021 Sheep Winner: Shane Moore, Roscommon.



Terms and Conditions of the Sustainable Grassland Farmer of the Year Competition 2023

- The competition is open to all livestock farmers in the Republic of Ireland.
- Preliminary judging will be based on the information submitted on the application form and information from Teagasc, Bord Bia & Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine systems.
- Final judging will involve a panel of judges visiting farms.
- In the event of winning, the winning farmers are obliged to allow reasonable media coverage, to participate in the awards ceremony, host an Open Day on their farm to demonstrate the high levels of grass production and utilisation achieved in a sustainable manner, and participate in relevant promotional activity.
- The winners of the competition from previous years may not enter the competition in 2023.

2022 Drystock Winner: Michael McGuigan, Co. Meath.



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2022 Overall Winner: Diarmaid Fitzgerald, Co. Clare.



Sustainable Grassland Farmer of the Year ENTRY FORM 2023



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The **Grass10** campaign aims to increase the quantity of grass utilised on livestock farms (dairy, beef and sheep), with the objective of achieving 10 tons grass DM/ha/year utilised, with 10 grazings/paddock/year. The **Grass10** campaign is supported by Teagasc, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, AIB, FBD Insurance, Grassland Agro and the Farmers Journal.

Despite the established benefits of grass-based milk and meat production, Irish livestock farmers are currently not optimising grass production and utilisation. Teagasc research indicates that grass utilisation can be increased significantly on farm. As part of the **Grass10** campaign, the Grassland Farmer of the Year competition will recognise those farmers who are achieving high levels of grass utilisation in a sustainable manner. Irish agriculture faces serious challenges in trying to meet Greenhouse Gas and Ammonia emissions targets. Improved nutrient management and the use of clover are now more important than ever. Managing grassland with less Nitrogen fertiliser inputs and with greater reliance on biological Nitrogen from clover and the soil can reduce costs of production and reduce GHG emissions. The sustainability of our livestock production must improve. Pasture performance is also critical to the success of organic farming.

Objective of Competition

*To promote grassland excellence
for all Irish livestock farmers*

Prize Winners

There will be an overall award and category winners. The competition has an overall prize fund of €30,000 with a total of 6 prizes. Enterprise awards include Dairy and Drystock categories while there are also awards for Nutrient Management and Use Efficiency, Organic Farming and Young Farmer (under 30 years) categories. The young farmer category can include entrants that are farm managers or farming in a collaborative arrangement. Each category winner will

receive €5,000. The overall winner will be selected from the category winners and will receive an additional €5,000.

Application forms and deadlines

Application forms can be downloaded from www.teagasc.ie/crops/grassland/grass10/ or can be requested from eithne.gowen@teagasc.ie or by phoning 025-69182.

Completed application forms can be submitted online or be submitted on or before **Friday July 7th, 2023** to:

Sustainable Grassland Farmer of the Year Competition
c/o Eithne Gowen
Teagasc,
Moorepark,
Fermoy,
Co. Cork.

Competition Focus

Applicants should have established the level of grass production on their farm. Applicants will be pre-judged on previous pasture production and nutrient management data. A knowledge of farm soil fertility is essential. The sustainability of the pasture-based system of production will be assessed. The necessary grazing infrastructure on each farm will also be a focus for this competition.



Sustainable Grassland Farmer of Year Entry Form 2023

Farmer details

Name _____

Address _____

Herd number IE _____

Tel no. _____

Mobile no. _____

Email address _____

Advisor/Consultant name _____

Advisor/Consultant Email address _____

Farm size (ha) _____

Grazing platform size (ha) _____

Enterprise and category (tick)

Dairy	Drystock	Organic
Young Farmer/Farm Manager	Nutrient Management and Efficiency	