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Programme

09.00 Registration/Tea/Coffee

10.00 Conference Opening
Frank O’Mara,
Director of Research, Teagasc

Session One
Challenges ahead and opportunities/response

Chaired by Andy Doyle,
Irish Farmers Journal

10.15 Playing fields: level or otherwise
Guy Smith,
Deputy President of National Farmers Union

10.45 Economics of the tillage sector in Ireland: possible Brexit implications
Fiona Thorne, Teagasc

11.15 Loss of some, gain of others - current perspectives on crop protectant chemistries
Steven Kildea, Teagasc

11.40 The next steps – views from a Wexford farmer/merchant
John Cullen, Tillage Farmer

12.05 Panel Discussion

12.30 Lunch

Session Two
Research Snapshots

Chaired by John Spink,
Head of Programme, CELUP, Teagasc

14.00 Breeding for ‘resilience’
Ewen Mullins, Teagasc

14.15 Brief Research Updates - Q & A
The impact of field headlands on crop performance in Irish tillage fields
Mark Ward, Teagasc

Machine turning on headland: impact on traffic paths and soil stress
Brendan Burke, Teagasc

Break crop research: an update
Dermot Forristal, Teagasc

Tools to assess soil structural quality in tillage soils
Giulia Bondi, Teagasc

Grass weed control: utilising all the tools
Michael Hennessy, Teagasc

Herbicide resistance in wild oats: what have we learned?
Ronan Byrne, Teagasc

Oats research – update
John Finnan, Teagasc

15.15 IPM Panel Discussion

16.00 Conference Close
Professor Gerry Boyle,
Teagasc Director