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Teagasc TAMS II planning service



The new Teagasc TAMS II Service provides clients with essential advice and support for on-farm investment.

Investing in farm infrastructure and equipment requires careful thought and planning, as generally you only get one chance to get it right. Mistakes during the planning and design process can be costly, so it is essential that you get the right advice when considering an on-farm investment.

Teagasc has developed a new Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Scheme (TAMS) II planning service to guide and

support clients through the scheme application process. The Teagasc TAMS II Service involves a detailed assessment of the proposed on-farm investment. Teagasc will work closely with your appointed draftsman to ensure that drawings and designs meet your needs as well as satisfying Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) requirements. **Table 1** overleaf outlines the process involved.

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Table 1: Teagasc TAMS II Service

Step 1 Feasibility	Step 2 Design and planning	Step 3 Application	Step 4 Drawdown
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Farm visit– Nitrates storage check– Farm financial check– Advice on on-farm infrastructure– Scheme eligibility check	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Finalise building layout and design in consultation with draftsman– Ensure drawings are adequate for the DAFM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Final checks of drawings– Application submitted on DAFM online system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Complete the online verification of building measurements to facilitate drawing down of the grant

About the TAMS II

The DAFM Targeted Modernisation Schemes (TAMS) were launched in May 2015 to support the sustainable development of Irish agriculture. TAMS II has a fund of €395 million over the lifetime of the programme (2015-2020). The various schemes will open and close in ‘tranches’, which will generally run for three months at a time. The schemes will remain open until the funding runs out. Grant aid of up to €48,000, or in the case of partnerships/companies €96,000, is available. **Table 2** lists the various schemes available, as well as the eligible investments.

Key points to know about the TAMS II Scheme:

- investment super ceiling of €80,000 plus €40,000 for low emission slurry spreading;
- partnerships and companies may apply on investments of up to €160,000;
- 60% grant aid for young farmers;
- 40% grant aid for all other schemes;
- compulsory ranking and selection of all applications;
- applications must use standard costings for each investment;
- applicants have three years to complete the project applied for;
- only one application accepted per tranche;
- applicants must have submitted a Basic Payment Scheme application prior to applying for TAMS II;

- applicants who apply for animal housing and/or nutrient storage must have the required 16/18/20/22 weeks’ storage; and,
- applicants found to be in non-compliance with nitrates slurry storage requirements will not be eligible for grant aid and the DAFM may issue penalties or sanctions.



The Low Emission Slurry Spreading Equipment Scheme covers slurry tankers using a trailing shoe spreader.

Eligibility criteria for Young Farmer Capital Investment Scheme (YFCIS):

- applicant must be between 18 and 40 years old on date of set-up;
- set-up for the first time must be within five years of application; and,
- education must be completed within three years of approval (otherwise grant rate of 40%).

Table 2: TAMS II schemes.

TAMS II scheme	Closing date for Tranche 1	Eligible investments
Young Farmer Capital Investment Scheme (YFCIS)	January 8, 2016	Farm slurry storage, animal housing and welfare, silage base and walls, animal handling, farm safety, dairy structure, dairy equipment, low emission slurry spreading, pig and poultry
Dairy Equipment Scheme (DES)	October 16, 2015	Milking equipment, cooling and storage equipment, in-parlour meal feeding
Organic Capital Investment Scheme (OCIS)	October 30, 2015	Capital investment for organic producers, incorporates all investments in other schemes plus specific organic structures and equipment, 40% and 60% (Young Organic Farmers)
Low Emission Slurry Spreading Equipment Scheme (LESS)	November 20, 2015	Slurry tankers and umbilical system, using one of following attachments (trailing shoe, shallow injection, dribble bar)
Pig and Poultry Investment Scheme (PPIS)	October 30, 2015	Investments to improve energy efficiency, insulation, heating, lighting, ventilation, feed medication (medicated feed dispensers, pig and poultry feed systems)
Animal Welfare Safety and Nutrient Storage Scheme (AWNSS)	October 30, 2015	Animal housing and welfare, farm slurry storage, farm safety, animal handling, silage base and walls

What are the minimum and maximum grant amounts for schemes under TAMS II?

The minimum approval per application under all schemes is €2,000. The maximum grant available is outlined for the individual schemes below:

Young Farmers Capital Investment Scheme and the Young Farmer section of the Organics Capital Investment Scheme

In the case of an individual applicant or company, the maximum grant amount payable is

60% on costs up to the ceiling of €80,000. In the case of DAFM-registered partnerships where one partner qualifies as an eligible young farmer and the other partner does not, the maximum grant amount payable is:

- 60% on costs up to the ceiling of €80,000; and,
- 40% on any remaining balance over €80,000.

In the case of DAFM-registered partnerships with

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two or more eligible young farmers in the partnership, the maximum grant amount payable is 60% on costs up to the ceiling of €160,000.

Dairy Equipment Scheme, Animal Welfare and Nutrient Storage Scheme, Organics Capital Investment Scheme and Pig and Poultry Investment Scheme

In the case of an individual applicant or company, the maximum grant amount payable is 40% on costs up to the ceiling of €80,000. In the case of DAFM-registered partnerships, the

maximum grant amount payable for two or more eligible partners is 40% on costs up to the ceiling of €160,000.

Low Emission Slurry Spreading Scheme

In the case of an individual applicant or company, the maximum grant amount payable is 40% on costs up to the ceiling of €40,000. In the case of DAFM-registered partnerships, the maximum grant amount payable for two or more eligible partners is 40% on costs up to the ceiling of €60,000.

Documents required for submission

- a. Farmyard layout plan – plan of all the existing and proposed structures – scale of 1:500.
- b. Farm building layout plan – plan of the investment structure/building scale of either 1:100 or 1:200.
- c. Where applicable, grant of full and final planning permission including conditions, or declaration of exemption including maps **(must be stamped by the local authority)**.
- d. Where applicable, a copy of a company's Companies Registration Office Certificate and Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- e. Where applicable, Young Farmers Declaration.
- f. DAFM Tank Costings Excel sheet.
- g. In certain cases, an engineer's report.

Table 3: Teagasc TAMS II charges.

Teagasc TAMS II charges	Capital works	Small capital works or equipment where no planning permission is required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Young Farmer Capital Investment Scheme ■ Animal Welfare Safety and Nutrient Storage ■ Organic Capital Investment Scheme 	€750	€165
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Dairy Equipment Scheme ■ Low Emission Slurry Spreading Scheme 	–	€165

Contact your local Teagasc office for further details.