Sustainable metrics – Irish farm systems

Key messages

- Profitability of dairy higher & growing faster than other systems
- Household vulnerability is consistently lower for dairy systems

3 Pillars of Sustainability

Vulnerable:

a) Not economically viable (viable = family labour is remunerated at >= minimum wage & there is sufficient income to provide an additional 5% return on non-land based assets) or
b) Farmer or spouse has no off-farm employment income source

Key messages

- Dairy GHG & ammonia emissions are higher & growing faster than other systems