

Teagasc phone-in clinic focuses on forestry

Teagasc is holding a nationwide series of phone-in advisory clinics to help farmers who are thinking about forestry to get their questions answered.

Running between 23 November and 4 December, landowners can avail of a one-to-one consultation with an experienced Teagasc forestry adviser by telephone call or by Zoom call.

The clinics are an opportunity to receive objective and independent advice to help answer your questions and inform your decision-making about forestry as a sustainable land use option in your farm. Planting is a big decision and can raise many questions such as:

- What planting grants are avail-



able and how will forestry work with my other farm schemes?

- Who looks after the trees and what can I expect from selling the timber?

Forest owners are also welcome to avail of the clinics to discuss how best to manage their forests.

Booking

To avail of a clinic consultation, prior booking is essential.

The consultations will be by telephone call or by Zoom call, depending on your request.

For details of all local clinics please visit the Teagasc forestry website www.teagasc.ie/forestryclinics

– Liam Kelly

Teagasc forestry clinics

| County | Date | Contact for appointment |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Carlow | Tues 24 Nov | 059 9183555 |
| Cavan | Thurs 26 Nov | 049 4338300 |
| Clare | Thurs 26 Nov | 065 682 8676 065 6828676 |
| Cork East | Mon 23 Nov | 022 21936 |
| Cork West | Weds 25 Nov | 026 41604 |
| Donegal | Weds 25 Nov | 074 9131189 |
| Dublin | Fri 27 Nov | 01 8459026 |
| Galway | Fri 27 Nov | 090 9642456 |
| Kerry | Weds 2 Dec | 066 7194017 |
| Kildare | Weds 25 Nov | 045 879203 |
| Kilkenny | Tues 24 Nov | 056 7721153 |
| Laois | Fri 27 Nov | 045 879203 |
| Leitrim | Tues 1 Dec | 071 9631076 |
| Limerick | Weds 25 Nov | 069 61444 |
| Longford | Thurs 3 Dec | 043 3341021 |
| Louth | Mon 23 Nov | 042 9332263 |
| Mayo | Tues 24 Nov | 094 9371360 |
| Meath | Tues 24 Nov | 046 9021792 |
| Monaghan | Mon 30 Nov | 047 81188 |
| Offaly | Tues 1 Dec | 057 9321405 |
| Roscommon | Weds 25 Nov | 090 6626166 |
| Sligo | Thurs 3 Dec | 071 9183369 |
| Tipperary | Mon 23 Nov | 050 421777 |
| Waterford | Thurs 26 Nov | 058 41211 |
| Westmeath | Mon 23 Nov | 044 9340721 |
| Wexford | Weds 25 Nov | 053 9239210 |
| Wicklow | Thurs 26 Nov | 0402 38171 |

The Tillage Edge Podcast

The Tillage Edge is Teagasc's weekly podcast covering tillage news, information, tips and advice for tillage farmers.

Presented by Michael Hennessy, The Tillage Edge provides insights and opinion to improve your tillage farm performance.

How do I listen?

The Tillage Edge is available on:

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 Android
 Spotify

Open the camera on your phone & scan the QR code for more information

Teagasc ConnectEd Signpost webinar series

Last March Teagasc was in the process of delivering an ambitious Signpost farm sustainability training series across the country for industry professionals working in agriculture. The series was presented in association with Dairy Sustainability Ireland, Food Drink Ireland Skillnet and the National Rural Network. As we all know, when COVID-19 arrived it put a stop to all face-to-face engagements. In response to this, we decided to go online with the series – The Signpost Webinar Series was born.

The series has gone from strength to strength and so far has broadcast 27 episodes covering topics such as climate change, biodiversity, soil health, nutrient management and water quality. The series has attracted audiences from across all sectors across Ireland and Europe. Latest figures show that on average 332 viewers tune in for the



The series focuses on on-farm sustainability.

webinar while over 1,500 viewers have registered for the series.

If you're interested in staying up to date with the latest policy, research and practise on-farm sustainability, you can register for free at www.teagasc.ie/sustainableagriculture and tune in every Friday morning at 9.30am to 10.30am.

– Yvonne Maher

Stay safe and keep COVID-19 away

Recently, Teagasc published a study entitled 'Essential and Vulnerable: Implications of COVID-19 in Ireland'. Lead Author, Dr David Meredith, Teagasc Rural Economy and Development Programme, stated: "There are greater numbers of older people in the rural and farming population and, generally, they are in somewhat poorer health which makes these communities vulnerable to COVID-19 infection. Continuing to adhere to the public health guidelines associated with handwashing, wearing masks and limiting close contacts are critical to keeping these communities safe."

COVID-19 impacts significantly on all farmers' well-being. This year has been and continues to be difficult for everybody. It is essential that we pay attention to our physical and mental health; continue to stay active, healthy and keep in touch with each other.

– Francis Bligh

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