

TEAGASC NATIONAL DAIRY CONFERENCE 2023

The Teagasc National Dairy conference 2023 will take place on Wednesday November 29th in the Lyrath Hotel Kilkenny.

The theme of this year's conference is "Adapting to a changing dairy farming environment".

The Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine Mr Charlie McConalogue will open the conference with a keynote address. The plenary conference sessions will include an international perspective on factors affecting dairy production costs (David Beca, RedSky consulting, Melbourne Australia), and an examination of current and future labour structures and efficiencies on Irish dairy farms (Marion Beecher, People in Dairy Project, Moorepark).

The conference will also feature a range of practical workshops where attendees can meet and interact

with researchers, advisors and leading dairy farmers on a range of issues such as grazing and nitrogen strategies, future farm stocking rate decisions, nutrient management technologies, and the potential benefits of flexible milking schedules.

Please see www.Teagasc.ie/dairyconference23 for booking and details

Joe Patton Head of Teagasc Dairy Knowledge Transfer: "This year has been very challenging for dairy farmers in terms of stubbornly high costs, reduced milk revenues, labour availability and uncertainty regarding future compliance requirements. Solutions to these challenges can be developed over time by combining good research with innovative practices on progressive dairy farms. The Teagasc National Dairy Conference affords a great opportunity to discuss and debate the issues with industry peers and stakeholders. We look forward to a positive and engaging event in Kilkenny"

Conference Programme Outline

9:15	Registration
9:45am	Opening Address Charlie McConalogue Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine
10:05am	Session I – Key drivers of milk production costs in dairy systems
11:15 am	Tea/Coffee
11:30 am	Session II- Getting to grips with labour challenges on dairy farms Marion Beecher People in Dairy Project
12:50pm	Lunch
2pm	Interactive workshops (attendees can choose 3) 1. Back to basics on grazing tactics for spring 2024 Brendan Horan and Grass10 2. Achieving 100 SCC in the first 100 days Pablo Silva Bolona and Don Crowley 3. Precision nitrogen use on dairy farms David Wall and Mike Egan 4. Stocking rate decisions for future systems Michael O'Donovan, Donal Patton and Pat Moylan 5. Milking 10 times a week –can it work for you? Emer Kennedy and Martina Gormley 6. Slurry storage and handling- how best to invest Pat Tuohy and William Burchill
4:15pm	Conference Close

TEAGASC COLLEGE OF AMENITY HORTICULTURE OPEN DAY

16 November 2023

Event Time 12noon - 3pm

Venue Teagasc College of Amenity Horticulture, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, D09 VY63.

Hear about the courses offered at the Teagasc College of Amenity Horticulture.

Teagasc College of Amenity Horticulture is hosting an open day for prospective applicants to its course offerings on Thursday, 16th November from 12noon - 3pm. Tours on-going

Topics discussed include:

- application process
- course content and elective subjects
- progression
- student maintenance grants

SALESIAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Saturday, 18 November 2023

Hear about the courses offered at Salesian Agricultural College.

Venue Salesian Agricultural College, Pallaskenry, Co Limerick, V94 V8N3.

Event Time 11am - 1pm

CATCHMENT SCIENCE 2023

Date: 7-9 November 2023 Location: Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford

The fourth international conference hosted by the Agricultural Catchments Programme, features a broad range of topics ranging from a session on 'Soil Fertility, Nutrient and Carbon Management' to a session on 'Knowledge Exchange and Stakeholder Engagement'.

The event brings together scientists, regulators and practitioners engaged with water quality and gaseous emissions in agricultural river catchments. The conference is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and includes field visits and a gala dinner.

TEAGASC BEEF CONFERENCE

21st November 2023

Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

The theme of this year's Teagasc National Beef Conference is 'Improving the Beef Sector's Green Credentials' to reflect the changing environmental landscape in which



farmers play a key role.

The Conference commences with Session I at 5.00pm chaired by MJ Cleary from Midlands 103 will focus on 'Implementing Sustainable Technologies on Beef Farms

- Paul Crosson will outline the recent changes to the Eurostar Breeding Index and how the new Carbon Index could change our breeding policy at farm level.
- Ellen Fitzpatrick from Teagasc, Johnstown Castle will explain how to make the most of a low Input/High Output Dairy beef system.
- Maria Guelbenzu from AHI will describe the prevalence of IBR and why Ireland needs to move towards a national eradication programme.

There will be an interval with refreshments before we begin Session II at 7.15pm where the theme will be 'Increasing our Competitive Advantage on the Global Stage' This promises to be a very interesting and informative session with several international speakers. It will be chaired by Margaret Donnelly, editor of the *Farming Independent*.

- Siobhan Kavanagh from the Teagasc Signpost Programme will examine the main drivers of Greenhouse Gases (GHG) on beef farmers and how to reduce them.
- Anais L'Hote from the French Livestock Institute will discuss how farmers can be paid for reducing their carbon footprint based on the experience in France.
- Rupert Claxton Livestock Director from GIRA Consultancy (UK) will give an overview of the Global Beef Market and highlight the likely trend for input prices as we move into 2024.

The conference will conclude at 8.45pm and we will have local Teagasc advisors on hand if you want to discuss any scheme or technical issues on the night.

The Conference is free to all and will be well worth attending.

For further details go to:

<https://www.teagasc.ie/news-events/national-events/events/national-beef-conference-2023.php>

A significant one-day symposium on Upland Farming and Landscape Management will be held on 16 November 2023 at the Knockranny Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo and will bring together scientists, policymakers, knowledge transfer and practitioners from across the island of Ireland engaged with managing the uplands.

The symposium will constitute a mix of scientific presentations and panel discussions, with farmer and wider stakeholder contributions.

Themes for the symposium will include:

- Uplands & Carbon
- Uplands & Biodiversity
- Uplands & Water
- Uplands & Livestock



Upland Farming & Landscape Management Symposium

Thursday, 16th November | 10am - 4pm
Knockranny House Hotel, Mayo

<p>10am - Opening Chaired by Vivian Silke, Teagasc Mayo Regional Manager</p> <p>Presenters: Professor Frank O'Mara, Teagasc Director; Paul McHenry, Head of Knowledge Advisory Service, CAFRE & Dr Catherine Keena, Countryside Management Specialist, Teagasc</p>
<p>10.30am - Session One: Carbon Chaired by Mark Scott, Head of Sustainable Land Management, CAFRE</p> <p>Presenter: Dr Florence Renou-Wilson, UCD</p> <p>Panellists: Professor Gary Lanigan, Teagasc; Dr Derek McLoughlin, Project Manager, Wild Atlantic Nature LIFE IP & Tom Houllhan, Teagasc</p>
<p>11.30am - Session Two: Biodiversity Chaired by Daire Ó hUallacháin, Teagasc</p> <p>Presenter: Nicola Warden, Biodiversity Technologist, CAFRE</p> <p>Panellists: John Muldowney, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM); Fergal Monaghan, Project Manager, Hen Harrier Project & Dr Barry O'Donoghue, Head of Agri-Ecology, NPWS</p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:45pm - Lunch</p>
<p>1.45pm - Session Three: Water Quality Chaired by Pat Murphy, Head of Environment Knowledge Transfer, Teagasc</p> <p>Presenter: Bernie White, Regional Coordinator, LAWPRO</p> <p>Panellists: Professor Phil Jordan, University of Ulster; Mary McAndrew, Pearl Mussell Project & Mary Roache, Teagasc</p>
<p>2.45pm - Session Four: Livestock Chaired by Michael Gottstein, Head of Sheep Knowledge Transfer, Teagasc</p> <p>Presenter: Declan Byrne, Teagasc</p> <p>Panellists: Eileen McCloskey, CAFRE; Brendan Joyce, Farmer; Dr Frank Campion, Teagasc; John Noonan, Teagasc; Ger Roarty, Farmer</p>
<p>4pm - Close Speaker: Dr Stan Lalor, Director of Knowledge Transfer, Teagasc</p>

