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President's Statement

Dear member,

2019 brought some very difficult challenges for farmers. The Brexit overhang caused significant problems for our beef farmers, in particular.

The outlook for drystock farming in this country requires some fundamental debate about the future.

Over the last 12 months, IFA has continued to work hard and deliver for farmers on the many issues impacting them. We can look back on the year and reflect on significant progress in a number of areas.

Delivering real money for farmers

While most farmers would prefer to get their income from the marketplace, the EU has moved away from price supports towards income supports.

In 2019, IFA secured the €100m BEAM fund, an extra €48m for ANC and €20m for suckler cows under the BEEP scheme.

In the last 3-4 budgets, IFA has secured the €150m low cost loan fund, the €80m sheep welfare scheme payment and the fodder, tillage and EID tag supports worth another €10m-€12m.

In Budget 2020, IFA secured a rollover of the €45m funding for sucklers under BDGP and €20m for BEEP.

An additional €20m was secured for beef for welfare/vaccination and dairy beef. ANC payments will be increased to €250m. A €8m increase was secured for Agri-environmental schemes totalling €238m. €18m was allocated for the sheep welfare scheme, €82m for TAMs and €103.5m for forestry premiums. IFA also secured an increase in the Earned Income Tax Allowance to €1,500.

€110m of further funding was specifically allocated in the event of a no-deal Brexit. For a farmer with 30 suckler cows finishing all stock with sales coming to 35 including cull cows and carrying 100 ewes, his/ her extra payments secured by IFA between BEEP, BEAM, increases to ANC and Sheep payment increases to overall direct payments are listed in the table below.

This is real additional money that IFA has secured for this farmer on top of the existing schemes, e.g. BDGP and GLAS etc.

IFA Campaigns

This past year, we have worked hard on the following:

- Continuous lobbying and pressure on processors to pay a stronger price to farmers across all commodities by highlighting what is justified based on market returns.
- Strong opposition to a Mercosur trade deal, which would be very damaging for our beef sector. We will monitor the EU Commission and keep them to their promise not to let in any more beef as long as Brazil fails to meet EU standards.
- IFA continues to keep the pressure to bring in legislative change for a three-year cap on farm business assets under the Fair Deal scheme.
- 70% Basic Payment advance in October. It was worth an additional €200m in cashflow to the 111,000 farmers paid in the first week.
- Our Credit Support team and Payments Unit provided direct assistance to individual farmers in the fight against the banks and vulture funds.
- Represented farmers who are opposed to CPO for the development of Greenways.

Challenges for 2020

CAP Reform

On the Common Agricultural Policy, the consultation on the future of the CAP is well underway. We will make this a key campaign issue over the next 12 months, particularly the scale of the Budget which has to take account of inflation.

We will be in transition phase for the coming year and it is vital that there is full funding for all schemes.

We have made this a red line issue for our Government and we expect Taoiseach Leo Varadkar to build support across Member States for a higher contribution.

At the heart of the IFA campaign will be a strong CAP budget, with direct payments supporting active farmers, and a well-funded Rural Development Programme.

There must also be a reduction in bureaucracy and red tape, with supports for young farmers and improved volatility and safety net market measures.

Brexit

Since the Brexit vote in 2016, IFA has worked to ensure that agriculture remains at the top of the agenda for the Irish Government and the European Commission.

We have consistently lobbied to ensure there is no hard border on the island of Ireland. We successfully lobbied for the €100m BEAM scheme.

In Budget 2020, the Minister for Finance Paschal Donohoe announced a €110m fund to be made available by the Department of Agriculture in the immediate aftermath of a no-deal Brexit.

IFA is calling for this money to be paid out now to all farmers who have experienced Brexit losses.

IFA is also clear that in the event of a hard Brexit, the EU must provide a €1bn Brexit fund of market support measures to include direct supports for farmers, structural and adjustment funding, as well as the setting aside of State Aid limits.

Rural Development Funding

To ensure full drawdown of Ireland's funding allocation, there is further potential to increase ANC payments and to expand TAMS to include other works. I want to put down a clear marker to the Minister for Agriculture on RDP funding. The full €4bn of the Rural Development programme must be spent.

Charter of Farmers Rights

The delivery of direct payments to farmers on time is critical.

Minister Creed must ensure that all payment deadlines set out in the Charter of Farmers' rights are honoured in full.

Retail regulation

At home, we will continue to press the Minister for Business Heather Humphreys on the appointment of an independent retail Ombudsman and a ban on below-cost selling.

Farmers need to have confidence that the Grocery regulations introduced in 2015 to protect suppliers will be enforced.

We will continue to raise the issue of labour shortages and press the Dept of Business to look at the criteria for non-EU permits.

Market Access and Trade Negotiations

As an export dependent sector, increasing market access remains critical for the growth of the Irish agri-food sector.

Efforts to diversify and grow our exports into non-UK markets, is welcome. In addition, the Department of Agriculture's market access unit must be strengthened, with increased resources to deliver new markets, for our processed and live export trade.

However, opening markets must be more than media announcements. We must be able to achieve a price return for farmers. While recognising the opportunities, we must also guard against the threats arising from trade negotiations.

The EU Commission study on the cumulative impact of future trade deals on agriculture provided a major wakeup call for EU negotiators and the Irish Government.

Climate Change

IFA has made a real difference in reshaping climate policy, by ensuring that Ireland's 2030 climate targets are more balanced.

There is now recognition for the multiple roles of farmers, as food, fuel and energy producers in addition to meeting environmental requirements. Irish farmers are actively involved in sustainability programmes across all sectors. However, sustainability must also deliver an economic return for farm families.

We will continue to roll out our IFA-led Smart Farming programme, which has shown that average savings of over €7,000 per farm can be achieved, while reducing emissions by 10%.

Conclusion

The issues for Irish farmers and farm incomes in 2020 are as challenging as any we have faced over the course of IFA's history. The next CAP & Brexit negotiations – these will all impact on the policy, price and trading environment for farming and our agri-food sector.

The shape of the CAP will also have long term implications for farm incomes and structures.

As this is my final year in office, I want to extend a particular thanks to all officers, from branch level upwards, who have made an enormous contribution over the last 12 months on behalf of farm families.

Never was it more important to have a strong IFA to represent the interests of Irish farmers. We have a huge work programme ahead of us in 2020. I want to wish the new President well and I want to give him my full support.












Joe Healy
President













Representation






















National Officers' Committee

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|  | PRESIDENT Joe Healy |  | TREASURER/ RETURNING OFFICER Tim Cullinan |  | Ulster/North Leinster Nigel Renaghan |
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|  | DEPUTY PRESIDENT Richard Kennedy |  | South Leinster Tom Short |  | ASSOCIATION SECRETARY/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL Bryan Barry |

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|  | CORK NORTH Anne Baker |  | DUBLIN Philip Maguire |  | KERRY 2ND REP Kenneth Jones |

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|  | FARM BUSINESS Martin Stapleton |  | SHEEP Sean Dennehy |  | ICOS Jerry Long |
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|  | FARM FORESTRY Vincent Nally |  | POULTRY Andrew Boylan | <p>NOTE ICOS and IFJ are observer Members of the National Council without a vote.</p> | |
|  | GRAIN Mark Browne |  | POTATO Thomas McKeown | <h2>Other Reps</h2> | |
|  | LIQUID MILK John Finn |  | HORTICULTURE Paul Brophy |  | AQUACULTURE Michael Mulloy |
|  | LIVESTOCK Angus Woods |  | HILL FARMING Flor McCarthy |  | FMP Jim Mulhall |

Director of European Affairs Report



Tom Tynan Phil Hogan's cabinet, Joe Healy IFA President, Phil Hogan, Commissioner for Agriculture, Damien McDonald, Director General IFA, Liam McHale, European Director, IFA in Brussels.

Brussels Report 2019

The last twelve months have seen significant political and social change within Europe with farmers being forced to farm under conditions of greater uncertainty and rewards diminishing for many. European elections followed by the appointment of a new Commission interrupted the normal regulatory cycle and as in 2018, Brexit concerns dominated leaders' agendas resulting in delays to agreement on the multi annual financial framework and to the Plenary vote in the European Parliament on the CAP post 2020 proposals.

Brexit

Failed votes of support for the withdrawal agreement, Hard Brexit deadlines, extensions, resignations and general elections meant that Brussels was often forced to look on at the internal UK political manoeuvrings. That did not detract from the focus on regulatory preparedness while IFA focused on maintaining a strong voice for Irish agriculture seeking commitments of support in the event of a Hard Brexit. The Irish beef sector secured a €100m emergency Brexit aid package although losses in the sector continued on into the year.

Elections

The result of the European Parliament elections with a reduction in the mainstream parties' dominance now presents a greater challenge in reaching consensus. The appointment of the new Commission President, Germany's Ursula von der Leyen and the new College of Commissioners were both delayed. Polish Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski took over from Phil Hogan as the new Agriculture and Rural Development Commissioner and will be charged with delivering the current CAP proposals. The IFA itself began the transition to a new President of the organisation following on from Joe Healy, with the victory of Tim Cullinan on December 17th.

Markets

The weakness of the European beef sector was felt across the major European beef producing countries. Brexit stock overhangs, falling consumption, negative media and press relating to animal protein consumption all contrived to keep selling prices below the cost of production. This manifested itself in farmer led protests not only in Ireland but also in France, Netherlands and Germany. The nature of these protests across Europe differed from prior actions as they were the culmination

of individual discontent and often managed by recently convened organisations and often disassociated from the main national farmer body. At a European level, the voice for farmers is COPA and IFA works nationally and internationally to ensure our farmers' voice is heard. Division of our unified demands dissipates our strength and impact.

The impact of African Swine Fever (ASF) on Chinese protein demand played a major role in driving up the price of European pigmeat although the discovery of an outbreak of ASF in Poland in May was a reminder of the risk to all markets that an animal disease brings.

Trade

Undoubtedly the signing of a political agreement between the EU and Mercosur at the end of June was a huge blow for the European beef sector. For years IFA had pointed out the lack of equivalence in standards on agriculture practice, environment, traceability and animal welfare concerns between the EU and Mercosur countries and were supported by all major European beef producers.

A Mercosur negotiated duty free beef quota of 99,000t over 5 years represents further erosion of the profitable but declining European prime beef steak market. IFA continues to voice its opposition to this deal which will require ratification by the European Parliament (late 2020).

Phil Hogan's success in securing the Trade post in the new Commission means that Ireland's agriculture concerns and priorities will continue to be present at the table in Brexit and future trade negotiations.

CAP Post 2020

The Agriculture Committee of the new Parliament continue to review the Commission Proposals on CAP post 2020 with a vote not anticipated in Plenary before the summer. A decision on the MFF may be delayed until Germany's Presidency of the EU beginning 1st July. A Transition Regulation has been proposed under the guiding principle of 'old rules, new money' and while a 1 year transition looks ambitious versus the more likely scenario of 2 years, some cuts are foreseen due to the reduced budget contributions currently proposed by Member States.

Green Deal

The European Green Deal, launched on December 11th 2019 by the President of the European Commission is Europe's Pathway to a sustainable future and is described as Europe's new growth strategy. Agriculture will fall under the Farm to Fork Strategy due in Spring 2020 but will also be impacted upon by the European Climate Law, the Circular Economy Action Plan and the Global biodiversity framework.



IFA President, Joe Healy and Agriculture Commissioner Designate Janusz Wojciechowski November 2019 COPA Praesidium meeting.

2020

IFA continues its campaign for improved competitiveness in the fertiliser sector. This represents a European farmer wide issue and by the middle of 2020 we will know whether the European Commission is prepared to cease protection of the fertiliser manufacturing industry by eliminating anti dumping charges on the import of Ammonium Nitrate from Russia. Implementation of the Unfair Trading Practices directive will continue at Member State level as will implementation of the regulation on Transparency.

IFA will continue its role of being to the forefront of all policy discussions that impact on Irish farm families and will seek to achieve the most favourable outcome possible.

Finally, we wish my Brussels office colleague Sarah Lucas continued good health as she recovers from her illness in April 2019.

Liam MacHale
Director of European Affairs

National Committee Reports





National Livestock Committee



IFA Protest against Brazilian Beef Imports. IFA took the protest against Brazilian beef imports, which fail to meet EU standards, directly to the EU Commission Food and Veterinary Offices in Co Meath.

Cattle prices

2019 was an extremely difficult year for beef and livestock farmers with cattle prices under pressure all year due to lower market prices and weaker demand in our major export markets in the UK and the EU, increased supplies and major Brexit uncertainty. Irish prime cattle prices were down 6.5% or 25c/kg on 2018 levels, having a severe impact on incomes.

R3 steer prices averaged €3.82/kg incl vat, which compared with the EU average for R3 young bulls of €3.83/kg and €4.12 in our main market in the UK.

2019 (Jan to Nov) Cattle Price Comparisons €/kg incl 5.4% Vat.

| Country/Region | R3 Steers | R3 Heifers | R3 Young Bulls | 03 Cows |
|----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|---------|
| Ireland | 3.82 | 3.94 | 3.62 | 2.94 |
| UK | 4.12 | 4.12 | 3.95 | 2.94 |
| EU avg | 3.99 | 3.95 | 3.83 | 2.99 |

Autumn prices were lower at €3.60/kg, following constant price pressure in the UK, where prices fell by 50p/kg (57c/kg) from Sept 2018 to Oct 2019.

Cattle finishers with young bulls had a very severe income hit this year with prices down an average of 50c/kg. On top of this factories imposed very penal and excessive weight limits.

IFA issue weekly price reports to the media, biweekly price updates on text, twitter, IFA app and the IFA website.

€100m BEAM Scheme

Following a strong campaign, IFA secured €100m compensation for Brexit beef price losses through the BEAM scheme, amounting to €100 per finished animal and €40 per suckler cow.

Due to unnecessary restrictions and production reduction requirements imposed by the Minister, over €20m of this fund will not be used. The Minister must re-allocate this money to beef farmers.

IFA is demanding a new scheme to cover cattle price losses since May 12th to be introduced.

Beef Taskforce and Protests

Having analysed the difficult market situation and the poor prices in the UK and across the EU, increased supplies and Brexit, IFA decided to focus on direct aid compensation as opposed to factory protests.

In the beef talks that followed the protests, IFA brought the other farm organisations together and focused on maximising gains around the specifications with an increase in the in-spec bonus to 20c/kg, a new 12c/kg in-spec bonus for 0-/4+ stock and an 8c/kg in-spec bonus for animals up to 36 months of age.

In addition, IFA secured the introduction of the Bord Bia Beef Price Index, which will bring more transparency and a review of the QPS price differentials as well as a breakdown of prices across the supply chain.

Brexit

IFA continued to keep the Taoiseach, Government and Brussels focused on the major challenges on farming and the agriculture sector, especially beef from Brexit. There was constant dialogue at the highest levels with Commissioners Barnier and Hogan, COPA and the NFU in Brussels and in Government on Brexit. IFA secured the €100m Brexit beef fund, a €110m Government Budget fund and a €1bn EU fund in Brussels in the event of a hard Brexit.

Supplies and Markets

Cattle supplies for 2019 are likely to be down about 50,000 head on 2018 levels. Despite having been 45,000 ahead of 2018 levels for the first half of the year, the overhang from the protests created a backlog from Sept to year end.

The UK remains Ireland's largest market outlet for beef in terms of price and volume, taking half of all our exports. The main EU markets are France, Italy, Holland, Germany, Scandinavia and Spain. China is fast becoming an important international outlet, with 19 factories now cleared to export and prices rising rapidly on the back of African Swine Fever (ASF) problems.

Live Exports

Live exports increased by 45,000 head to reach close on 300,000 head, of which over 200,000 were calves. The IFA Live Exports campaign maximised ferry and lairage facilities, with visits to Cherbourg and on-going work with exporters, DAFM, Bord Bia, and key operators. Last year IFA secured a reduction in live export levies on calves of €3.60 per head, worth €1,000 per load of calves exported. International live export markets to Turkey, Libya and other destinations were also important in 2019.

Carcase Trim and Price Transparency

Through protest and negotiation, IFA exposed the Department of Agriculture shortcomings in the controls on beef classification, carcass trim and weights forcing the Minister to name and shame non-compliant factories. IFA also highlighted the shortcomings in the DAFM trial and report on the introductions of new technology for carcass classification.

A new weekly Beef Price Index was secured to give increased transparency and IFA is campaigning against unfair trading practices and a fairer share out of prices for farmers.

Suckler Cow Supports

As part of the IFA campaign for €200 per suckler cow targeted supports, IFA secured the renewal of €45m in the BDGP scheme, €20m in the BEEP scheme and an additional €20m for BEEP+ in the October Budget.

Combined with the BEAM support of €40 per cow, BDGP of €95 on the first 10 cows and €80 on the remainder and €40 per cow on BEEP, and the new BEEP+, total suckler payments should reach €180 per cow.

Mercosur

IFA fought hard on the Mercosur trade deal with protests in Dublin and at the EU FVO offices. IFA lobbied constantly to expose the double standards by highlighting the failure of Brazil and others to meet EU requirements on the key issues of traceability, food safety, animal health, and environmental controls, including the burning of the Amazon rainforests.

IFA also lobbied for existing imports of 240,000t to be banned immediately to rebalance the European market and restore prices for farmers.

CAP Reform

With direct payments so important to livestock farm incomes, IFA is leading the campaign at National and Brussels levels to protect and increase the CAP Budget and maintain direct payments. Working with the IFA CAP Project Team, the National Livestock Committee has also lobbied hard on the critical CAP issues including of direct payments, convergence, coupling, targeting vulnerable sectors, genuine farmers, redistribution, simplification, subsidiarity, young farmers, increasing farm schemes/environmental payments and transition arrangements.

Direct Payments

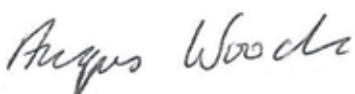
IFA secured a 70% BPS advance, with €750m paid out to 114,000 farmers on October 16th. In addition, IFA secured an increase in ANC payments of €23m in 2018 and a further €25m in 2019. Through the Charter of rights and IFA work, maximum pressure is kept on the Department of Agriculture to deliver all direct payment on time to farmers.

Direct payments are essential to livestock farm incomes, amounting to over 100% on net incomes for the majority of farm families.

IFA Livestock Representation

IFA represents livestock farmers with Bord Bia, Teagasc, ICBF and FAWAC as well as various Department of Agriculture groups. In addition, IFA represents Irish livestock farmers in Brussels in COPA and with the EU Commission, including holding the Chairmanship of the important EU Commission Beef Civil Dialogue group.

For 2020, IFA livestock policy will continue to focus strongly on farm incomes with cattle prices and direct payments to the fore. Brexit, CAP and Climate change will be priority issues. This strategy will be pursued across all issues at both national and EU level.



Angus Woods
National Livestock Chairman



Kevin Kinsella
Director of Livestock

National Dairy Committee



At one of the IFA's regional meetings on Managing Dairy Calves were: IFA National Dairy Chairman Tom Phelan, Dairygold Co-op Chairman John O'Gorman, ICOS Marts' Ray Doyle, ICBF's Andrew Cromie and Teagasc's Pat Dillon.

Dairy markets outlook improved after challenging start

Despite subdued output growth and relatively good demand, the early part of 2019 has seen weakening dairy prices. Operators were unnerved by trade disputes between the US and China, the US and Europe (US dairy import tariffs in retaliation for the Airbus/Boeing dispute), by pessimistic global economic predictions, but also by repeated missed deadlines for Brexit.

From mid-year or so, continued slow production growth, lower than normal powder stocks and solid demand, especially from Asia including China, have led to strong international powder price increases, and helped stabilise butter and cheese prices.

IFA has tracked those recent improvements through the Irish, EU and international indicators we monitor regularly, and on which we report in our regular Dairy Market Blogs and monthly Dairy and Liquid Milk Newsletters, and has publicised them to increase the pressure on Irish co-ops to pass back stronger milk prices.

IFA estimates that the international indicators we monitor (EU MMO, EU spot quotes, EU short term futures, GDT) have seen return increases of up to 5c/l since early August 2019.

The Ornuia PPI, which always lags a little, has lifted by 1.33c/l over the same period, with further improvements likely with firmer powder prices.

Rabobank, Eucolait, EDA, AHDB UK, the EU Milk Market Observatory and other market analysts expect demand to continue to outpace low output growth, which would feed into low powder stocks well into 2020, auguring well for dairy and milk prices. While butter trends are less positive – higher stocks, lower demand – prices have returned to historically normal levels of around €3700/t and appear stable.

Co-ops must show greater ambition on milk prices

IFA lobbying helped limit milk price cuts in the face of falling markets in the first half of 2019, but co-ops have been slow to pass on price increases in the autumn. IFA has called them out for going beyond what was needed.... and for showing too little ambition for spring 2020 milk prices.

Irish milk prices fallen behind European trends recorded in the LTO monthly league around May of 2018, and have underperformed since with a fast widening gap now reaching up to 4c/l.

Co-ops have also performed poorly relative to the Ornuia PPI for most of the last 12 months, with the exception of the West Cork Co-ops.

IFA has warned co-ops cannot rely on ongoing volume growth to boost farmers' monthly milk cheques, nor on their increased solids to overstate the real milk price. This is hijacking farmers' hard work: the difference between October and March solids could be as much as 3.8c/l – that's a cash-flow crippling €1600 shortfall on March supplies for our 500,000-litre supplier.

The National Dairy Committee has engaged with co-op board members throughout the year, and at year-end has held locally driven meetings with board members and management to discuss their plans to improve milk prices before spring 2020.

IFA promotes proactive policy on managing dairy calves

Irish farmers have a proud track record on animal welfare which compares favourably with our European colleagues. They care well for all their animals, including calves regardless of sex or breed.

Major expansion has taken place on many farms in response to the end of quotas and international dairy market opportunities. This has brought with it a significant increase in the number of calves born over the compact spring period, which is creating a strain on calf housing facilities and labour on farms, and therefore a real risk to the sector's reputation.

During the year, IFA developed and refined its policy on dairy calf management, proclaiming strongly that the responsibility for dairy calves, regardless of sex or breed, is firmly with the farmer on whose herd they are born. IFA produced a leading policy paper titled *Managing Dairy Calves*, providing for short- and longer-term measures along three main headings: actions on farm, by stakeholders, and by the government (Department of Agriculture).

IFA also ran four regional farmer meetings with excellent panel discussions involving all relevant stakeholders to raise awareness on this difficult topic. The following main measures recommended by IFA, and generally endorsed by the other stakeholders, were discussed in details:

In the short term:

- Communicating and insisting on best calf care and welfare practices on all farms;
- Encouraging farmers to make plans allowing them to retain calves a little longer on farms;

- Enforcing best calf welfare practice at marts, and for export;
- Optimising capacity and regulating bookings to ensure the smooth operation of live exports (exporters, shipping and lairage);
- Making early calf slaughter the very last resort, and phasing out its use.

In the medium to longer term:

- Supporting financially on-farm facilities, for fattening or for contract rearing (prioritising grants for calf housing, feeding, etc.) Minister for Agriculture Michael Creed responded with a €1.5m Calf Investment Scheme which must be adequately funded to ensure all eligible applications are fully met.;
- Using best genetics, and providing accurate breeding/genetic information on sale through mart-based platforms to build trust among beef farmer buyers;
- Setting up an Irish lab to sex our best bulls' semen, in the Irish production context, and training/encouraging farmers to use sexed semen;
- Communicating and educating farmers to change mindsets and proving the value of dairy beef as an economically sustainable option for beef farmers

IFA secures employment permit extension for dairy farmers

IFA lobbying secured 100 dairy assistant employment permits in 2019, in addition to the 50 permits delivered by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation under a pilot scheme further to IFA representations in 2018. As the Irish labour market is now at full employment, this has allowed expanding dairy farmers to secure quality employees from outside the EU/EEA.

Application processing delays had peaked at 16 weeks, coming back to 9 weeks in late 2019, but have now gone back up to 12 weeks. IFA has supported many farmer employers through the application process, including helping fast-track urgent cases.

IFA now represents farmer employers on the newly established joint Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and Department of Justice and Equality Economic Migration Employer User Forum. This is a consultative forum which will deal with administration as well as high level policy issues.

Tom Phelan

Tom Phelan
Chairman, National Dairy Committee

Catherine Lascurettes

Catherine Lascurettes
National Dairy Executive

National Liquid Milk Committee

Retailers pay too little for fresh milk

IFA National Liquid Milk Chairman John Finn said "Retailers pay dairies too little for milk. Dairies must sell harder, but retailers must take responsibility for the sustainability of suppliers, and I would like to see regulation requiring them to do so" he said at the IFA Retail event, addressed in October by UK Groceries Adjudicator Christine Tacon.

Specialised liquid milk producers supply fresh milk market year-round, at significantly higher costs. IFA has demonstrated they need 40c/l across the year to cover their costs and remunerate their own labour with a modest wage.

In the last few years, farmers have been paid 6 to 8 c/l below this break-even level. They need better winter payments to keep cows productive over the winter months, and dairies must deliver those.

Kantar World Panel figures suggest the average retail price for all types of liquid milk is 94c/l, with Private Label milk averaging 78c/l. This gives scope to shift margins to pay dairies a higher wholesale price, allowing them to pass on to farmers the stronger winter prices they need.

Dairies must work harder in selling to retailers, but we also need legislation which obliges retailers to take responsibility for the fair treatment of milk and other primary food producers

Farmers cannot carry the cost of cheap milk on supermarket shelves

Strengthening our case is the analysis by the German Food Economy institute IFE, which estimates the 2018 cost of putting a litre of (UHT) whole milk on German supermarket shelves at 39c/l in addition to the raw milk price. Retailers, at 11.4c/l, get the largest share from the value of the carton of milk.

Fresh pasteurised milk in Ireland would cost more to process, store and distribute due to the small size of the market and the necessary refrigeration.

But even if we assume that the cost after paying a break even farm gate price of 40c/l is another 40c/l, it is clear that farmers are carrying the cost of cheap milk when the average retail price for the 70% of all milk sold as Private Label is 78c/l (Kantar 2018).

Retailers are making too big a margin at the expense of farmers, while consumers have been enjoying ever cheaper milk, and lost the sense of its true cost.

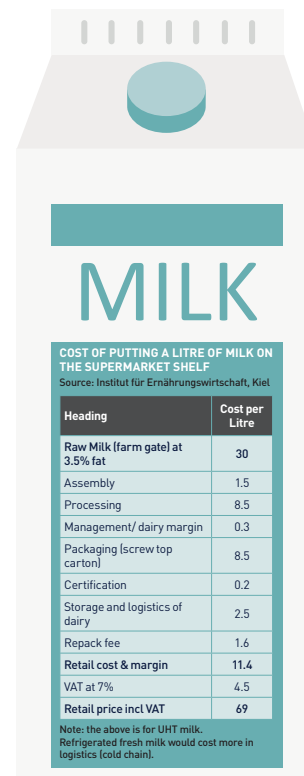
Farmers must be remunerated for surplus cream from fresh milk

IFA has this year shown that liquid milk producers, just like all other dairy farmers, have added massive value to their milk. Over the last 30 years, farmers have improved butterfat levels from an annual mean of 3.5% to 4.2% - with significant seasonal variations delivering much higher solids in autumn months for spring calved cows.

Fresh whole milk is only required by law to contain 3.5% fat, semi-skimmed 1.5% to 1.8% and skimmed less than 0.5%. This frees up a lot of spare butterfat (cream) which is then available for dairies to sell as wholesale or retail cream or process into butter.

Clearly, surplus cream is a "cash cow" for dairies: we estimate its value at around €85m for 2018 at wholesale prices. How much of this value is being passed back to the liquid milk farmers who produced it?

IFA has challenged dairies to improve their 2019/20 winter premiums or payments to farmers to duly reflect the additional value represented by the higher solids. This has provided an important element in producer groups' negotiation strategies this year.



John Finn
Chairman, National Liquid Milk Committee

Catherine Lascurettes
National Liquid Milk Executive

National Sheep Committee

Lamb Prices

Lamb prices were back 6.3% in 2019 to average €5.03/kg. UK prices were down 10% with Brexit uncertainty. IFA pushed prices all year, meeting the meat factories and MII and demanding maximum returns from the market. IFA provide twice weekly price updates text, IFA app, www.ifa.ie and twitter.

Supplies

Total supplies are back 220,000 head, with a reduction of 90,000 in hoggets and a similar reduction in ewes. Lambs were back 40,000, related to the backlog as a result of the beef protests.

Promotions

IFA worked with Bord Bia on domestic lamb promotions with 5 different phases in 2019, focusing on both the TV based Quality Assured lamb advertisement and EU funded promotions. Market access to Japan was secured and access to China is a major priority.

Lamb Festivals

Easter and Muslim festivals are very important features of the lamb market. For 2020, Easter is on April 12th. Ramadan starts 11 days later on April 23rd. The Eid Al Adha festival is July 31st. Up to 2024, there will be only one or two weeks between Easter and Ramadan, which has significant implications for the lamb trade.

Quality Assurance

While some factories have increased the QA bonus, IFA is continuing to lobby for an increase to 30c/kg to reward farmers and increase participants in the SBLQAS.

€10 per ewe Sheep Welfare Scheme

IFA secured €10 per ewe under the Sheep Welfare scheme, which continues to be available in 2020. A farmer with 150 ewes benefited by €1,500pa. IFA is lobbying for the scheme to be increased to €15 per ewe and extended beyond 2020.

Hill Sheep sector

IFA held its annual hill sheep farmers conference in Co Wicklow, with a farm walk and speakers from DAFM, ICM, Teagasc, Northern Ireland and others. IFA launched a strong 10-point plan for the hill sheep sector.

IFA Sheep Policy - €30 per ewe

The National Sheep Committee has worked on a strong sheep policy involving both EU CAP funding and domestic supports. The key elements include; the importance of the sheep sector, strong viable lamb prices, the need to tackle low sheep incomes, targeted payments of €30 per ewe, an increase in sheep welfare from €10 to €15 per ewe, Coupled and Eco scheme payments in CAP P1, higher Environmental and Farm scheme payments in CAP PII.

EID/Sheep tagging

IFA opposed the costs and bureaucracy with compulsorily EID imposed by Minister Creed. €100 per farmer was secured to defer the costs. IFA continues to lobby to get more factories and marts to operate CPR (Central Points of Recording) to reduce paper work as well as for one single EID tag for store lambs at marts.

Charges

IFA is lobbying to reduce charges imposed by Minister Creed and the factories through EID, clipping charges and unfair scrapie and SRM charges on ewes.

Brexit and Trade Deals

IFA continues to work with the EU Commission and the UK NFU so as there is no increase in the NZ sheep quota in Brexit and no additional imports from any EU/NZ/Aus trade deal.

Dog Control

IFA made a detailed submission to Government on responsible dog ownership highlighting dog attacks on sheep flocks and seeking key changes on databases, warden service and penalties.



IFA lobby Minister Creed on Sheep. National Sheep Chairman Sean Dennehy leads an IFA Sheep Committee delegation with mart representatives in a meeting with Minister Creed on sheep issues including lamb prices, increased direct supports and EID.

Sean Dennehy
National Sheep Chairman

Kevin Kinsella
Director of Livestock

National Pigs and Pigmeat Committee

Pig Prices and Market Review

2019 is the Chinese year of the pig and it is the Chinese market that has impacted on the world pigmeat trade and will continue to influence demand into the coming years. Margin over feed (MOF) is a key indicator of profitability or lack of, in the pig sector and 2018 and early 2019 witnessed a 20-year low at 28c/kg MOF. From early April the impact of the Chinese demand for pigmeat caused all European prices to rise and this demand has driven the price to almost €2/kg and a MOF figure of 90c/kg. The cause of this Chinese demand is the uncontrolled spread of African Swine Fever (ASF) which has caused an estimated reduction in Chinese pig production of 50% in 2019. This will be replicated in 2020 and take a number of years to recover pig production. The significance of this reduction will impact the global production market. As China produces and consumes 50% of the world's pigmeat, leaving a worldwide deficit of 25% of the world's most consumed meat.

African Swine Fever

ASF is not confined to China, with neighbouring Asian countries suffering similar devastating effects of this pig disease. In Eastern Europe the disease has been present since 2015 in wild boar population and is proving difficult to control with outbreaks in farmed pigs still evident in Romania, Poland, Hungary, and other eastern European nations. The risks associated with ASF present a huge risk to Ireland's pig production sector and the IFA has been engaged with the DAFM and the NDCC (National Disease Control Centre) in particular, on control measures to maintain Ireland's ASF free status.

DNA Scheme

The IFA reviewed the IFA-Pigmeat DNA traceback scheme and operated a more targeted campaign throughout 2019. Compliance levels remained 100% throughout 2019 in the retail sector on Bord Bia Quality Assured Pork and Bacon products tested, on both branded and own brand products. The DNA programme results on foodservice products has highlighted labelling loopholes that foodservice providers are availing of to give the perception, pre-prepared food is Irish, when the pork used is not necessarily Irish. While within the realms of the food labelling laws of the EU, IFA as an organisation, cannot allow misrepresentation of food sold in Ireland through the foodservice sector.

EU-Mercosur Deal

The IFA Pigs Committee objected to the EU trade deal with Mercosur. The inclusion of an additional 25,000 tonnes of pig meat in the tariff free quote allocated to Mercosur countries in South America will undermine the high quality, high environmental and welfare standard pork produced in Ireland and across the EU.

AMR Antimicrobial Resistant

The IFA Pigs Committee have engaged with the current AMR debate. The IFA Pigs Chairman, Tom Hogan attended a number of meetings with the Department of Agriculture, and is fully committed to the correct and responsible use of antibiotics in pig production. Methods to ascertain current usage levels of antibiotics by the pig sector and promotion of best practice will be encouraged by the IFA.



Pigs Chairman Tom Hogan meeting Minister on TAMS funding for the pigs sector, joined by Maurice O'Brien and Robert Malone

Thomas Hogan
Chairman, National Pigs & Pigmeat Committee

Robert Malone
National Pigs & Pigmeat Executive

National Poultry Committee

Poultry Campaign

The Poultry Committee Chairman Andy Boylan, led a campaign in early 2019 to increase the farmers portion within the food chain and ensure that extra costs on the farmer side were recognised. This campaign began with negotiations with broiler processors to get increased payments due to the steady inflation of growing cost incurred over the past 2 years. The campaign continued to include meetings with retailers and secondary processors. A protest in February to target misleading labelling of chicken products by Kerry Foods attracted plenty of attention, from both the media and stakeholders within the sector. The reduced margins of broiler growers were highlighted in a number of retailer targeted demonstrations.

Processor Negotiations

In conjunction with the campaign to highlight reduced farmers margins in the sector, broiler grower groups and committees engaged in ongoing negotiations with processors. The two main processors, Western Brand and Manor Farm both came to agreements which will see graduated payment increases and bonuses introduced in 2019 and into 2020.

EU-Mercosur Deal

The IFA Poultry Committee objected to the EU trade deal with Mercosur. The inclusion of an additional 180,000 tonnes of poultry meat in the tariff free quote allocated to Mercosur countries in South America will undermine the high quality, high environmental and welfare standard poultry produced in Ireland and across the EU.

Environmental Issues

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a review of their annual charges for all sectors, including intensive agricultural (pig & poultry) in 2019. IFA met with EPA representatives throughout the year to highlight problems with the review process, which were aimed at rewarding compliance with holders of EPA licenses, but offered no incentive, only threat of increased cost for poultry farmers. Engagement is ongoing with the EPA on this annual charge review.

Poultry Litter and Manure

The Department of Agriculture introduced a new commercial document in 2019 to improved traceability and accountability for poultry litter. The document was introduced in response to concerns on animal health issues which may be linked to the spreading of broiler litter. The IFA had to engage with the DAFM retrospectively as they did not seek any input from farmers in developing the new commercial document. The DAFM also



IFA poultry farmers led by Chairman Andy Boylan outside Aldi store in Monaghan. The group protested over the failure of all retailers to recognise the cost of production of chicken. The group staged similar demonstrations outside Dunnes Stores, Tesco, Lidl and SuperValu.

categorised all manure from poultry in the same category. IFA have highlighted the different types of poultry manure, such as layers manure, which presents zero risk to animal health. The IFA continue to push the DAFM to review this singular categorisation.

TAMS and Financial Investment

The Poultry Committee continued to lobby for a substantial increase in the €80,000 investment limit under TAMS. With an underspend in the Pigs and Poultry TAMS allocation, it was made very clear to Minister Creed that the scale of the operation in both intensive productive sectors of pigs and poultry require significantly more investment than the current limit allows for. With increasing demand for Irish grown and processed chicken, continued investment will be required inside the farm gate. The IFA has had positive engagement with the main banks on the provision of finance to the sector at favourable terms. The IFA Poultry Committee will continue to push for lower interest rates, and favourable support from the banking sector.

AMR Antimicrobial Resistant

The IFA have engaged with the DAFM and their processors in tackling the AMR issue. All poultry farmers have played a significant part in the reduction of use of blanket oral medication. The Irish poultry sector is fully committed to full accountability of all medication and the responsible use of antibiotics in the production of all poultry.

National Grain Committee



Laois-Offaly IFA Protest GAIN Portlaoise. The IFA Grain Committee blockaded Glanbia feed mills and negotiated higher grain prices.

Sustainable Grain Prices

According to the Teagasc Annual Review and Outlook report for 2020, incomes in the cereal sector fell by 24% in 2019. Despite good yields this harvest, the 30% decrease in the cereal price from 2018 resulted in a significant drop in income.

Record grain harvests in the UK and Europe put significant pressure on native prices, however a campaign by the IFA Grain Committee at least ensured that Irish growers received prices above import parity.

IFA will continue to demand that quality assured Irish grain should not be dictated by the price of imported GM feedstuffs, which do not conform to the regulatory and environmental standards, demanded by the EU Commission and the Irish Government.

Glanbia Grain Protest

Due to the derisory grain price from Glanbia, IFA organised blockades at the Glanbia feed mills in protest at the offer. Following a week of action, the IFA Grain Committee succeeded in negotiating an increase to Coop members of €3/t extra for barley and €5/t for wheat. An upward only market review and a commitment from Glanbia to implement a strategic plan for the grain sector were also agreed.

3 Crop Rule

Following lobbying from IFA, which called on the Minister to recognise the difficulties farmers were facing in complying with greening regulations due the weather issues, DAFM has written to Brussels seeking a derogation on the 3-crop rule.

Prioritise Irish Grain

Despite 2018 being one of the lowest harvests on record, some growers were left with grain in store going into this harvest in 2019, due to the importation of feed ingredients. The IFA Grain Committee highlighted this issue and are demanding that the Irish animal feed, drinks and food sectors prioritise the use of Irish grains.

Must be Level Playing Field for Irish Tillage Farmers

According to figures from Eurostat, Ireland has imported over 3 million tonnes of non-EU maize in the past three years with Canada, Ukraine and Brazil being the main sources of the product. This has coincided with a major reduction in Irish grain production.

IFA will continue its campaign to highlight this issue in order for Irish tillage farmers to compete on a level playing field. These non-EU countries do not have equivalent standards to Irish grain in relation to traceability, sustainability, the environment, GMOs etc., yet they have displaced native cereals in livestock rations.

Bord Bia / Origin Green

Members of the IFA Grain Committee met with Bord Bia chief executive Tara McCarthy to advise her that the credibility of the Bord Bia Origin Green scheme could be undermined by the high import levels of feed and drink ingredients.

IFA is demanding that Bord Bia include a stipulation to prioritise Irish grain in their quality assurance schemes, in order to support local cereal producers and safeguard the credibility of the origin green brand.

The Grain Committee will also push Bord Bia to recognise those feed merchants whose ingredients are predominately Irish, and to encourage branding of rations which contain a high percentage of Irish sourced ingredients.

Irish Whiskey

The IFA Malting Barley Committee met with Drinks Ireland and Irish Distillers to discuss the use of Irish ingredients in Irish Whiskey, particularly in relation to the its PGI. IFA is insisting that Irish whiskey is made from Irish ingredients. In addition, all ingredients, including straight barley used in the whiskey process, should receive a premium.

Malting Barley

Following negotiations between IFA and Boortmalt, a new pricing model was agreed based on the French FOB Creil model. Malting barley growers had the option of forward selling 20% of their green barley crop at €230/t and a further 20% at €195/tonne. If both offers were availed of, growers could have forward sold 40% of their crop at €212/t. For any crop not forward sold, the pricing structure was based on an average FOB Creil barley price from April to September.

CAP 2020

IFA has campaigned on the critical importance of an increased overall CAP budget. Tillage farmers have been disproportionately affected by the current CAP due to convergence and greening issues, and any continuation of these types of measures would only contribute to the further decline of the arable area in this country.

IFA will lobby hard to ensure that tillage farmers are treated fairly in the new CAP negotiations. The sector needs an increase in the protein payment and other targeted coupled supports to be considered for Pillar I. Regarding Pillar II, greater flexibility is needed in farm schemes so that tillage farmers qualify for higher grant rate payments.

Straw price

The IFA Grain Committee led a campaign this harvest to maintain a viable straw price. There have been further meetings

with the main mushroom composters to discuss the introduction of straw contracts, and some progress was made with Monaghan Mushrooms regarding a sustainable price for this year's wheaten straw.

Loss of Chlorothalonil and Redigo Deter a major blow to sector

Despite a considerable lobbying effort by IFA, the EU Commission decided not to renew the fungicide Chlorothalonil however, IFA did succeed in delaying the decision at EU level, which will now allow farmers to use it up until late May of 2020.

The loss of Redigo Deter for the control BYDV was another serious issue and IFA wrote to Minister Creed seeking a derogation for use of the product this Autumn.

The loss of these products is a hammer blow to the sector, and the Grain Committee has called on the Minister for Agriculture Michael Creed to put supports and measures in place to mitigate the effects of the loss of these vital active ingredients.

IFA will continue its campaign regarding the use of glyphosate and ask regulators to continue to follow the scientific over the political approach.

Seed Sector

The IFA Grain chairman and members of the Grain Committee met the Irish Seed Trade Association (ISTA) to discuss issues concerning seed growers and the general sector.

Irish seed producers grow seed to a voluntary code, which is above the EU Standard. Therefore, they need higher premiums for producing this high-quality seed.

TAMS Tillage

IFA has met the DAFM to discuss issues regarding the TAMS tillage scheme. Topics included financing, reference costs, minimum spend and the addition of new items to the scheme, such as weigh bridges and loader weighers.

IFA described the delay by the Minister for Agriculture Michael Creed to approve all applications for recent tranches of the TAMS as totally unacceptable, and has asked him to allocate more resources to ensure that all applications are successful in the next TAMS allocation.

Tillage Industry Ireland

The Grain Committee has collaborated with a number of other representative groups within the cereal sector to form Tillage Industry Ireland. The aim of the grouping is to work together in order to stabilize the sector, which has been in freefall in recent years.



Mark Browne
Chairman, National Grain Committee



Pat Farrell
National Grain Executive

National Farm Business Committee



IFA held a protest outside of AIB's AGM on 24th April 2019 as part of its sustained campaign against the bank's proposal to include certain farmer loans as part of its loan sale.

Budget 2020

The Farm Business Committee is responsible for developing and coordinating IFA's taxation policy. This includes the development of formal proposals annually, in consultation with other sectors, and responding to short-term taxation issues that arise. The taxation measures below were delivered as part of Budget 2020, following meetings and consultation with the Departments of Agriculture and Finance:

- **Earned Income Tax Credit:** of €1,350 is being increased to €1,500, effective from Jan 2020.
- **CAT:** The Group A tax free threshold, which applies primarily to gifts and inheritances from parents to children, is being increased from €320,000 to €335,000. This applies from 9th October 2019.
- **Stamp Duty Relief for Young Trained Farmers:** will remain unchanged.
- **Farm Restructure Relief:** the current relief available to farmers for consolidation of farm holdings has been extended to 2022.

Future Growth Loan Scheme

After successful lobbying by IFA for further low-cost agricultural loans, the Future Growth Loan scheme was opened in 2019. The fund of €300m is aimed at farmers seeking unsecured capital investment loans, minimum of €50,000 up to €500,000. The loan process is 2-tiered: 1) application to SBCI 2) apply to credit institution with approval from SBCI. The fact that no security is required has insured that these loans have been very popular with farmers; further funding is required to ensure the scheme continues. IFA will continue to highlight to the Minister that low cost working capital loans are also required, particularly with the volatility in the beef sector of the last year.

Committee meetings with banks

Throughout the year, the IFA Farm Business Committee has engaged in a number of policy areas with BOI, Ulster Bank and PTSB to highlight issues of relevance to different farm enterprises. The Farm Business Committee has been prioritising issues relating to access and to the cost of credit.

Irish Banking Culture Board

IFA was invited to make representation to the IBCB. The IBCB is an independent industry initiative established and funded by the five retail banks in Ireland with the aim of rebuilding trust in the sector, through demonstrating a change in behaviour and overall culture. The role of the IBCB is to be an independent voice advocating for cultural change in the Irish banking industry.

Credit Review Office

The Credit Review Office (CRO) is an independent office, which provides a credit appeals process for SMEs including farmers. IFA met with them to highlight issues of concern to farmers in relation to credit applications and refusals, sales of loan books and other barriers to competition in the banking sector; particularly significant with Brexit.

The CRO offers a valuable appeal process, which is open to farmers who are dissatisfied with the interaction they have had with their banks when trying to appeal. In addition, they deal with changes to existing credit terms and conditions. Further details are on www.creditreview.ie.

Debt Support Team

IFA has continued to assist farmers across the country in credit difficulty, through the IFA helpline and the local offices, with the professional support of Mr Brendan Stafford. The team engages with banks and asset management companies on issues arising for individual farmers with distressed loans. The Debt Support Team has assisted over 500 farmers with this service.

AIB protest

IFA held a protest outside of AIB's AGM on 24th April 2019 as part of its sustained campaign against the bank's proposal to include certain farmer loans as part of its loan sale. This protest highlighted the lack of interaction by AIB in dealing with farmers who had been making attempts to restructure and pay, or who were trying in good faith to negotiate or renegotiate loans. The IFA Farm Business Committee believes loans should not be sold to a vulture funds who do not offer long term solutions to the farmers.

FRA

IFA is maintaining contact with Revenue and continuing to closely monitor the flat-rate addition usage review, ensuring that it is being carried out in a fair manner and to ensure the credibility of the scheme is being maintained.

Property Registration Authority - Customer Focus Group meetings

IFA continues to attend PRA Customer Focus Group meetings. These provide an opportunity for consultation on a range of issues and the dissemination of information on any changes planned or being introduced. For instance, IFA was informed that the old laws will apply for the registration regarding easements / rights up to end of December 2021, after that it is still possible to register an easement, but the new laws will be applied.


Submissions

The Farm Business Committee made the following submissions during 2019:

- **Finance Bill 2019:** regarding the increase on Carbon tax, IFA proposed that a similar Diesel Rebate Scheme, which is currently in operation for road hauliers, be introduced for agricultural contractors.
- **Pre-Budget 2020 submission:** proposals on expenditure and taxation priorities.
- **Low Pay Commission Minimum Wage consultation:** the volatility of the exchange rate and ongoing current uncertainty with Brexit were highlighted; also, how high input costs, particularly those of labour in some farming enterprises, affect competitiveness with Member States and the sustainability of the Irish agricultural sectors.
- **European Semester 2019:** National Reform Programme: proposing further support for decarbonising agricultural schemes; support for farmers following Brexit and rebalancing of power between bankers and borrowers.



Martin Stapleton
Chairman, National Farm Business Committee



William Shortall
IFA Farm Business Executive

National Environment & Rural Affairs Committee



Walking the walk on climate action are Joe Healy, IFA president; Richard Bruton, Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment and Thomas Ryan, IFA Environment Executive.

Proposed carbon tax on dairy and beef production shelved

IFA President Joe Healy and Environment Chair Thomas Cooney led a successful national campaign in 2019 opposing the Citizens' Assembly's proposed carbon tax on dairy and beef production. The Association lobbied all political parties and stopped the proposed additional cost on farm businesses. The Government's Climate Action Plan published in June accepted all other recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly, except the proposed tax on dairy and beef production.

Hands off the national herd - implement the Teagasc climate roadmap

Throughout 2019, IFA resisted continuous calls for a reduction in the national herd, when addressing the climate challenge. According to the EU's Joint Research Council, Ireland's dairy farmers are the most carbon efficient at milk production in the EU and our beef farmers are in the top five. Therefore, at a time of increasing global demand for dairy and beef, it is essential that this production takes place in sustainable regions, such as Ireland. IFA's climate campaign has also called for the co-

ordinated implementation of Teagasc's 2030 climate roadmap to be led by the Department of An Taoiseach. This must focus on the delivery of policy measures to support farm-scale and community-based renewables, greater supports for LESS slurry spreading equipment, as well as full recognition of the carbon stored and sequestered in our soils, hedgerows and forestry.

Nitrates derogation remains at 250kg Org N. following Department review

Summer 2019 saw IFA run a tight nitrates campaign, in response to the Department of Agriculture's decision to carry out an early review of the nitrates derogation. Five well attended and informative regional meetings took place across the country, with IFA setting out the key objectives in the campaign and guest speakers from the ACA providing technical presentations. In addition, submissions were made by IFA, with TDs and Senators being met across the country. This activity of IFA at national and local level has paid dividend, with the nitrates derogation being retained for the 7,000 farmers that avail of it each year. Also, there are no additional requirements on lower stocked farms.

Sustainability Brief focuses on importance of meat and dairy in your diet

During 2019, IFA began issuing a monthly *Sustainability Brief*. Topics covered included the latest EPA climate figures and the importance of milk and dairy in a balanced diet. Meat is an important source of iron, providing 18% of the dietary requirement. Milk, yoghurt and cheese are rich sources of calcium (providing 39% of calcium requirements in Irish diets), protein, iodine, vitamin B12 and vitamin B2. On climate, while emissions associated with agriculture increased in 2018, it is worth noting that transport continues to be the significant driver of increased climate emissions in Ireland. Greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector have increased by 137% since 1990.

To receive your monthly Sustainability Brief email environment@ifa.ie or log onto the environment section of the IFA website.

Standing firm in support for farmers affected by proposed South Kerry greenway

In October a delegation, including IFA's National Environment Chair Thomas Cooney and Kerry County Chair Pat O'Driscoll, made a robust presentation in Tralee at the oral hearing for the proposed South Kerry greenway. IFA once again outlined support for the greenway, concerns regarding the proposed CPO and challenged Kerry County Council's heavy-handed approach when dealing with landowners.

Farmers' Smart Farming work is a winning formula

Smart Farming continues its good work throughout 2019 and into 2020. The voluntary resource management programme was awarded the inaugural Talamh Agri-innovation sustainability award at the RDS Spring awards in April. In September, the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment selected Smart Farming as a Sustainable Development Goals Champion for 2019 and 2020. Farmers who took the Smart Farming challenge in 2019 identified ways to reduce their costs by €6,300 and their climate impact by 10%. If you would like to take the Smart Farming challenge then please email smartfarming@ifa.ie

Time to get tough on litter louts

Littering and serial dumping by passing motorists and others continues to be a blight on our countryside. The on the spot fines introduced in 2018 have failed to act as a deterrent and Government must now step in, amend the legislation and impose more severe sanctions on serial dumpers. IFA has also called on Government to review the existing laws and ensure that farmers and homeowners are no longer held legally responsible for the reckless dumping by others.

ASSAP focuses on collaborative water care

ASSAP, the sustainability water advisory programme ran by Teagasc and the dairy co-ops, with the oversight of the Departments of Agriculture and Local Government, continued to work with farmers throughout 2019 focusing on key areas for water quality improvement. A number of farm walks took place, as well as studies of local streams and rivers with farmers.



Smart Farming focuses on cost and environmental savings. Left to right; UCD's Dr. Paddy Wall and Dr. Karina Pierce; IFA president Joe Healy; Andrew Doyle, Minister of State for Food, Forestry and Horticulture; Fiona McCooile, EPA and Thomas Cooney, IFA and Smart Farming.

Thomas Cooney

Thomas Cooney
Chairman, National Environment Committee

Thomas Ryan

Thomas Ryan
National Environment Executive

National Farm Family & Social Affairs Committee

Nursing Home Support Scheme

Following a sustained campaign by the IFA over many years, on the 11th June 2019 the Government approved the draft Heads of the Nursing Home Support Scheme (Amendment) Bill 2019. It proposes to introduce a 3-year cap subject to the person receiving care meeting the following eligibility criteria:

- The farmer, partner or spouse, or a family successor must have worked on the farm for three out of the previous five years.
- A family successor must commit to continue to farm for a period of not less than 6 years. (This excludes farms that are leased to third parties as these are classified as an investment asset rather than a productive asset).

The draft Heads of Bill reduce the potential financial burden and allow farm families to plan for the cost of nursing home care.

However, the exclusion of leased farm land to a third party from the scheme is a concern that is inconsistent with Government policy, which has actively encouraged farmers to enter into long-term leases. In November, IFA made a presentation to the Joint Oireachtas Health Committee seeking that leased land be included under the three-year cap. Furthermore, IFA is also seeking that (i) the five-year clawback on transferred land is amended, as it is grossly unjust and is acting as a barrier to the next generation taking over the family farm and (ii) that as a result of the delays amending the legislation that the three-year cap is applied from July 2018, when the proposal was originally approved by Government.

As of October 2019, there were 684 farmers availing of support under the Fair Deal scheme.



IFA Unfair Deal protest outside the Department of Health at the delays implementing changes to the scheme, on 16th April 2019.



Minister Creed, Caroline Farrell, Joe Healy and Minister Breen at the launch of Farm Safety Week 2019.

Farm Health & Safety

There have been 19 fatalities in agriculture, forestry and fishing/aquaculture officially recorded by 28th November; this is broken down as follows: 16 in agriculture and 3 in fishing/aquaculture.

IFA was involved in a number of campaigns during 2019 to promote health and safety, these included:

- UK and Ireland Farm Safety Week. The initiative, which is led by the IFA in Ireland, aims to reduce the number of accidents on farms and bring about a change in culture that makes unsafe practices socially unacceptable. The message for this year's campaign was: Save Lives. Think Safety – Farm Safely. IFA, in partnership with the Farm Safety Advisory Partnership, organised a series of farm safety demonstrations to show safe working practices. Over 400 farmers attended the demonstrations.
- Green Ribbon Campaign to End Mental Health Stigma. IFA, in partnership with See Change, Mental Health Ireland and Coillte, organised nine walks nationally to support the campaign to reduce stigma associated with mental health.
- Mind Our Farm Families phoneline (1890 130 022). IFA and Pieta House continued to provide support and counselling to farmers who are feeling suicidal and their farm families. In addition, IFA promoted the 'Feel Good' campaign at the National Ploughing Championships, that encourages people to take the first steps towards better mental health.
- Hands for Life. IFA partnered with Irish Heart Foundation to provide free CPR training for farmers and rural communities.
- Rural GP training. IFA liaised with the GP Vocational Training Scheme to develop a Rural GP module as part of GP training scheme, to better prepare and encourage GPs to work in areas.

Farmer to farmer safety programme

IFA used the branch structure within County Executives to pilot the farmer to farmer safety programme. The programme aims to deepen farmers understanding of the safety risks on their farm and to empower them to improve safety, by facilitating and supporting shared learning and cooperation between other farmers locally.

In 2019, over 60 farms were visited in Tipperary, Clare, Wexford, Kildare and Limerick during the year with multiple branches taking part in some counties. The farms visited were a mixture of different enterprises and ranged in size from 30 to 400 acres. They included single unit operations (both male or female), family run farms with children and elderly parents and some of the farms had full-time employees. In all the farms visited the dwelling house was situated on the farmyard or a very short distance from the farmyard.

The groups consisted of between 3 to 5 farmers. There was an initial meet up in the farmyard where an overview was given of who lives and works on the farm and what activities take place in the farmyard. A walk on the farm then took place, focussing on the following areas: livestock housing and handling unit, machinery, farmyard and workshop. This was repeated on each of the participating farms.

The feedback from participants has been very positive with all of them making changes following the farm visits to improve safety on the farm.

Caroline Farrell
Chairperson, National Farm Family & Social Affairs

Geraldine O'Sullivan
National Farm Family & Social Affairs Executive

National Potato Committee



Donal Butterly IFA, Aoife Hearne Dietician, Gerard Tuite IFA and Thomas McKeown IFA Potato chairman at the launch of the Queen Potatoes last July.

Review of 2019 season

The planting and growing season were generally favourable. Drought conditions were a concern at the beginning of the season however, irrigation was only necessary in mid-May for the drier areas of Kilkenny and Carlow. In contrast harvesting conditions were particularly difficult and it is expected that up to 10% of the crop could remain in the ground until next Spring. The poor conditions also led to crop losses and could have an impact on storage quality.

Retail

IFA ran a major media campaign to highlight the weather difficulties affecting the sector. The potato committee arranged meetings with all retailers to ensure that farmers receive a sustainable price which reflects the investments and challenges in the sector.

Planting survey

IFA's annual planting and variety survey contacted 172 potato growers which representing an area of 7041ha. According to DAFM BPS figures the total area planted this season was 8260ha.

The main findings were:

- An increase in area of 3% from 2018 representing the second lowest planted area on record.
- Further decrease of traditional varieties such as Kerr Pinks and Golden Wonders.
- No reduction in the area of crisping, salad potatoes but an increase in chipping and processing potatoes.

EU Potato Promotion

IFA in conjunction with Bord Bia and the IPF were successful in their application for a second EU potato promotion fund. Ireland is now partnered with organisations in Belgium and France along with Europatat. This campaign will focus on millennials and has an overall budget of €1.95 million. Irish growers and industry will have to contribute 20% of the funding but this will be matched by 80% cofunding from the EU. The last campaign achieved its aim by increasing the consumption of potatoes.

Market Price Reporting

Price information is collected weekly and sent to growers via text message and published on ifa.ie. This information is also published in the Farmers Journal along with information in relation to stocks and market trends.

National Potato Day (NPD) 2019

IFA were actively involved in another very successful NPD which was co-ordinated by Bord Bia. This year's theme was *Like, Share Cook Spuds: Bringing the Potato from on-the-boil to on-line*. The campaign focused on modernising how potatoes are viewed and used by millennials. A number of potato committee members hosted events around the country on their farms

Fresh Chip potato project

Ireland currently produces less than 10% of potatoes for the fresh chip sector. The fresh chip project was developed to increase the area of chipping potatoes grown domestically through improved agronomy and marketing. In 2019, IFA and Teagasc arranged a number of grower's meetings with key industry experts present to discuss the varieties and storage strategies. Bord Bia also carried out two stages of research with consumers and chip shop owners to investigate the potential of the sector

Plant Protection Products

The IFA along with Teagasc held several meetings to explore alternatives for Diquat and CIPC in particular this year. The non-renewal of Diquat and CIPC is causing grave concern for growers and IFA will continue to work on the approval of alternatives at European level and temporary MRL's.

Thomas McKeown
Chairman National Potato Committee

Patrick Farrell
National Potato Executive

National Aquaculture Committee



IFA Aquaculture Chairman, Michael Mulloy, IFA Aquaculture Executive, Teresa Morrissey & IFA President, Joe Healy at the inaugural IFA Aquaculture Conference held in Galway in September 2019.

A New Perspective

Over the past number of months, IFA Aquaculture has been undergoing the process of essential change with the formation of a new structure within the IFA. IFA Aquaculture is comprised of representatives from all sectors of the Irish aquaculture industry, this includes all stakeholders that farm fish, shellfish, seaweeds and for other novel species that may be cultured around the coastline. This new consolidated representative body will replace previous representative bodies, namely Irish Shellfish Association (ISA) and Irish Salmon Growers Association (ISGA).

This process was formalised during the inaugural IFA Aquaculture Conference & General meeting in September 2019. The conference was opened by the IFA President, Joe Healy, with over 200 delegates in attendance, which was supported by BIM who hosted 'Taste the Atlantic-Celebration of Irish Aquaculture' as part of the event.

Key Activities

FEAP Award of Excellence in Aquaculture was awarded to the late Richie Flynn in recognition of his contribution to the sector at European level. The award was presented to the Flynn family at an event hosted by IFA at the Irish Farm Centre in May 2019.

Restructured Levy payment system – as part of developing IFA aquaculture's overall membership, the levy payment system was restructured to a system which is based on percentage of annual turnover.

IFA Aquaculture Conference & General meeting was held in September 2019 where members ratified the formation of a single consolidated body and also ratified the IFA Aquaculture National committee, comprised of representatives across all sub-sectors of Irish Aquaculture.

Aquabusiness Higher Diploma course entered its third successive year at Carlow IT Wexford Campus. Course content is now available on a modular basis at Level 8 Certification.

DAFM engagement - IFA Aquaculture has established ongoing quarterly meetings with DAFM officials to enable discussion on aquaculture licensing issues, particularly clearance of the shellfish licensing backlog and the request for submission of EIS documents for the finfish sector.

Key Policies

Implementation of Aquaculture licensing review recommendations – IFA Aquaculture seeks a clear commitment from the Minister with regard to an implementation plan that prioritises and gives clear timelines for each of the recommendations outlined in the review.

Marine Spatial Planning Advisory group – IFA Aquaculture is represented on the Marine Spatial Planning Advisory Group. IFA Aquaculture prepared a submission on the Marine Planning Policy Statement, and is engaged with the current public consultation process on the draft National Marine Planning Framework.

Public Perception of Irish Aquaculture – IFA Aquaculture continues to highlight the positive aspects of Irish Aquaculture and the role Irish Aquaculture has to play in sustainable food production.

Strong National & International Representation – IFA Aquaculture provides strong industry representation nationally and internationally as a member of a number of national, EU and international representative bodies. Through the EU Aquaculture Advisory Council (AAC) and the Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP), the Irish aquaculture sector contributes to policy formation of the upcoming Strategic Guidelines for Sustainable EU Aquaculture, proposed EU Animal Health Law and the new upcoming EMFF programme (2021-27).

Teresa Morrissey
IFA Aquaculture

Michael Mulloy
Chairman, IFA Aquaculture

National Hill Committee

The Committee were involved in many issues throughout 2019 which had a positive impact on farm incomes.

The increase in ANC payments to 32,000 farmers with Mountain Grazing land was a significant boost with the maximum payment rising by 25% over 2 years to €4,240.

Following a meeting with Minister for Rural and Community Development Michael Ring, IFA secured a doubling of the allocation to the walks scheme. This meant the budget was now €4m and extended the walks scheme to 4,000.

Applications are now open through the local development companies.

At Comhairle na Tuaithe meeting IFA has raised the indemnification for farmers who allow their lands to be used for recreational purposes. The Minister has promised legislation which will protect landowners in the event of a claim.

Following progress on the burning of gorse to March in the 2018 Heritage Bill, IFA expressed concern that the Min for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Josepha Madigan did not allow burning to manage hill land last March. This issue will be pursued for March 2020.

The Hill Committee took up the case of 40 farmers who were penalised in their BPS and ANC payments in 2017 as part of

their mountain had burned even though they had not caused the fires. IFA attended many of the appeals and a successful outcome was achieved.

The 2019 Annual Hill Sheep Forum was held in Co. Wicklow in September. The Forum commenced on the farm of Denis Halpin where the locally led Sustainable Upland Agri Environment Scheme (SUAS) was highlighted. This was followed by the forum in Glendalough where speakers from lamb processors, Dept of Agric, the Northern Ireland Dept of Agric, Teagasc and IFA outlined issues relevant to Hill farmers. This forum is an important event to highlight the key issues which hill farmers want addressed.

The Hill committee were involved in all CAP discussions within IFA. Direct payments make up a significant part of farm income in Hill areas and a successful outcome to the discussions on the budget and the details at EU levels are of huge importance.

On the Locally Led Schemes 9 of them are in Hill type areas. The biggest ones are the Hen Harrier and Pearl Mussel areas where up to 2,000 farmers benefit to the tune of €5m annually. In addition a number of other schemes are at the pilot phase in upland areas.



A demonstration at the National Hill Sheep Forum 2019 on the farm of Denis Halpin Hollywood Co. Wicklow

Flor McCarthy

Flor McCarthy
Chairman, National Hill Farming Committee

Gerry Gunning

Gerry Gunning
National Hill Farming Executive

National Horticulture Committee

Due to the trends in plant-based diets and the issues around climate change the IFA horticulture committee has continued to lobby the government to implement policy which will expand the horticulture sector. IFA have called on Teagasc to employ extra advisors particularly in the apple sector.

The committee have been successful in persuading the main retailers to stock more Irish fresh produce such as tomatoes and onions. However, retailers are slow to offer increases at farm level to cover the increase in input costs. IFA are demanding that growers receive sustainable prices which recognise the increasingly higher standards of Irish food production.

Unsustainable discounting and below cost selling

IFA's continued its work throughout 2019 against irresponsible promotion campaigns by retailers. We are demanding that the government install an independent retailer regulator when it transposes the EU unfair trading practices legislation into Irish law.

Labour and Work Permits

Following extensive lobbying IFA was successful in getting the waiting time for permit applications reduced from 16 to 9 weeks. The 500 work permits, granted as part of a pilot scheme in the horticulture sector for workers from non-EEA, have now been allocated. IFA is currently lobbying to get the scheme reopened as there is further demand from the sector.

Scheme of Investment Aid for the Development of the Commercial Horticulture Sector:

A submission by IFA ensured that the Scheme will continue beyond 2020. The Horticulture committee will continue to seek further increases on the €6million budget.

Sustainable Horticulture Assurance Scheme (SHAS) and Origin Green

IFA has continued to meet with Bord Bia on the new Sustainable Horticulture Assurance Scheme in order to deal with grower issues with the new scheme.

Bord Bia must also ensure that companies who are in the Origin Green Schemes are held accountable in relation to the economic sustainability for the primary producer. It is critical that Irish product is given priority regarding sustainable local sourcing.

Producer Organisations

IFA has continued to encourage greater grower collaboration through the formation of Producer Organisations (PO's). A third PO called Unigreen has recently got approval in the country. Under CAP 2020 there are proposals to increase the percentage spend on environmental actions to unworkable levels. IFA have lobbied the Minister, MEP's and the EU commission on the issue.

Nursery Stock

IFA/IHNSA, together with Bord Bia organised two plant/trolley fairs for nursery stock producers aimed at reducing the importation of nursery stock produce. IFA made a submission to the DAFM plant health strategy looking for stricter controls on plant imports and compensation if producers are forced to destroy plants due to notifiable disease outbreaks.

Soft Fruit

IFA was again involved in the organisation of 'Celebrate Strawberry Week' along with Bord Bia and growers in the soft fruit sector.

Mushrooms Sector

Brexit uncertainty and the weakness of sterling continued to have a negative effect on the mushroom sector. A meeting was arranged with Minister Andrew Doyle to discuss government support and measures in the event of a hard Brexit.



IFA Horticulture Chairman Paul Brophy with Mairead McGuinneas MEP, leads delegation in Brussels to discuss issues affecting the Horticulture sector.

Paul Brophy
Chairman, National Horticulture Committee

Patrick Farrell
National Horticulture Executive

National Farm Forestry Committee



IFA met with Commissioner Hogan at the European Commission, Our Forests, Our Future conference in Brussels.

2019 Forestry Programme

The afforestation programme in 2019 continued to decline with 3,238 hectares of new forests established by October 2019, which represents an 8% decline in the afforestation programme compared with October 2018. However, it is 60% below the afforestation target of 8,000 hectares set out in the Climate Action Plan. Nearly €63 million was paid to private forest owners in forest premiums in 2019.

There was a significant increase in forest road construction in 2019, with over 75,000 linear metres of new forest road constructed, which represents a 33% increase. Approx. €400,000 was paid out under the Forest Road Scheme to support this construction. Reflecting the maturity of the private forest estate the number of felling licences issued nearly tripled in 2019 (approx. 4,000 licences issued) compared with 2018. The felling licences were issued to clearfell 8,433 hectares and to thin 46,462 hectares.

Review of Approval Processes for Afforestation

Following representation from IFA, Minister Doyle appointed Jim Mackinnon, former chief planner with Scottish Government, to undertake a review of the afforestation planning process. In November 2019, the report was published and identified significant hurdles that were acting as a barrier to afforestation. Some of the key recommendations from the report include:

- Proactive approach to case management to address licence backlog, as well as active monitoring so pace of decision making improves significantly.
- Pre-application discussion should be introduced.
- Improve quality of applications by providing additional training to registered foresters and suggestion that Environmental report is included with application.
- Streamline consultation with Prescribed Bodies.
- Change title of Senior Inspector to Chief Forester to signal

a move away from a solely regulatory role to a greater emphasis on the promotion of forestry.

- Fees to be introduced for making a submission on an application or lodging an appeal.
- Review of the current Act and Regulations to reduce the amount of detailed processes prescribed in statute.

UCD Leitrim Forestry report

In August 2019 the independent study to assess the social and economic impacts of forestry in County Leitrim was published. The report estimated that the economic value of the forest sector in Co. Leitrim was €26.5 million and employed 309 people. 75% of owners were farmers (full-time, part-time and retired) of which 66% had planted forests on their own land.

Value your Forest Asset

IFA commissioned a study, supported by the Department, to provide information to forest owners on the value of their forest assets and the returns from timber sales as the crop matures. The results from the study were presented at a roadshow to increase farmers' understanding of the value of their forest asset and how best to optimise returns from active management.

Appropriate Assessment Procedures

The forestry programme in 2019 has been blighted with delays processing licence application (afforestation, forest roads, felling and aerial fertilisation) in forests within or near Natura sites. To address the delays, additional costs as well as the increased complexity of the Appropriate Assessment procedures, IFA made representation to the Department and secured the recruitment of an additional Ecologist.

Ash Dieback Policy Review

IFA has made continued representation to the Department for the re-introduction of a Reconstitution Scheme (Chalara) to support farmers to manage the devastating consequence of the disease on the commercial value of their timber crop. IFA is seeking that forest premiums are paid on replanted land for 15 years and that the option not to replant, without penalties, is available under certain circumstances.

Coillte Farm Partnerships

IFA continued to meet regularly with Coillte to ensure that farmers' concerns with their Coillte Farm Partnerships are being addressed.

Vincent Nally
Chairman, National Farm Forestry Committee

Geraldine O'Sullivan
National Farm Forestry Executive

National Rules, Privileges and Procedures Committee

Function of the Committee

The Committee's function under the rules is "to advise Council for Council to decide" on all matters concerning the Constitution and Rules of IFA and on all matters of voluntary organisational procedure and discipline at all levels within IFA.

On a day-to-day basis, this work involves upholding and applying the rules of IFA, while at all times respecting the rights of individual members and the authority of the Council as the governing body of the Association.

National Treasurer/ Returning Officer

The rules designate the National Treasurer/Returning Officer as Chairman of the Committee and also give him responsibility for all IFA elections and election procedures. Tim Cullinan served in this role until 25th July, in advance of announcing his candidature for the IFA Presidency. In his absence, the Deputy President Richard Kennedy took over the functions of National Returning Officer.

Conduct of Elections

The Committee and the Secretary supported the National Returning Officer in the conduct of the 2019 IFA National Elections including:

- Issuing the time-table for elections,
- Recommending the Code of Conduct to Council,
- Calling for nominations for all positions,
- Setting out the recommended formats for the IFA Presidential Debates and for the County Executive debates and voting for the positions of Regional Chairman in Munster and Connacht and officiating at the latter meetings,
- Releasing members' information to candidates while respecting data protection requirements,
- Publishing IFA Election newsletters providing candidates' material,
- Publishing the meeting details of the 944 Branches participating in the elections and
- Carrying out the IFA National Count to declare the election results.

The National Returning Officer also conducted National Committee elections for Vice Chairmen and Management Committees in the earlier part of the year, and officiated at the elections of Chairmen at the close of the year. Advice was also provided to County Executives in regard to the procedures for the conduct of elections of representatives to National Committees.

Rules & Procedures

The Committee provided advice as follows:

- Recommended a rule change specifying that branch nominations must come from a duly convened branch meeting (adopted by Council)
- Set out the Council attendance requirement of the County Chairman/Vice Chairman
- Put forward new rules for a streamlined IFA Aquaculture (approved by Council) and
- Drafted the rules changes required to implement the recommendations of the IFA Diversity Report (ongoing).

Support & Good Governance

The National Returning Officer and the Association Secretary provided dedicated induction training for new Council members and also ongoing advice and support for officers, executive secretaries and regional staff on a wide range of issues at county and national level.

A Code of Conduct for Members of National Council, National Committees and Commodity Sections was adopted by Council on 16th April.



Richard Kennedy IFA Deputy President at the national election count in 2019.

Richard Kennedy
Chairman, National Rules Committee, National Returning Officer

Bryan Barry
Secretary, National Rules Committee, Association Secretary

National Rural Development Committee

ANCs

The Committee having delivered on the ANC review throughout the year in 2018 the vital income support scheme was implemented effectively in 2019.

The review as well as protecting existing areas brought in an additional 2,000 townlands with 4,000 farmers benefitting for the first time. 700 townlands were excluded and IFA ensured that there was an Appeals Process set up to deal with townlands who were unfairly taken out.

A number of meetings were held with the Department of Agriculture and the Committee focussed on the increased budget of €250m and how the new payment rates would reflect the natural handicap. Over 2 years the allocation to the scheme had increased from €200m to €250m.

The rates of payment for 2019 were increased with €9m going to 32,000 farmers with Mountain Grazing land, €6m to 59,000 in More Severely Handicapped Areas, and €1m to Less Severely Handicapped Areas. There was no change for Off Shore Islands as already they received the maximum payment. €9m was allocated to farmers who came in for the first time.

Over 100,000 now benefit from ANC with up to 77% of Ireland now designated. 2019 payments commenced in mid-September with an 85% payment made. The remaining 15% was paid in early Dec.

750 farmers who lost out got an 80% payment in 2019. Full payment will be restored if their land is again included.

IFA's will be campaigning in the next CAP to increase the allocation for the scheme to €300m per annum in the next CAP was ramped up in 2019 and will be top priority in the next RDP.

GLAS

48,500 farmers are now in the GLAS Scheme worth €210m.

IFA ensured that payments were made on time with over 38,000 paid in early November, 3 weeks earlier than 2018.

IFA secured their 85% advance payment with the 15% balance to be paid in early 2020.



Lobbying for strong support for Farm Schemes in Budget 2020. (l-r) Joe Brady Chairman IFA National Rural Development Committee, Joe Healy IFA President, Minister for Finance Paschal Donoghue, Patrick O'Donovan Minister of State at the Dept of Finance and Martin Stapleton Chairman IFA Farm Business Committee.

Detailed discussions took place with the Department on many of the technicalities in the scheme to ensure problems with the scheme were ironed out.

Among the issue taken were the situation where Teagasc/FRS service was broken to the farmer due to personnel changes.

TAMS

Over 26,000 farmers had applied for TAMS by the end of tranche 15 with around 24,000 farmers having received approval to proceed with work.

11,300 farmers who have completed work received payments worth €110m up to the end of 2019.

IFA put significant pressure on the department for early approval and quick payments. Also the issue of farmers who were turned down on the selective criteria and most farmers were accepted by year end.

An allocation of €82m has been secured for the scheme in Budget 2019 for 2020, which is €12m more than 2019.

IFA secured increases in standard cost which will ensure that actual costs are reflected in the grant aid paid.

Solar panels were added to the list of eligible items in the course of the year. IFA continues to make the case for additional items in TAMS and to get an ongoing review of standard costings.

IFA will be insisting that the full allocation of €395 is paid out fully in the current RDP.

Knowledge Transfer

There were 1,150 KT groups involving 19,200 farmers (10,000 beef farmers, 4,500 sheep farmers, 4,500 dairy farmers with the remainder in poultry and equine).

Year 3 payments commenced in October for the KT groups in line with the Charter of Rights.

The scheme is worth €23m, €14m of which goes to farmers.

IFA is pressing for the continuation of KT Programme in line with CAP transitional measures.

RDP 2014 – 2020

The Committee is represented on the 2014- 2020 RDP monitoring committee. IFA's main objective is to ensure that the full allocation of €4.146bn is spent by the end of 2020. By Sept 2019, 63.1% of funds had been spent compared to an EU average of 44.0%.

Budget 2019

IFA successfully lobbied for increased funding for Rural Development measures in Budget 2019.

The allocations secured were - agri-environment schemes €234m, ANC's €250m, TAMS €82m. Other rural development measures include €19m for sheep welfare, €44m for BDGP.

Charter of Rights

The Charter of Rights commitments have been pressed strongly by the Rural Development Committee particularly in the light of the very difficult situation on Beef farms. While there may have been slippage on some schemes, on major schemes such as BPS and ANCs, KT, GLAS were broadly delivered on time. Significant pressure is being made to ensure that all farmers are paid in the year to which the scheme applies. The Charter of Rights will be reviewed in line with the next CAP.

Leader Programme

IFA is involved in the new Leader structure through the LCDCs at local level.

The level of expenditure on the Leader programme to date is very sluggish with only €38m having been approved for projects to date out of a total allocation of €250m.

The Committee now believes that Leader should be taken out of the RDP and be supported by the Regional and Social Fund.

Locally Led Agri-environment schemes

The Locally Led agri-environment schemes in the Hen Harrier areas, Pearl Mussel, and other EIP's were available in 2019. IFA is insisting that most of the funding goes to farmers and the farmers already in GLAS should also be eligible.

CAP

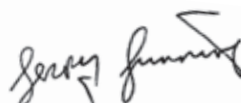
The Committee took up many issues under all schemes under Pillar I and Pillar II and addressed many technical issues in the course of the year.

IFA participates in the EU Civil Dialogue meetings in Brussels which is inputting into the CAP post 2020 discussions.

The priority in the current RDP is to ensure all funding is spent and in the next CAP to get a significant allocation of Pillar 2 funds to overall limit of €5bn.



Joe Brady
Chairman, National Rural Development Committee



Gerry Gunning
National Rural Development Executive

National Animal Health Committee



Pat Farrell, John O'Rourke, VI, Fergal Morris, MSD, Minister for Agriculture Michael Creed at the launch of the pig and dairy sector specific guidelines

TB

IFA has made detailed proposals of necessary changes to the TB programme to the Minister for Agriculture Michael Creed that will advance eradication of TB and reduce the cost burden on farmers.

These include enhancements to the;

- Compensation schemes
- Wildlife Control Programme
- Bio-security advice
- Testing approach
- Breakdown Management

IFA has rejected the proposals from the TB Forum which includes additional cost burdens and restrictions for farmers until the shortcomings in the current compensation schemes are resolved

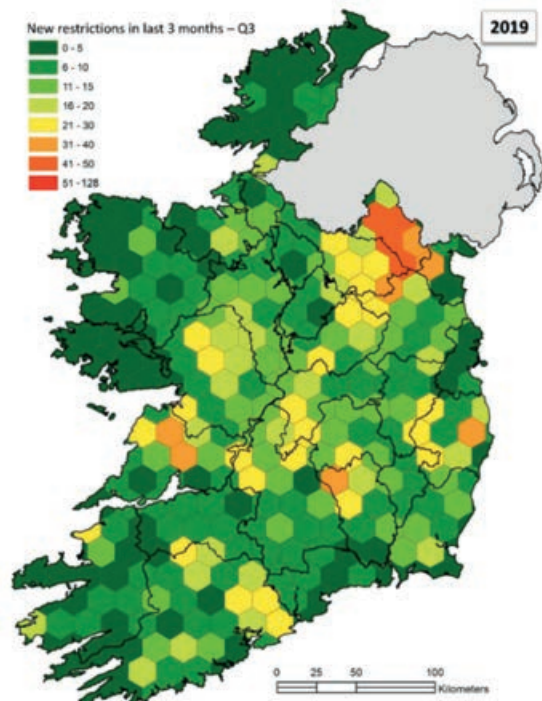
EU 30-day pre-movement test proposal for animals leaving herds more than 6 months tested

IFA has highlighted the costs and anti-competitive impact of this proposal, including the lack of a scientific basis, directly to the Minister for Agriculture Michael Creed and our MEP's since February.

IFA has insisted the Minister and our MEP's strongly reject this proposal.

Quarter 3 2019 Stats

- The number of herds restricted at the end of Q3 2019 was 2,329. This is 7% higher when compared with 2,174 herds restricted at the end of Q3 2018.
- The number of reactors has reduced by 897 (7%) from 13,172 Q3 2018 to 12,275 at Q3 2019.
- 109,698 herds (98% of all herds) have bTB free status.



Pat Farrell

Pat Farrell
Chairman, National Animal Health Committee

Tomas Bourke

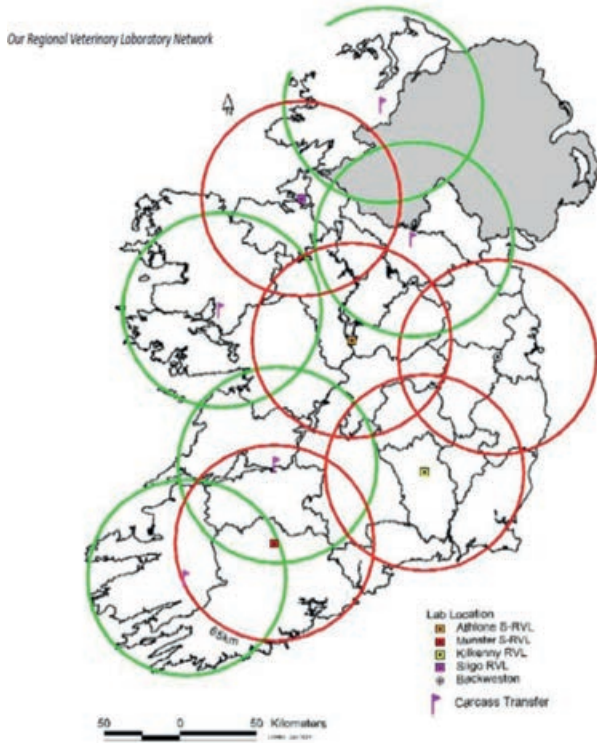
Tomas Bourke
National Animal Health Executive

IFA Secure €33.5m for State Laboratory Service

The €33.5m investment announced by Minister for Agriculture Michael Creed in the Department's laboratory structure recognises the strong and consistent position put forward by IFA of the need for investment in our Regional Veterinary Laboratories.

This strategic plan crucially underpins the regional footprint of the laboratory services, which is a key issue sought by IFA. The addition of extra collection points makes the service more accessible for farmers.

The new proposal will bring 98% of herd owners within 65km of a centre, making the network more accessible for farmers. The centres in Cork and Athlone will be upgraded and have staff with expertise to provide world class diagnostic service, specialising in the types of animals in their respective areas, enhancing the levels of specialist diagnostic advice to farmers.



Antimicrobial Resistance

IFA in conjunction with other stakeholders has launched sector specific guidelines for the pig and dairy sectors which provide key practical advice to assist farmers in reducing the need for antibiotics.

Vat on vaccines

Farmers spend €40m annually on vaccines of which €10m is VAT. IFA are progressing with DAFM and the Department of Health the removal of VAT from vaccines which is worth €10m in savings to farmers.

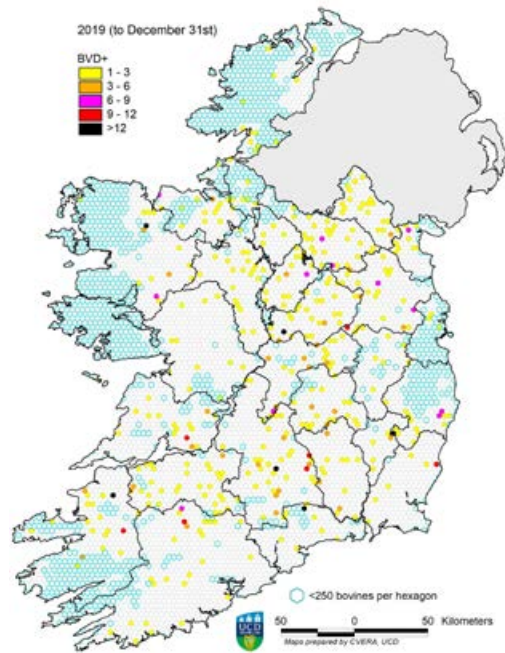
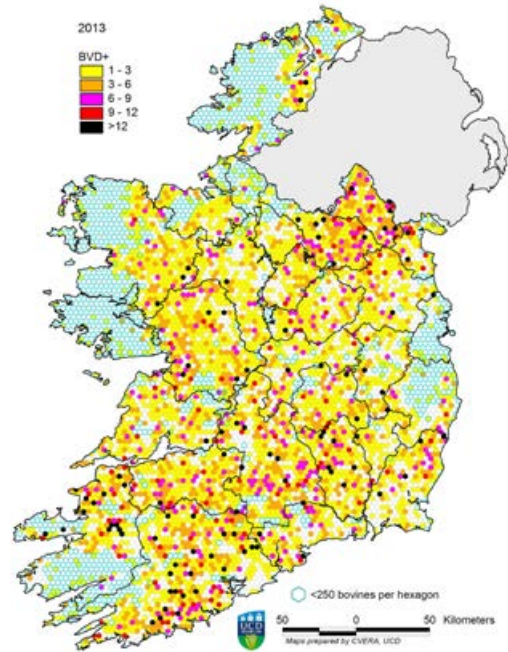
Fallen Animals

IFA have met the Department of Agriculture on the issues with the current Fallen Animal Collection service. IFA are seeking a competitively priced collection service for all farmers where collection within reasonable timeframes is guaranteed.

BVD

Significant progress has been achieved to-date in reducing the levels of BVD in the National herd, however, the challenge is to achieve eradication of the disease and remove the testing requirement for farmers within the shortest feasible timeframe. Additional measures will be included in the 2020 programme to achieve this.

In 2013 there were 13,877 PI's in 9,485 herds. In 2019 these figures have reduced to 987 PI's in 557 herds.



EU Veterinary Medicines Regulations

IFA strongly defended the current supply routes for anthelmintic's and sought changes to the prescribing process for veterinary medicines in the new EU Regulation. IFA is pursuing changes to the prescribing process for anthelmintic's and other non-antibiotic veterinary medicines that will maintain competition in the supply chain for these products.

Fresh Milk Producers

2019 was a year of major change for FMP and liquid milk supplied to Glanbia. The final details of a new 5-year LMSA (Liquid milk supply agreement) were negotiated and agreed with Glanbia by the FMP Negotiation Team led by FMP Chairman Jim Mulhall. As part of the new LMSA, there was a restructuring element to the deal, which offers the option to exit liquid milk on a voluntary basis. As this was such a major decision for many FMP members, the FMP negotiation team endeavoured to ensure that all FMP members were fully informed of their options regarding the future supply of liquid milk under the LMSA and voluntary restructuring options. Local FMP groups held meetings and Chairman Jim Mulhall along with members of the FMP Negotiation team, presented details on the LMSA and took feedback to Glanbia. The LMSA is a radical new agreement with a major restructuring of the supply base contained in the agreement. The agreement is to run for 5 years which started in October 2019. It will give dedicated liquid milk suppliers clarity and security on both liquid volumes and liquid premium for a 5-year period. The conversion of all winter schemes to the Glanbia Autumn Calving Scheme is also a major component of the LMSA as the majority of FMP members supply winter scheme milk currently. While FMP did not historically have a right to negotiate on winter scheme milk terms and conditions, as it was such an important element within the new LMSA, FMP

negotiated a number of flexibilities and concessions into the ACS specifically for FMP members supplying liquid milk.

The main points of the 5-year new Liquid Milk agreement took effect from 1st October 2019 and contains the following:

- A restructuring element for suppliers wishing to exit liquid milk, with associated 3-year restructuring contribution
- Liquid milk premium adjustment
- Liquid milk volumes
- Conversion of all winter schemes into Autumn Calving Scheme (ACS) with optional growth element
- Growth option for all suppliers wishing to expand winter milk production
- Liquid fixed milk price

New Team Member: Larry Hannon stepped down from the FMP Negotiation Team at the AGM in April after serving his full term on the team, including two very successful years as FMP Chairman. John Wynne, from Baltinglass, was elected onto the negotiation team.



FMP Management Committee on a farm walk on Pascal & Paddy O'Connell's farm, Co Waterford in September

Jim Mulhall

Jim Mulhall
FMP Chairman

Robert Malone

Robert Malone
FMP Executive Secretary



Communications

Media Coverage

2019 was a very busy 12 months on the media front, with beef issues and climate to the forefront of media coverage.

Our focus has been to secure the maximum coverage of the IFA message across all media, including print, broadcast and digital.

The IFA page in the Farmers Journal provides a weekly opportunity to highlight IFA activities and events.

As part of our policy to build engagement with members, 22 direct messages were sent from the President to members via email in 2019. 10 of these contained video. According to research, 61 percent of users have a preference for a frequency of receiving emails at least once a month.

Analysis of the main broadcast news programmes during 2019 shows that our message on the key issues reached an audience of over 20 million people (Source: JNLR).

Appointment

Fran McNulty was appointed Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Correspondent with RTE in July. This is an important commitment by RTE to coverage of our issues.

The contraction of resources in daily newspapers means specialist correspondents no longer exist, which poses a challenge for coverage of our issues.

IFA website

IFA's main online platform - www.ifa.ie – is updated daily with news on IFA campaigns and policies, and with information and updates relevant to agriculture, farming and IFA member interests.

Content was updated and refreshed in all sections of the website during 2019.

More than 225,000 users accessed the IFA website during 2019 – almost 80% of these were new users.

In total, the website was accessed more than 540,000 times during the year, with nearly 1.8m page views. The most popular content on the website during 2019 included: market reports, our election microsites, schemes and payments, sector pages, and member benefits. 60% of the website users access the website on mobile or tablet devices.

IFA App

The IFA App has enjoyed strong growth since its launch in April 2017, with over 8,600 downloads in total, with the app launched 3,000 times daily. It has 12,500 daily page views.



IFA president Joe Healy confronts the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar about Brexit losses at a farmers protest outside the cabinet meeting in Cork.

Social media

IFA has continued to develop its presence and impact on social media, increasing to over 19,600 Twitter followers. This represents an increase of 20% during 2019.

On average, 10,000 people view IFA tweets each day. IFA also maintains a Facebook account, which has grown its followers by 50% during 2019.

Email

A monthly Dairy Newsletter is issued via email to dairy members. We plan to continue to build on and expand email communications during 2020.

Internal communications

IFA communicates with members via online and offline communications including via email, text messaging, newsletters and advertising.

Niall Madigan
Head of Communications

Ethel Horan
Communications Manager

Oireachtas

Lobbying

IFA continued to advance the position of farmers by communicating the members' case to Oireachtas members/ relevant Government Departments through:

- Building relationships with the Taoiseach and Government Advisers, Government Ministers / TDs / Senators
- Devising / executing IFA's political operation at national / constituency / county
- Briefing / lobbying front bench spokespersons in the Opposition parties
- Organisation / preparation of IFA presentations to Oireachtas Committees
- Developing a good working relationship with Oireachtas Committee Chairmen / Clerks to Committees
- Co-ordination / organisation of presentations to County Councils (where relevant)
- Ensuring Government backbenchers and all-party Oireachtas Committees are aware of IFA's position / policy on relevant issues
- On-going liaison with Political Parties' Press Offices and Advisors
- IFA presence at Ard Fheiseanna.

Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 – IFA Compliance

Since 2015, IFA is a registered lobbyist. In a calendar year, IFA submits our lobbying activities at three different periods and have made 1,272 lobbying entries over twelve return periods, on a very broad range of issues covering all sectors, which sees IFA at the very top of the lobbying register in terms of activity.

Lobbying Regulation – Code of Conduct

In 2019, IFA made a submission to the Public Consultation for the Second Review of the operation of the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015

IFA Lobbying Campaigns in 2019 included:

- Brexit
- EU Multi-Financial Framework Post 2020 / Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) Budget
- Climate Change / Climate Action
- BEAM – Beef Emergency Aid Measure
- Live cattle exports
- Heritage Act 2018
- River Shannon Maintenance Programme / Flooding
- Budget 2020
- Finance Bill 2019
- Carcass Trim and Classification
- Rural Crime Prevention and Farm Security
- Charter of Farmers' Rights
- Beef Data and Genomics Programme
- Targeted Agricultural Measures (TAMS) II
- Mercosur Trade Deal – Implication for Beef Sector

- EU Directive on Unfair Trading Practices (UTPs)
- Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2014 – 2020
- Independent Aquaculture Licence Review
- Contributory Pensions
- Fair Deal Scheme
- Mushroom Industry - implication of Sterling Devaluation
- Deer Management
- Glyphosate
- Scheme of Investment Aid for the Development of Commercial Horticulture Sector
- Mental Health - 'Let's Talk and Walk' Campaign
- Work Permits for Non-EU Nationals
- Veterinary Medicines
- Water Environment (Abstraction) Bill 2018
- Competition in the EU Fertiliser Market
- Equine - Brexit Implication and Foal Registration / 30-day notification
- Sheep Welfare Scheme
- Compulsory Electronic Identification of Sheep (EID)
- Greenways
- TB Eradication Programme
- Organics Scheme

IFA made presentations / submissions in 2019 to the following Joint Oireachtas Committees:

Agriculture, Food & the Marine on

- The Future of the Beef Sector in the context of Food Wise 2025
- TB Programme
- EU Directive on UTPs,
- IFA Submission to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture Food and the Marine on the Future of the Beef Sector

Business, Enterprise and Innovation

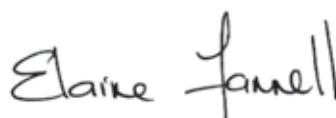
- IFA Submission on pre-legislative scrutiny on the General Scheme of the Employment Permits (Consolidation and Amendment) Bill

Health on

- Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the Nursing Homes Support Scheme (Amendment) Bill 2019

Seanad Special Select

- on the UK's Withdrawal from the European Union & the Implications of the Withdrawal for Agriculture and the Food Sector



Elaine Farrell
Oireachtas Executive

Organisation

Member Benefits & Services

The benefits package associated with IFA Membership significantly outweighs the membership subscription cost with members saving up to €750 annually.

IFA Member Services offers members the opportunity to talk directly to an agent regarding membership matters, local farming and policy related queries. It acts as an important check in with members and answered over 100k member calls in 2019.

IFA Telecom announced John Hayes, rugby legend and IFA member, as a brand ambassador with a view that it will help grow further awareness of the service for members.

A continuous effort is maintained around reviewing and improving the benefits package for our members. In 2019, IFA negotiated an increase to the FBD voucher to €85 and significantly improve the Personal Accident policy for members with benefits increasing by as much as €5,000. In addition, a new motor deal was signed with KIA Ireland.

Farm & Home Business

- Personal Accident Cover with FBD
- €85 off motor, home & farm insurance with FBD
- Exclusive savings on home phone / broadband & exceptional customer service with IFA Telecom
- High speed Fibre broadband for members with IFA Telecom
- 10% off and €140 cash back with Bord Gáis Energy
- Exclusive discounts and a wide range of mobile handsets with Vodafone
- Competitive mobile phone and mobile broadband price plans with Vodafone
- Exclusive mobile upgrade offers with Vodafone
- Up to €300 off with ifac
- 1 Years Free road tax with KIA Ireland.

Leisure/Travel/Lifestyle

- 15% off with Original Irish Hotels
- 15% off motorist fares with Stena Line
- 20% off family tickets for Dublin Zoo
- 10% off global car hire and 15% off van hire with Hertz
- 12% off health screening with the Mater Private

Personal Development

Farm Business Skillnet training programmes for individuals, IFA branches and Discussion groups.



Orlagh McNamara, IFA Head of Marketing, John Hayes and James Kelly IFA Director of Organisation at the announce of IFA Telecom's new Brand Ambassador.

Member Support Helplines

As the needs of the Associations members grow, so do the range of free member helplines and support services. Some of the most popular regularly subscribed services include:

- Legal helpline
- Direct Payments and Inspections
- Debt support service
- Pieta House helpline
- Health and safety
- Crime prevention
- Training and development

Membership

The total number of voting members of the Association is approx. 72,000. The total Association membership when taking all membership channels into account (main member, family, associate and countryside) was at 74,000 at year end.

Membership income represented approximately 60% of operational income and supports a wide range of services for members including the local office support structure, member communications (membership card/pack, newsletters, web, social media), personal accident insurance, voluntary officer structure and participation, the member benefits programme, member supports (Debt Support Service, Direct Payments and Inspections, Legal Helpline, Pieta House) and all major activity on campaigns.

European Involvement Fund – IFA Levy

The European Involvement Fund (EIF) income represents approximately 40% of the Association's operational income and contributes towards ensuring all farmer interests are professionally and comprehensively represented at European & International level. The income from EIF is influenced by changes in price, volumes and efficiency levels.



An evening celebrating IFA partnerships. James Kelly IFA Director of Organisation, Regina Moran enterprise director Vodafone, Anne O' Leary Vodafone CEO, Fiona Muldoon FBD CEO, Evann Murphy CCO eir Business and Tim Cullinan Chairman of IFA Member Services.

Member Education and Development

The IFA's training division, Farm Business Skillnet, provided training in 2019 to many including;

- IFA Executive Council
- National Commodity Committees
- 2018 IFA Future Leaders Programme
- Pre AGM Skills training
- Discussion Groups and IFA Branches on Health & Safety, First Aid, People Management, Strategic Planning, Agri Law, Dairy Business Seminars, Farm Safety Statements preparation, Labour Management

Crime Prevention

IFA's Crime Prevention Office had a busy 2019 helping members and rural communities combat the threat of loss and business interruption. Through awareness campaigns, practical Crime Prevention tips were provided at critical periods to give IFA Members a reminder and to encourage them to be proactive in security matters and how to secure and protect property. IFA raised rural crime and security matters through engagements with the following:

- Justice and Equality Committee of the Oireachtas
- An Garda Síochána Police Commissioner
- The Garda Inspectorate
- The Policing Authority
- Rural crime prevention officers



The 2019 IFA Future Leaders at a three day training programme focused on Leadership and Business Planning – encouraging young Members to get involved in their organisation.

Tim Cullinan

Tim Cullinan
Chairman, Member Services

James Kelly

James Kelly
Director of Organisation

Project Team Reports





CAP & Brexit

The CAP & Brexit Project Team met on several occasions throughout 2019 to devise policy recommendations for National Council to protect Irish farmers' interests in response to Brexit, and the EU proposals on the CAP Budget and the operation of CAP post 2020.

IFA lobbied the Government and EU at the highest levels for compensation for Brexit-related beef price losses, which resulted in the €100m BEAM scheme, and to prevent the reintroduction of a hard border on the island of Ireland, which was agreed in the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement. IFA continues to press for a BEAM II scheme to compensate producers for further losses and we are totally committed to protecting Irish farmers' interests in the EU-UK trade negotiations, which will take centre stage during 2020.

Joe Healy
Chairman

Bryan Barry
Association Secretary/
Assistant Director General

IFA organised CAP consultation meetings throughout the country during 2019 to get farmers' views on the next CAP and detailed submissions were made to the Department on the SWOT analysis which will inform the CAP Strategic Plans 2021 – 2027.

Technical meetings were held with the Department and the Commission on detailed aspects of the new CAP covering both Pillar 1 and Pillar 2. With transitional regulations now proposed, there will be no agreement on CAP until well into 2020, for implementation in January 2022 at the earliest. IFA will continue to work hard at both EU and national level to maximise CAP support to active farmers.

Elaine Farrell
Brexit Co-ordinator

**All National Committee Chairs
& Executives**

Horse

Thoroughbred Foal Levy Committee (HRI)

The 2020 foal levy bands will continue as were for 2019. The levy allocation is follows: Irish Equine Centre €960,000, ITBA €450,00, ITM €450,000. There was also a significant contribution made to the Irish Horse Welfare Trust. IFA sits on the HRI thoroughbred Foal Levy Committee

30-Day Foal Notification

Breeders' concerns at three IFA meetings during the year on the new 30-day foal notification system, introduced in Ireland in 2019, have been pursued. This industry agreed initiative is administered by Weatherbys Ireland and is a key recommendation in the ADTF (industry stakeholders) report. There has been little interaction or communication from the stakeholders, which support this new system of notification of foal births.

Richard Kennedy
Chairman, Horse Project Team

IFA supports the principle of the 30-day foal notification, the purpose of which is equine welfare, transparency and traceability and encouraged breeders to comply with the scheme.

IFA believes that a similar notification system should operate here in Ireland to that operated by Weatherbys in the UK and has made representation on this to HRI, ITBA, Weatherbys Ireland and the Department of Agriculture.

COPA-COGECA / Brexit

IFA engaged with HRI, ITBA and ITM on the implications of Brexit for the Irish equine industry.

James Murphy was re-elected as Chairman of the COPA-COGECA Horse Group representing Irish horse breeders in Brussels where key issues are equine welfare, Brexit, imported horse meat controls and likely AMR (Anti-Microbial Resistance) regulations and CAP reform 2020-2027.

Elaine Farrell
National Horse Executive

Smart Farming

Smart Farming identifies cost and environmental savings in 2019

Smart Farming, the voluntary resource efficiency Programme run by IFA in partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency, continued identifying cost and environmental savings in 2019. The Programme engaged with over 1,000 farmers during the year, and farmers who took the Smart Farming challenge identified ways to reduce their costs by an average of €6,300 and their climate impact by an average of 10%.

Thomas Cooney
Programme Leader, Smart Farming

Smart Farming was also awarded the inaugural Talamh Agri-innovation sustainability award at the RDS Spring awards in April. In September, the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment selected Smart Farming as a Sustainable Development Goals Champion for 2019 and 2020. If you would like to take the Smart Farming challenge then please email smartfarming@ifa.ie

Thomas Ryan
Programme Manager, Smart Farming

Flood

In the course of the year IFA has had several meetings with the Ministers for the Office of Public Works Boxer Moran to secure greater resources to alleviate flooding.

A number of natural restrictions and pinch points on the River Shannon in the Banagher area and in the Lanesboro area are being removed to allow a better flow of water and help to avoid summer floods.

Dredging of part of the Shannon continued in 2019. Funding and work continues on the Dunkellan area of South Galway.

IFA has insisted that designations of the river must not result in works being stopped. Progress on this has resulted in key projects continuing.

The relocation scheme introduced for houses which consistently flood, has been available. In addition farmers can make a case for farm yards which are continually under threat in flooding situations. Uptake has been low

Padraig Joyce
Chairman, Flood Project Team

It is a requirement under the EU Floods Directive that Catchment Flood Risk Management Plans (CFRAMS) management plans are in place for all areas. IFA has had representation in the South Galway area, the Dublin area and surrounds, the South-East, the North East, Neagh Bann area and the Cork area.

Several meetings were held with local authorities who were in charge of the minor work scheme, to prioritise the protection of coastal areas, banks on rivers, as well as remedial work to alleviate flooding.

The cap on projects being accepted has increased from €500,000 to €750,000 and this is now available. In addition, farm yards can be considered for assessment like all other businesses and a calculation for land was done on the basis of standard outputs.

IFA has insisted that projects which have been previously turned down for support would now be eligible.

Gerry Gunning
National Rural Development
Executive

Direct Payments

- IFA pressed strongly for the delivery of all direct payments worth up to €1.8bn on time in 2019.
- Participation in 3 Charter of Farmers Rights meetings were crucial with the Department answerable to the commitments laid out in the Charter.
- Higher advance payments under BPS (70%) and GLAS (85%) were secured and payments on all schemes were paid either fully or in part by year end.
- By year end most of the 122,000 eligible farmers were paid €€1.13bn.
- ANC payments commenced in the 3rd week of September when a full payment was made and which included the higher rates of payment secured in Budget 2019.

- CAP simplification and inspections were raised at both Dept and EU level and will be a principal the next CAP.

IFA has been involved at both EU and National level on details on all farm schemes to ensure farmers could fully avail of them to support farm income.

IFA Direct Payments Unit

- IFA assisted thousands of cases of farmers who have individual direct payment problems across all schemes.
- The specialised unit dealing with queries is headed by Mary Jenner.

Richard Kennedy
Deputy President
and Chairman, Direct
Payments Project Team

Angus Woods
Chairman, National
Livestock Committee

Joe Brady
Chairman, National Rural
Development Committee

Kevin Kinsella
Director of Livestock

Gerry Gunning
National Rural
Development Executive

Inputs

Intense lobbying by the Inputs Project Team backed up by the President achieved a 30% reduction in anti-dumping (AD) duties on non-EU AN nitrogen fertiliser imports. It also spearheaded a campaign among EU farming organisations opposing the imposition of AD duties on liquid nitrogen (UAN). Commissioner Hogan supported the IFA initiative, taking the issue up at the College of Commissioners, the highest political level. The

Team intensified its campaign for the termination of remaining duties, which have been in place for quarter of a century, costing farmers an estimated €25m/yr. It also provided evidence at recent Commission hearings highlighting the operation of cartels by fertiliser manufacturers.

John Coughlan
Chairman, Inputs Project Team

Fintan Conway
National Inputs Executive

SACs

The priority issue for the Project Team was the review of the 1997 and 2004 Agreements.

Several meetings were held throughout 2019 where IFA set out our priorities.

These included a proper compensation scheme through the restoration of the NPWS Farm Plan Scheme

Further meetings are planned on this vital issue with a view to getting compensation for the restrictions imposed by designation.

Following the occupation of Min for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht offices a meeting was held with Min Josepha Madigan.

Padraic Joyce
Chairman, SACs
Project Team

Flor McCarthy
Chairman, National
Hill Farming Committee

Gerry Gunning
National Rural
Development Executive

This resulted in getting an allocation of €1m in Budget 2020 which will allow for the reopening of the NPWS farm Plan Scheme.

The Hen Harrier threat response group met during the year and IFA criticised the delay in getting a farm scheme up and running as well as allowing planting of forestry which has been banned since 2010.

IFA had been raising for some time the issue of Natura land for eligibility for BPS.

IFA also participates in the Peatland Council to ensure farmers who have turfcutting restrictions are properly compensated

Retailer

Engagement with Retailers

IFA regularly meets with all CEO/senior management of the major retailers and there is on-going engagement with retail product buyers in all categories.

EU Directive on Unfair Trading Practices (UTPs) in the Food Supply Chain

IFA has welcomed the initiative by Phil Hogan EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development in prioritising the imbalance in the food supply chain and recognising the vulnerability of producers in it.

The Directive, provides for:

- the introduction of a common European framework, giving a minimum level of protection for farmers and other suppliers of agri-food products, banning 16 UTPs;
- the designation of an enforcement authority which IFA welcomes. This can be an existing or a new authority. IFA's experience is that an Independent Retail Regulator with a specific remit is required, similar to the UK Grocery Code Adjudicator

Joe Healy
Chairman, Retail Project Team

IFA made submission to the DAFM on the public consultation for the transposition of the Directive into Irish law.

COPA/COGECA Food Chain Working Group

IFA President Joe Healy as Chairman of the COPA and COGECA Group on the Food Supply Chain, has led the campaign on behalf of European farmers on retail dominance and UTPs.

Market Transparency & Price Reporting

On October 1 2019, the EU Commission published a regulation which addresses market transparency and provides for mandatory price reporting by Member States. This is welcomed and must now be implemented in Member States.

UK Groceries Adjudicator

IFA hosted retail seminar which was addressed by UK Groceries Code Adjudicator Christine Tacon. IFA attended GSCOP (Grocery Supply Code of Practice) Conference in UK

Elaine Farrell
National Retail Executive

Diversity

IFA launched its Diversity Strategy Towards 2025, which aims to build a platform for change, creating momentum and challenging the status quo to support a more diverse and inclusive organisation. The recommendations set out a clear statement of IFA's commitment to improve diversity and create a culture of inclusion. Some of the key recommendations in the report are:

To develop a talent bank of women who are interested in holding positions. These women will be offered mentoring and training under the Future Leaders programme.

To limit the term an officer can sit on National Council as County Chair or National Committee Chair to 12 years, after which time they are required to move forward to a higher position.

To introduce a target of an 80:20 gender split on all National Committees within the lifetime of the strategy.

Amii McKeever
Chairperson, Diversity
Committee

To introduce a target that at least 20% of candidates for election are women.

To increase awareness of the strong role women already play within the Association and promote the opportunities available to women.

The strategy is the start of IFA's journey to empower and encourage more women and younger people to get involved. To create a more diverse leadership that better reflects the membership and the wider farming community. A Diversity Project Team will be established in 2020 with responsibility to progress the recommendations in each of the focus areas and advance diversity in the Association.

Geraldine O'Sullivan
National Diversity
Executive

Organics

Consumer demand for organic produce continues to expand. The IFA organic project team successfully held an Organic Producer Day on October 12th, to highlight the sustainable credentials of organic agriculture in Ireland.

The IFA organic Project Team continue to lobby for funding of the organic farm scheme. The Project Team chairman Nigel

Nigel Renaghan
Chairman, Organic Agriculture
Project Team

Renaghan highlighted that it was extremely disappointing that only 25% of applicants to the scheme in 2018 were accepted. The Project Team will continue to work on this.

IFA has met all the main Irish retailers regarding the stocking of more Irish organic produce.

Niamh Brennan
National Organic Agriculture
Executive

Renewables/Bioeconomy

The Renewables Project Team has lobbied Government to engage seriously in developing Ireland's renewable energy sector and the bioeconomy. Ireland will miss its 2020 targets by a mile. The failure to implement sustainable policies backed up with proper financial resources will expose Ireland to very considerable fines and expensive carbon offset costing in excess of €120m, another waste of tax payers' money. Government must provide funding through capital grant aid and ongoing

Tom Short
Chairman, Renewables Project Team

operational support programmes for the sector's development. Investing in Ireland's renewable and bioeconomy sectors will reduce our dependence of fossil fuels, stimulate employment in rural Ireland, decarbonise our economy while providing alternative income streams for farmers.

Fintan Conway
National Renewables Executive

| | 2018 | 2019 |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Consolidated | 42,385 | 39,127 |
| (Other data) | 5,255 | 5,127 |
| | 47,640 | 45,012 |
| | (34,252) | (32,886) |
| | (4,075) | (3,863) |
| | (33) | (2) |
| | (38,360) | (36,7) |
| | 9,280 | 8 |
| | 80 | 8 |
| | (2,191) | 8 |
| | (1,591) | 7 |
| | 7 | 5,585 |
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Financial Statements



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Statement of National Council's Responsibilities

The constitution and rules of the Association require the National Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association and the results of the Association for that period. In preparing those financial statements, it is necessary to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Association Financial Statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue in business.
- the National Council is responsible for ensuring that the Association keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Association to be determined with reasonable accuracy and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Auditor's Report to the National Council of Irish Farmers' Association on the Financial Statements

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on the financial statements of The Irish Farmers' Association

In our opinion The Irish Farmers' Association financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Association entity as at 31st March 2019 and of the loss of the Association for the 31st March 2019 then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework.

The financial statements we have audited comprise:

- the Consolidated Income & Expenditure account;
- the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income;
- the Consolidated Balance Sheet;
- the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity;
- the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows; and
- the related notes 1 to 20, including a summary of significant accounting policies as set out in note 1.

The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

This report is made solely to the National Council, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the National Council, those matters we state to them in our auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the National Council as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are described below in the "Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements" section of our report.

We are independent of the National Council in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the

audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- the National Council use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the National Council have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Association's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The National Council are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are expected to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are expected to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of National Council

As explained more fully in the Statement of National Council's Responsibilities, the National Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the National Council determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the National Council are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the National Council either intend to liquidate the Association's entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the National Council.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the National Council use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity (or where relevant, the group) to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the business activities within the group to express an opinion on the (consolidated) financial statements. The group auditor is responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. The group auditor remains solely responsible for the audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that the auditor identifies during the audit.

This report is made solely to the National Council, as a body, in accordance with our engagement letter. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the National Council those matters we are expected to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the entity and the entity's National Council as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

For and on behalf of Deloitte Ireland LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm
Deloitte & Touche House,
Earlsfort Terrace,
Dublin 2

Date

Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2019

| | Notes | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|---|-------|---------------------|--------------|
| INCOME | 3 | 15,990,214 | 16,252,849 |
| EXPENDITURE | 4 | (16,231,899) | (17,527,079) |
| Loss on disposal of fixed and financial assets | | (5,610) | (236,412) |
| Interest Receivable | | 330 | 1,030 |
| OPERATING DEFICIT | 5 | (246,965) | (1,509,612) |
| Share of operating surplus in associate undertakings | 10 | 91,703 | 98,626 |
| (Loss)/gain on financial assets through profit and loss | 9 | (1,100,425) | 2,129,021 |
| (Deficit)/ SURPLUS BEFORE TAXATION | | (1,255,687) | 718,035 |
| Taxation charge | 7 | 322,380 | (1,189,612) |
| DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR | | (933,307) | (471,577) |

Results derive from continuing operations in the current and prior year.

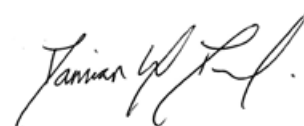
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Joe Healy (President)



Tim Cullinan (National Treasurer)



Damian McDonald (Director General)

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 March 2019

| | Notes | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|--|-------|------------------|-----------|
| Retained deficit for the year | | (933,307) | (471,577) |
| Share of associate property revaluations | | - | - |
| Total deficit for the year | | (933,307) | (471,577) |

Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2019

| | Notes | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|---|-------|--------------------|-------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Tangible assets | 8 | 448,856 | 317,092 |
| Financial investments | 9 | 13,032,320 | 15,451,590 |
| Other investments | 10 | 2,303,182 | 2,200,148 |
| | | 15,784,358 | 17,968,830 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Debtors | 11 | 1,276,101 | 1,659,868 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 3,214,202 | 4,458,864 |
| | | 4,490,303 | 6,118,732 |
| CREDITORS: (Amounts falling due within one year) | 12 | (3,596,033) | (6,076,992) |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 894,270 | 41,740 |
| Provision for Liabilities | 13 | (1,764,739) | (2,163,374) |
| NET ASSETS | | 14,913,889 | 15,847,196 |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES | | | |
| Accumulated surplus | | 14,913,889 | 15,847,196 |
| | | 14,913,889 | 15,847,196 |

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 March 2019

| | Notes | Accumulated surplus € | Total € |
|--|-------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| At 1 April 2017 | | 16,318,773 | 16,318,773 |
| Total Comprehensive Deficit for the year | | (471,577) | (471,577) |
| At 31 March 2018 | | 15,847,196 | 15,847,196 |
| Total Comprehensive Deficit for the year | | (933,307) | (933,207) |
| At 31 March 2019 | | 14,913,889 | 14,913,889 |

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March 2019

| | Notes | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|---|-------|--------------------|-------------|
| NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | 14 | (2,473,932) | (2,268,224) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Interest received | | 237 | 1,040 |
| Dividends and investment income received | | 178,788 | 157,753 |
| Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets | | (249,819) | (33,873) |
| Payments to acquire investments | | (461,926) | (3,396,985) |
| Receipts on disposal of investments | | 1,761,989 | 5,611,434 |
| NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | 1,229,269 | 2,339,369 |
| (DECREASE) / INCREASE IN CASH AND BANK OVERDRAFT | | (1,244,662) | 71,145 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR | | 4,458,864 | 4,387,719 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR | | 3,214,202 | 4,458,864 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the financial year and the preceding financial year.

General Information and Basis of Accounting

The objective of the Irish Farmers Association is to protect, foster and advance the interests of all farmers and to do all things necessary for, incidental or ancillary to the protection, fostering and advancement of the interests of such farmers or farming, and to have all the powers necessary or incidental or ancillary to the achievement of such objectives. The association's address is the Irish Farm Centre, Bluebell, Dublin 12.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The functional currency of The Irish Farmers Association is considered to be euro because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates.

Basis of Consolidation

The financial statements of the Association incorporate the financial statements of all core activities and entities controlled by the Association, as outlined in Note 17, together with those of all county executives. Transactions between the General Fund and the other entities have been eliminated in the Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account and the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

The results of associates are included in the consolidation using the equity method.

Going concern

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis. The Association had net current assets of €894,270 (2018: net assets of €41,740) at the balance sheet date. The National Council, having considered financing arrangements currently in place, the ability to generate cash from special reserve fund assets, likely funding requirements in the short term and given a net asset position of €14,913,889 (2018: €15,847,196), have a reasonable expectation that the association and the group have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is

provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a reducing balance basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Office equipment | 10% - 25% |
| Fixtures and fittings | 10% - 20% |
| Motor vehicles | 25% |
| Buildings | 4% |

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Group after deducting all of its liabilities.

(i) Financial assets and liabilities

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Non-current debt instruments which meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method:

- (a) Returns to the holder are (i) a fixed amount; or (ii) a fixed rate of return over the life of the instrument; or (iii) a variable return that, throughout the life of the instrument, is equal to a single referenced quoted or observable interest rate; or (iv) some combination of such fixed rate and variable rates, providing that both rates are positive.
- (b) There is no contractual provision that could, by its terms, result in the holder losing the principal amount or any interest attributable to the current period or prior periods.
- (c) Contractual provisions that permit the issuer to prepay a debt instrument or permit the holder to put it back to the issuer before maturity are not contingent on future events, other than to protect the holder against the

credit deterioration of the issuer or a change in control of the issuer, or to protect the holder or issuer against changes in relevant taxation or law.

- (d) There are no conditional returns or repayment provisions except for the variable rate return described in (a) and prepayment provisions described in (c).

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one year and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

Other debt instruments not meeting these conditions are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Commitments to make and receive loans which meet the conditions mentioned above are measured at cost (which may be nil) less impairment.

(i) Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the Group transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the Group, despite having retained some significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party and the other party has the practical ability to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party and is able to exercise that ability unilaterally and without needing to impose additional restrictions on the transfer.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

(ii) Investments

Investments in non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

(iii) Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, an entity estimates the fair value by using a valuation technique.

Associates

In the Group financial statements investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method. Investments in associates are initially recognised at the transaction price (including transaction costs) and are subsequently adjusted to reflect the Group's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the associate. Goodwill arising on the acquisition of associates is accounted for in accordance with the policy set out above. Any unamortised balance of goodwill is

included in the carrying value of the investment in associates.

The carrying value of the investment in associate undertakings represents investments in associate together with a share of the associates' profit/(loss) to date.

Impairment of assets

Assets, other than those measured at fair value, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Taxation

Current tax, including Irish corporation tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. The current tax also comprises of capital gains tax based on the disposal of shares and deposit interest retention tax (DIRT) suffered on interest income.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the Group's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

When the amount that can be deducted for tax for an asset (other than goodwill) that is recognised in a business combination is less (more) than the value at which it is recognised, a deferred tax liability (asset) is recognised for the additional tax that will be paid (avoided) in respect of that difference. Similarly, a deferred tax asset (liability) is recognised for the additional tax that will be avoided (paid) because of a difference between the value at which a liability is recognised and the amount that will be assessed for tax. The amount attributed to goodwill is adjusted by the amount of deferred tax recognised.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for timing differences arising from investments in subsidiaries and associates, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the timing difference and it is probable that it will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference. Deferred tax relating to property, plant and equipment measured using the revaluation model and investment property is measured using the tax rates and allowances that apply to sale of the asset.

The tax expense or income is presented in the same component of comprehensive income or equity as the transaction or other event that resulted in the tax expense or income.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset only when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and the Group

intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only if: a) the Group has a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities; and b) the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities which intend either to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered.

Income

- (i) Affiliation fees are accounted for in the financial year during which they are received.
- (ii) All other income is accounted for in the financial year in respect of which it is receivable.

Retirement benefits

The Association participates in a defined contribution scheme for certain employees which is funded by the payment of contributions to a separately administered fund. The assets of the funds are held separately from those of the Association. For the defined contribution schemes the cost of providing benefits is charged to operating profit as incurred.

2. Critical Accounting Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements in applying the Group's accounting policies

The following are the critical judgements that the directors have made in the process of applying the Group's accounting

policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Key source of estimation uncertainty

Voluntary Member expense

Due to the nature of the voluntary member expense accruals and the time lag noted around members claiming expenses that they have incurred but not yet claimed; management note that there is a greater degree of estimation uncertainty associated with these expenses. Management estimate the expense based on estimated amounts incurred and historical claim patterns.

Legal claims and costs

Legal claims and their associated costs by their nature are uncertain, where there is a potential expense this is accrued based on consultation with legal counsel and their best estimate of settlement of such claims.

3. Income

An analysis of the Group's income by class of business is set out below.

| Turnover: | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Broadband and phone service sales | 6,152,983 | 6,381,334 |
| Affiliation fees | 5,715,919 | 5,662,854 |
| European involvement fund levies | 3,116,707 | 3,196,378 |
| Trust fund contributions | 430,000 | 330,000 |
| Investment dividend income | 178,788 | 157,753 |
| Other income | 395,817 | 524,530 |
| | 15,990,214 | 16,252,849 |

All group income was earned in the Republic of Ireland.

4. Expenditure

An analysis of the Group's expenditure is set out below.

| Expenditure: | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| IFA Telecoms expenses | 5,761,769 | 5,896,673 |
| Total staff costs | 5,349,625 | 5,385,689 |
| Voluntary costs | 1,312,255 | 1,181,223 |
| Premises | 482,992 | 477,616 |
| Communications | 429,870 | 396,198 |
| Research | 40,697 | 20,157 |
| Public relations | 515,602 | 484,085 |
| Professional fees | 160,277 | 1,415,280 |
| Affiliation fees | 108,347 | 108,595 |
| Financial charges | 301,739 | 301,583 |
| Foreign travel | 64,483 | 43,276 |
| Brussels office | 508,871 | 503,936 |
| Membership recruitment | 393,135 | 379,100 |
| Membership promotion | 311,057 | 299,655 |
| Other overheads | 36,256 | 22,088 |
| Extraordinary expenditure | 454,924 | 611,925 |
| | 16,231,899 | 17,527,079 |

5. Deficit on Ordinary Activities before Taxation

| Deficit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/ (crediting): | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|---|----------------|-----------|
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | 104,608 | 123,841 |
| Interest received | 337 | 1,030 |

The analysis of the auditors' remuneration is as follows:

Auditors' remuneration for work carried out for the group

In respect of the financial year is as follows:

| | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Group Audit Fees | 24,000 | 21,000 |
| | 24,000 | 21,000 |

6. Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The salaries and payments paid to key management personnel analysed under the headings required by company law are set out below:

| | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| President | | |
| Gross Salary agreed | 57,896 | 120,000 |
| Less Director's fees from outside bodies | - | (58,518) |
| Net amount charged | 57,896 | 61,482 |
| Deputy President | | |
| Gross Salary agreed | 17,387 | 35,000 |
| Less Director's fees from outside bodies | - | (22,000) |
| Net amount charged | 17,387 | 13,000 |
| Director General | | |
| Salary | 185,350 | 185,350 |
| Employer pension contribution | 27,802 | 27,802 |
| | 213,152 | 213,152 |
| Executive Management | | |
| Salary | 412,639 | 458,260 |
| Employer pension contribution | 105,919 | 105,566 |
| Key Management compensation | 518,558 | 563,826 |
| National Council | | |
| Labour replacement paid in Financial year | 246,150 | 306,840 |
| Effect of accrual release | (61,968) | (190,538) |
| Net amount charged | 184,182 | 116,302 |

The average remuneration for the top 15 staff after the executive management was:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Salary | 99,047 | 99,304 |
| Effect of once-off legacy adjustment* | - | 7,186 |
| Employer pension contribution | 23,327 | 25,049 |
| | 122,374 | 131,539 |

7. Tax on Profit on Ordinary Activities

| The tax charge comprises: | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Current tax on profit on ordinary activities | | |
| Irish corporation tax | 55,578 | 97,040 |
| (Debit) / Credit movement in deferred tax liability (Note 13) | (398,635) | 858,017 |
| Other taxes incurred | 20,677 | 234,555 |
| Total tax (credit)/ charge on ordinary activities | (322,380) | 1,189,612 |

The differences between the total tax charge shown above and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of Irish corporation tax to the profit before tax is as follows:

| | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| (Loss)/Surplus on ordinary activities | (1,255,687) | 718,035 |
| Before tax 12.5 % (2018:12.5%) | (156,961) | 89,754 |
| Tax if charged at standard corporation rate | | |
| Capital allowances in excess of depreciation | 308 | 395 |
| Dividend withholding tax | - | 160,000 |
| Income/Expenses not taxable in determining taxable profit | (377,958) | 870,593 |
| Impact of other tax rates | 212,231 | 68,870 |
| Group tax (refund) / charge for the period | (322,380) | 1,189,612 |

8. Tangible Assets

| | Office Equipment € | Fixtures and Fittings € | Motor Vehicles € | Buildings € | Total € |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Cost: | | | | | |
| At 1/04/2018 | 649,853 | 759,416 | 162,640 | - | 1,571,909 |
| Additions | 16,560 | 14,052 | - | 219,206 | 249,818 |
| Disposals | - | (8,515) | (42,500) | - | (51,015) |
| 31/03/2019 | 666,413 | 764,953 | 120,140 | 219,206 | 1,770,712 |
| Depreciation: | | | | | |
| At 1/04/2018 | 508,871 | 656,181 | 89,765 | - | 1,254,817 |
| Charge | 56,693 | 25,540 | 13,607 | 8,768 | 104,608 |
| Disposals | - | (8,516) | (29,053) | - | (37,569) |
| 31/03/2019 | 565,564 | 673,205 | 74,319 | 8,768 | 1,321,856 |
| Net Book Amount: | | | | | |
| 31/03/2019 | 100,849 | 91,748 | 45,821 | 210,438 | 448,856 |
| 31/03/2018 | 136,380 | 112,836 | 67,875 | - | 317,091 |

9. Financial Investments

| | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|---|--------------------|-------------|
| Quoted investments at market value | 13,032,320 | 15,451,590 |
| Opening balance | 15,451,590 | 15,854,283 |
| Net (Disposals)/Additions during the financial year | (1,318,845) | (2,531,714) |
| Movement in the fair value of investments | (1,100,425) | 2,129,021 |
| Closing balance | 13,032,320 | 15,451,590 |

Quoted investments represent shares held by the Group in publicly quoted companies or other publicly quoted investment funds. The cost of these investments was €7,568,137 (2018: €8,155,504).

Special Reserve Fund:

€9,531,879 (2018: €12,184,591) of the above balance relates specifically to the special reserve fund assets.

The Special Reserve Fund was established by the National Council in December 1985, to maintain a financial reserve for the organisation that could only be drawn down into the general fund under exceptional circumstances.

10. Other Investments

| | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Unquoted Investments: | | |
| Irish Farm Centre Limited (i) | 2,242,090 | 2,139,056 |
| Other Investments (ii) | 61,092 | 61,092 |
| | 2,303,182 | 2,200,148 |

(i) Irish Farm Centre Limited

| | Holding | Business | Registered Office |
|---------------------------|---------|---|--|
| Irish Farm Centre Limited | 48.15% | The principal activity of the company is office rental and related services | Irish Farm Centre Bluebell, Dublin 12 |

During the year, the associate undertaking recorded an operating profit of €245,732 (2018: profit of €348,151) before a taxation charge of €31,746 (2018: €8,280). Included in the operating profit is an amount of €55,280 (2018: €144,720) in respect of a building revaluation. The associate undertaking had combined net assets of €4,656,470 at year end (2018: €4,442,484). The carrying value of the investment in associate undertakings represents investments in associate together with a share of the associates' profit/(loss) to date, being €2,242,090 (2018: €2,139,056).

(ii) Other Investments

Other unquoted investments are held at cost less impairment because their value cannot be reliably measured.

11. Debtors: (Amounts due within one year)

| | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Debtors | 1,230,917 | 1,609,703 |
| Accrued income and other receivables | 45,184 | 50,165 |
| | 1,276,101 | 1,659,868 |

12. Creditors

| Amounts falling due within one year: | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Trade creditors | 348,980 | 1,160,759 |
| Pension/ staff and voluntary expense accruals | 1,388,030 | 1,868,200 |
| Professional/ Legal and other accruals | 290,738 | 784,037 |
| Trade Accruals | 1,404,917 | 1,364,213 |
| PAYE/PRSI/Vat | 163,368 | 899,783 |
| | 3,596,033 | 6,076,992 |

13. Provision for Liabilities

| Deferred tax is provided as follows: | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|--|------------------|-----------|
| The deferred tax balance is analysed | | |
| Deferred tax arising in relation to quoted investments | 1,764,739 | 2,163,374 |
| Provision for deferred tax | | |
| Opening balance | 2,163,374 | 1,305,357 |
| Movement for the current financial year (Note 7) | (398,635) | 858,017 |
| Balance at end of year | 1,764,739 | 2,163,374 |

14. Reconciliation of Operating Deficit to Net Cashflow from Operating Activities

| | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| Operating deficit | (933,307) | (471,576) |
| Interest received | (237) | (1,040) |
| Dividends and investment income received | (178,788) | (157,753) |
| Loss/(profit) on disposal of investments | (7,837) | 210,488 |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets | 13,447 | 25,929 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 104,608 | 123,841 |
| Decrease/(increase) in debtors | 383,767 | (511,659) |
| (Decrease)/Increase in creditors | (2,879,593) | 700,333 |
| Fair value movements on financial assets | 1,008,722 | (2,227,652) |
| Tax paid | 15,286 | 40,865 |
| Net cash outflow from operating activities | (2,473,932) | (2,268,224) |

15. Financial Instruments

The carrying values of the company's financial assets and liabilities are summarised by category below:

| | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| Financial assets | | |
| <i>Measured at undiscounted amounts receivable</i> | | |
| Trade and other debtors (note 11) | 1,230,917 | 1,609,703 |
| <i>Measured at fair value through profit or loss</i> | | |
| Investments in listed equity instruments (note 9) | 13,032,320 | 15,451,590 |
| <i>Measured at cost less impairment</i> | | |
| Other investments (note 10) | 2,303,182 | 2,200,148 |
| Financial liabilities | | |
| <i>Measured at undiscounted amounts payable</i> | | |
| Trade and other creditors (note 12) | 348,980 | 1,160,759 |

The company's income, expense, gains and losses in respect of financial instruments are summarised below:

| | 2019 € | 2018 € |
|---|--------------------|-----------|
| Financial assets | | |
| On financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss | (1,100,425) | 2,129,021 |
| Interest or other income on financial assets measured at amortised cost | 337 | 1,030 |

16. Pensions

The Association now operates a defined contribution pension scheme covering certain employees. The net assets of the scheme are held in a separate trustee administered fund. The amount payable to the scheme for the year was €617,073 (2018: €652,748). The amount owed to the scheme at year end is €66,528 (2018: €154,054).

17. Subsidiaries and Related Activities

The Association holds investments in or has an interest in subsidiary and related undertakings as follows:

Fresh Milk Producers Association;

B.V.G. Trustee Company Limited;

Irish Salmon Growers Association Limited;

Potato Fund;

ICHA;

IFA Telecom Limited; and

Irish Farm Centre Limited

Buywayz Limited

The Association has provided letters of support to certain subsidiaries indicating that it will provide financial assistance where necessary to ensure the going concern of that entity.

18. Comparative Amounts

Comparative amounts have been regrouped/restated where necessary on the same basis as those for the current year.

19. Events After Reporting Date

There were no significant events since the financial year end.

20. Ultimate Control

The group is controlled by its members as a group. In the opinion of the National Council there is no ultimate controlling party or parent.

Supplementary Information

(NOT COVERED BY THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT)

| | Notes | At 31 March 2019 | | | | At 31 March 2018 | | | |
|--|-------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| | | IFA 2019 € | IFA Telecom Limited € | Consolidation adjustment 2019 € | 2019 € | IFA 2018 € | IFA Telecom Limited 2018 € | Consol- idation adjust- ment 2018 | Total 2018 € |
| FIXED ASSETS | | | | | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | | 429,319 | 19,537 | - | 448,856 | 292,064 | 25,028 | - | 317,092 |
| Special reserve fund assets | | 9,531,878 | 3,833,635 | (333,193) | 13,032,320 | 12,184,591 | 3,266,999 | - | 15,451,590 |
| Financial investments | | 2,303,182 | - | - | 2,303,182 | 2,200,148 | - | - | 2,200,148 |
| Other financial assets | | | | | | - | - | - | - |
| | | 12,264,379 | 3,853,172 | (333,193) | 15,784,358 | 14,676,803 | 3,292,027 | | 17,968,830 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | | | | | |
| Debtors | | 1,079,051 | 1,682,280 | (1,384,307) | 1,276,101 | 1,266,320 | 393,548 | - | 1,659,868 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 1,642,088 | 1,144,301 | 333,193 | 3,214,202 | 1,850,204 | 2,608,660 | - | 4,458,864 |
| | | 2,721,139 | 2,826,581 | (1,051,114) | 4,490,303 | 3,116,524 | 3,002,208 | - | 6,118,732 |
| CREDITORS: (Amounts falling due within one year) | | (1,516,173) | (655,437) | 1,384,307 | (3,596,033) | (5,134,469) | (942,523) | - | (6,076,992) |
| NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ ASSETS | | 1,204,966 | 2,171,144 | - | 894,270 | (2,017,945) | 2,059,685 | - | 41,740 |
| Provision for Liabilities | | (1,764,232) | - | - | (1,764,739) | (2,000,335) | (163,039) | - | (2,163,374) |
| NET ASSETS | | 11,705,113 | 6,024,316 | - | 14,913,889 | 10,658,523 | 5,188,673 | - | 15,847,196 |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES | | | | | | | | | |
| Accumulated surplus | | 8,933,758 | 6,027,057 | - | 14,913,889 | 10,658,523 | 5,188,673 | - | 15,847,196 |
| | | 8,933,758 | 6,027,057 | - | 14,913,889 | 10,658,523 | 5,188,673 | - | 15,847,196 |

Breakdown of Results for the year ended 31 March 2019

| | Notes | IFA 2019 € | SRF 2019 € | Others 2019 € | IFAT 2019 € | IFC 2019 € | TOTAL 2019 € |
|-------------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Operating Results | | (874,705) | 135,620 | 44,286 | 447,835 | 91,703 | (155,262) |
| Tax | | (5,391) | | | (55,577) | (15,286) | (76,254) |
| Operating Deficit | | <u>(880,096)</u> | <u>135,620</u> | <u>44,286</u> | <u>392,258</u> | <u>76,417</u> | (231,516) |
| Movement in Investments | | 26,617 | (1,346,784) | | 219,742 | | (1,100,425) |
| Deferred Tax | | | 469,056 | | (70,422) | | 398,634 |
| Net Result/ Retained Funds | | <u>(853,479)</u> | <u>(742,109)</u> | <u>44,286</u> | <u>541,578</u> | <u>76,417</u> | (933,307) |

IFA National Committees 2019

Animal Health

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Name | County | Branch |
| Patrick Farrell | Chairperson | Athy |
| T.J. Maher | Vice-Chairperson | Killenaule |
| Anthony Jackson | Carlow | Tynock-Kiltegan |
| Maurice Brady | Cavan | Laragh |
| Michael Davoren | Clare | Carron-Noughaville |
| John Kingston | Cork (C) | Carrigaline |
| Pat O'Keeffe | Cork (N) | Kildorrery |
| Derry Scannell | Cork (W) | Rosmore |
| Lawrence McNamee | Donegal | Convoy-Raphoe |
| Brendan O'Donoghue | Dublin | St. Margaret's |
| Stephen Canavan | Galway | Corofin-Ballyglunin |
| Kenneth O'Connell | Kerry | Lixnaw |
| Thomas Jnr O'Connor | Kildare | Moone |
| Jim Fitzpatrick | Kilkenny | Mullinavat |
| James Walsh | Laois | Durrow |
| Liam Gilligan | Leitrim | Manorhamilton |
| Pius Horgan | Limerick | Abbeyfeale |
| Tony Bohan | Longford | Ballinamuck |
| Edward O'Malley | Louth | Ardee |
| Martin Shaughnessy | Mayo | Hollymount |
| John McEnroe | Meath | Ballinacree |
| Laurence Deery | Monaghan | Clones |
| George Grant | Offaly | Clareen-Fortal |
| Louis Martin | Roscommon | Kiltoom |
| Seamus Cummins | Sligo | Calry |
| Matthew Mounsey | Tipperary (S) | Toomevara |
| TJ Maher | Tipperary (N) | Killenaule |
| Joe Harty | Waterford | Dungaravan |
| James Fox | Westmeath | Kinnegad |
| Liam O'Byrne | Wexford | Tagoat |
| Amanda Mooney | Wicklow | Ashford |

Aquaculture

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Name | Branch | Area |
| Michael Molloy | Westport | Chairperson & Rope Mussels |
| Kian Louet-Feisser | Cooley | Vice Chairperson & Oysters |
| Cliona Mhic Ghiolla Chuda | Dungarvan | Oysters |
| Ed Gallagher | Rosses | Oysters |
| Mag Kirwan | Thomastown | Trout |
| John Harrington | Bere Island | Rope Mussels |
| Liam Roche | Fahy Kilmeena | Salmon |
| Jan Feenstra | Fanad | Salmon |
| Gerry O'Donohue | Connemara | Salmon |
| Finian O'Sullivan | Bantry | Rope Mussels/ Shellfish Safety |
| Emmet Casey | Cromane | Bottom Mussels |
| Patrick T Sullivan | Cromane | Bottom Mussels |

IFA National Committees 2019

Dairy

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Name | County | Branch |
| Thomas Phelan | Chairperson | Mountrath |
| Stephen Arthur | Vice Chairperson/ Wicklow | Rathdrum |
| Seamus Dolan | Cavan | Templeport |
| Andrew Dundas | Clare | Parteen |
| Jamie Kealy | Carlow | Ballon |
| Mary Twomey-Casey | Cork (N) | Glanworth |
| Alan Jagoe | Cork (N) | Carrigaline |
| Gerard Lehane | Cork (N) | Timoleague |
| Rory Dwyer | Dublin | St Margaret's |
| PJ McMonagle | Donegal | Convoy-Raphoe |
| Michael O'Dowd | Kerry | Castkemaime |
| Billy Barrett | Kildare | Dunlavin |
| James Barber | Laois | Rathdowney |
| Brendan Hickey | Kilkenny | Johnstown |
| Noel Murphy | Galway | Ballymacward |
| Daniel Kelly | Leitrim | Drumahair |
| Patrick O'Neill | Longford | Mostrim |
| Nicholas Cooney | Louth | Monasterboice |
| Michael Leo Morrin | Mayo | Cross |
| Edward J. Bannon | Meath | Culmullen |
| James F. O'Connor | Monaghan | Inniskeen |
| Adrian Leonard | Offaly | Killoughey |
| Sean Connaughton | Roscommon | Boyle |
| John Hannon | Limerick | Clarina |
| Padraig Mulligan | Sligo | Templeboy |
| Pat Carroll | Tipperary (S) | Cahir |
| Mark Connors | Waterford | Kilmacthomas |
| Michael Kennedy | Tipperary (S) | Nenagh |
| Michael Gahan | Wexford | Boolavogue |
| John Finn | Liquid Milk Chairperson | Oranmore |
| Enda Burke | Westmeath | Kinnegad |

Environment

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| Name | County | Branch |
| Thomas Cooney | Chairperson | Laragh |
| Chris Hayes | Vice Chairperson / Cork (W) | Rosscarbery |
| George F Byrne | Carlow | Bennekerry-Tinryland |
| Pat Denning | Cavan | Laragh |
| Kieran Woods | Clare | Tradaree |
| Gerard O'Connell | Cork (C) | Carrigaline |
| Tony Mullins | Cork (N) | Mitchelstown |
| Francis Burns | Donegal | Buncrana |
| Seamus McGrath | Dublin | Rolestown-Oldtown |
| Henry Walsh | Galway | Oranmore |
| John O'Sullivan | Kerry | Churchill |
| Austin Morrin | Kildare | Naas-Caragh |
| Paul O'Brien | Kilkenny | Mullinavat |
| Owen Conroy | Laois | Clonaslee |
| Eddie Mitchell | Leitrim | Ballinamore |
| Barry Murphy | Limerick | Clarina |
| Damien O'Reilly | Longford | Ballinalee |
| Breeda Tuite | Louth | Tullyallen |
| John G. Davitt | Mayo | Park-Burren |
| Seamus McGee | Meath | Ballinlough |
| Bernard Treanor | Monaghan | Tydavnet |
| Enda Bracken | Offaly | Killoughey |
| Ned O'Connor | Roscommon | Kiltoom |
| Bernie Finan | Sligo | Achonry |
| Eamon Cleary | Tipperary (N) | Ardcrouney |
| Peter Farrell | Tipperary (S) | Cahir |
| John J. Byrne | Waterford | Cappoquin |
| Adrian Elliott | Westmeath | Tubberclair |
| James Brennan | Wexford | Rathnure |
| David Johnson | Wicklow | Barndarrig |
| Harold Kingston | Co Opt | Barryroe |

IFA National Committees 2019

Farm Business

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Name | County | Branch |
| Martin Stapleton | Chairperson | Oola |
| Joseph Parlon | Vice Chairperson Offaly | Aghancon |
| Gilbert Smyth | Carlow | Bagnelstown |
| Owen Brodie | Cavan | Maghera- Mu'Connaught |
| Rosaleen O'Reilly | Clare | Doora |
| John Murphy | Cork (C) | Inniscarra |
| Jeremiah O'Sullivan | Cork (W) | Leap |
| Liam O'Doherty | Cork (N) | Mitchelstown |
| George E Starrett | Donegal | Finn Valley |
| Padraic McMahon | Dublin | Rolestown-Oldtown |
| Rose Mary McDonagh | Galway | Caherlistrane |
| Brendan Lawlor | Kerry | Ballybunion |
| Robert Greene | Kildare | Athy |
| Bill O'Keeffe | Kilkenny | Clara |
| Pat Hennessy | Laois | Borris-in-Ossory |
| David Notley | Leitrim | Annaduff |
| James English | Limerick | Oola |
| Roy McCormack | Longford | Newtownforbes |
| Riona Meehan | Louth | Kilsaran |
| Aidan Munnely | Mayo | Ardagh-Ballina |
| David Hannon | Meath | Kiltale |
| Patrick McCormick | Monaghan | Threemilehouse |
| Gerard Fallon | Roscommon | Knockcroghery |
| John P. Cowley | Sligo | Easkey |
| Michael Leonard | Tipperary(N) | Ballingarry |
| Bernadette Quinn | Tipperary(S) | Fethard |
| James Power | Waterford | Kilmacthomas |
| Paul Slevin | Westmeath | Turin |
| John Kelly | Wexford | Camolin |
| John Mallick | Wicklow | Tinahely |
| Thomas Doyle | Co-opt | Camolin |

Farm Family & Social Affairs

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Name | County | Branch |
| Caroline Farrell | Chairperson | Athy |
| Bernadette O Driscoll | Vice Chairperson Kerry | Valentia |
| Sinead Brophy | Carlow | Tullow |
| Elizabeth Tilson | Cavan | Sheelin |
| Geraldine O Connell | Clare | Parteen |
| Ann Moore | Cork (C) | Midleton |
| Ann O Connor | Cork (N) | K'Vullen-Ct'Roche- Shanballymore |
| Martina Casey | Cork (W) | Macroom |
| Mary Isabella Russell | Donegal | Letterkenny |
| Elizabeth McCarthy | Dublin | Bohernabreena |
| Teresa Roche | Galway | Abbey |
| Breda McDonald | Kilkenny | Mullinavat |
| Mary Barber | Laois | Rathdowney |
| Ann Winters | Leitrim | Mohill |
| Mary Breen | Limerick | Oola |
| Sheena Cassidy | Longford | Ballinamuck |
| Breda Brennan | Louth | Kilsaran |
| Margaret Fergus | Mayo | Islandeady |
| Sheila Fitzpatrick | Meath | Trim |
| Mary Deery | Monaghan | Clones |
| Mary Parlon | Offaly | Aghancon |
| Frances Keane | Roscommon | Dysart |
| Margaret Gormonly | Sligo | Tubbercurry |
| Kathleen Hogan | Tipperary (N) | Toomevara |
| Mary J. Heffernan | Tipperary (S) | Tipperary |
| Elizabeth Coughlan | Waterford | Kinsalebeg |
| Mary Geraghty | Westmeath | Kinnegad |
| Alice Doyle | Wexford | Camolin |
| Anne Jennings | Wicklow | Arklow |

IFA National Committees 2019

Farm Forestry

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Name | County | Branch |
| Vincent Nally | Chairperson | Sonna |
| Charles Doherty | Vice Chairperson Donegal | Newtowncunningham |
| Michael Doyle | Carlow | Tullow |
| Cathel Rudden | Cavan | Clifferna |
| Martin Murphy | Clare | Kilmihill |
| John O'Brien | Cork (C) | Barryroe |
| John Magner | Cork (N) | K'Vullen-Ct'Roche-Shanbalymore |
| Tadhg Healy | Cork (W) | Clonkilty |
| Derek McGrath | Dublin | Bohernabreena |
| Enda Monaghan | Galway | Caherlistrane |
| Jason Fleming | Kerry | Annablaha |
| Karl Matuschka | Kildare | Moone |
| Andrew O'Carroll | Kilkenny | Clara |
| Thomas Cosby | Laois | Stradbally |
| James Brennan | Leitrim | Kinlough |
| John O'Connell | Limerick | Kildimo |
| Francis Smith | Longford | Colmcille |
| John Roche | Louth | Tullyallen |
| John Granahan | Mayo | Keenagh |
| Willie Fallon | Meath | Summerhill |
| James Corr | Monaghan | Smithboro |
| Murtagh Connor | Offaly | Walsh Island |
| Ambrose Kilcline | Rosmmon | Roscommon |
| Michael G O Dowd | Sligo | Achonry |
| Patrick Ryan | Tipperary (N) | Upperchurch |
| Michael Ryan | Tipperary (S) | Tipperary |
| Gabriel Foley | Waterford | Dungarvan |
| Claudia Marl | Westmeath | Collinstown |
| Nicholas Sweetman | Wexford | Carnew |
| Charles Tottenham | Wicklow | Ashford |
| Patrick Collins | Co-op | Ballintubber |

Fresh Milk Producers

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|--------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Name | County | Branch |
| Larry Hannon | Kildare | Moone |
| Jim Mulhall | Kilkenny | Kilkenny City |
| Willie Lennon | Kilkenny | Goresbridge-Paulstown |
| Denis Fagan | Meath | Kildalkey |
| Kevin Healy | Wicklow | Aughrim |
| Walter Crowley | Kilkenny | Mooncoin |
| Derek Tierney | Kildare | Timahoe |
| Kevin Maguire | Longford | Newtownforbes |
| David Bennett | Laois | Abbeyleix |
| Michael O'Flaherty | Meath | Trim |

IFA National Committees 2019

Grain

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Name | County | Branch |
| Mark Browne | Chairperson Wexford | Caim |
| George Mason | Vice Chairperson (R.I.P.) Tipperary | Ardfinnan-Grange |
| George Hatton | Carlow | Bennekerry-Tinryland |
| David O'Brien | Cork | Ardfield |
| Liam Dorgan | Cork | K'Vullen-CT'Roche-Shanballymore/Fermoy |
| James Hegarty | Cork | Glenville / W'Grasshill / Glanmire |
| Peter Lynch | Donegal | Newtowncunningham |
| Patrick Dehaene | Dublin | Rolestown - Oldtown / Lucan |
| John Daly | Galway | Tynagh |
| Eamonn Mc Elligott | Kerry | Lixnaw |
| Robert Chambers | Kildare | Athy |
| Timmy Bryne | Kilkenny | Kilkenny City |
| Anthony Reynolds | Longford | Edgeworthstown |
| John Carroll | Louth | Dunleer |
| James Murray | Mayo | Keelogue / Balla |
| Dermot Ward | Meath. | Navan |
| Joe Bracken | Offaly | Eglish - Drumcullen |
| Mervyn Auchmuty | Roscommon | Knockcroghery |
| Philip Tierney | Tipperary | Terryglass |
| Edward Morrissey | Waterford | Dunhill |
| Christopher Dolan | Westmeath | Sonna |
| Isaac Wheelock | Wexford | Davidstown |
| James Hill | Wicklow | Barndarrig |
| Kieran McEvoy | Laois | Durrow / Portarlinton |
| Brian Lazenby | Kildare | Athy |
| Liam Dunne | Kildare | Athy |
| John Murphy | Wexford | Monageer |

Hill Farming

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Name | County | Branch |
| Florence McCarthy | Kerry | Kenmare Chairperson |
| Stephen Walsh | Clare | Feakle |
| Neilie O'Leary | Cork | Coomhola |
| Bernard C Duffy | Donegal | Rosses |
| Eamonn Nee | Galway | Connemara |
| Patrick O'Shea | Kerry | Castlegregory |
| Denis Halpin | Kildare / West Wicklow | Manor Kilbride |
| Padraig McGowan | Leitrim | Drumshanbo |
| Peter Shields | Louth | Cooley |
| Tommy Mulchrone | Mayo | Derrada |
| Peter Hennessy | Waterford/South Tipperary | Kilross |
| Gabriel O'Neill | Wexford | Kiltealy |
| Peter Murphy | Wicklow | Rathdrum / Tinahely |
| Benedict Gallagher | Sligo. | Templeboy |
| Joseph Brady | Cavan | Laragh (Co Opt) |

IFA National Committees 2019

Liquid Milk

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Name | County | Branch |
| John Finn | Chairperson | Oranmore |
| Laurence Hannon | Vice Chairperson | Moone |
| Denis Fagan | FMP | Kildalkey |
| Michael O'Flaherty | FMP | Trim |
| James Mulhall | FMP | Kilkenny City |
| Kevin Maguire | FMP | Newtownforbes |
| David Bennett | FMP | Abbeyleix |
| Derek Tierney | FMP | Timahoe |
| Willie Lennon | FMP | Goresbridge/Paulstown |
| Walter Crowley | FMP | Mooncoin |
| Kevin Healy | FMP | Aughrim |
| Charles McCandles | Aurivo | Culdaft |
| Gareth Porter | Aurivo | Finn Valley |
| Paul Merrick | Aurivo | Riverstown |
| Keith O'Boyle | Aurivo | Hollymount |
| Patrick O'Donovan | CLMP | Aghad |
| Dan Buckley | Clona | Glanmire |
| John Galvin | KLMP (Dawn Moate) | Moate |
| Michael O'Connor | Limerick/Clare | Adare |
| Austin Grealy | KLMP (Dawn Galway) | Clonakilty |
| Padraig Coughlan | Arrabawn | Fardrum |
| Liam Grady | Arrabawn | Gurteen |
| Pat Murphy | Arrabawn | Ardrahan |
| Mervyn Helen | Clona West Cork | Clarinbridge |
| Paul Hyland | Co-Opted Glanbia Winter Suppliers Group | Clough |
| Aidan Casey | Co-Opted NMA | Horseleap |
| Padraig Mulligan | Co-Opted NMA | Templeboy |
| Kieran Savage | Lee Strand | Tralee |
| Tom Treanor | Lakeland | Clones |

Livestock

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Name | County | Branch |
| Angus Woods | Chairperson | Barndarrig |
| Brendan Golden | Vice Chairperson | Killala |
| Paul Balfe | Carlow | Rathvilly |
| Thomas Leonard | Cavan | Crossdoney |
| Thomas Lane | Clare | Parteen |
| Ivor Jeffery | Cork (C) | Cloyne |
| Sheena McCarthy | Cork (N) | Buttevant |
| Robert Ellis | Cork (W) | Drinagh |
| Frank McClean | Donegal | Letterkenny |
| Laurence Ward | Dublin | Rolestown-Oldtown |
| Michael Flynn | Galway | Kilnadeema |
| Helen O'Mahony | Kerry | Castleisland |
| David Egar | Kildare | Manor-Kilbride |
| Laurence McEvoy | Kilkenny | Ballyragget |
| Declan Hanrahan | Laois | Borris-in-Ossory |
| Adrian Kelly | Leitrim | Cloone |
| Denis Duggan | Limerick | Doon |
| Padraic Gerety | Longford | Kenagh |
| Peter Jnr McEneaney | Louth | Tallanstown |
| Brendan Golden | Mayo | Killala |
| Eamonn Meade | Meath | Nobber |
| Eamon Markey | Monaghan | Killanny |
| James Bennett | Offaly | Bracknagh-Clonbullogue |
| John O'Beirne | Roscommon | Strokestown |
| John Graham | Sligo | Riverstown |
| Tim Harty | Tipp North | Ballywilliam |
| Denis Large | Tipp South | Gortnahoe |
| Pat Keane | Waterford | Kilmacthomas |
| Donal Kenny | Westmeath | Turin |
| JJ Kavanagh | Wexford | Ballywilliam-Templeudigan |
| Sean Cooney | Wicklow | Ashford |

IFA National Committees 2019

Pigs & Pigmeat

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Name | County | Branch |
| Thomas Hogan | Chairperson Limerick | Anglesboro |
| Georg Roy Gallie | Vice Chairperson Kildare | Cadamstown- Carbury |
| Oliver Leddy | Cavan | Redhills |
| Con O'Kelly | Carlow | Borris |
| Michael O'Doherty | Cork North | Mitchelstown |
| Richard Norton | Tipp South | Ballingarry |
| John Ryan | Tipp South | Ardfinnan Grange |
| Richard Kingston | Cork North | Lombardstown |
| Luke Bogue | Cavan | Crossdoney |
| Jonathan Marry | Meath | East-Meath |
| Colm Ryan | Clare | Ennis |
| Kevin Riordan | Wexford | Glynn |
| Michael O'Shea | Tipp North | Roscrea |
| William Murphy | Westmeath | Collinstown |
| Michael Caffrey | Cavan | Castlerohan- M'Nugent |
| Shane McAuliffe | Kerry | Knocknagoshel |
| Maurice O'Brien | Cork North | Mitchelstown |
| Darren Brady | Westmeath | Killucan |
| Christopher Brady | Monaghan | Aughnamullen |
| John Horan | Limerick | Glin |
| David N Tyndall | Tipperary | Roscrea |
| Tom O'Keefe | Cork North | Kildorrery |
| Philip O'Brien | Cork North | Mitchelstown |

Potato

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Name | County | Branch |
| Thomas Mckeown | Chairperson Meath | Nobber |
| Nora Sheehan | Vice Chairperson | K'vullen-Ct'roche- Shanballymore |
| Nora Sheehan | Cork | K'vullen-Ct'roche- Shanballymore |
| John Griffin | Cork | Carrigaline |
| Jimmy Rankin | Donegal | Newtown Cunningham |
| William Monagle | Donegal | Newtown Cunningham |
| David Garrigan | Dublin | Swords |
| Barry Stephens | Galway | Corofin-Ballyglunin |
| Bridget O Connor | Kerry | Moyvane |
| Bart Maertens | Kildare | Clane-Prosperous |
| John Doody | Kilkenny | Mooncoin |
| Brendan Lynch | Louth | Ardee |
| Thomas Sheridan | Meath | Kilbeg |
| Pat Reynolds | Meath | Navan |
| Thomas Mckeown | Meath | Nobber |
| Shane Howell | Offaly | Killeigh |
| Michael Healy | Tipperary | Moycarkey-Borris |
| Sean Ryan | Wexford | Ballywilliam- Templeudigan |
| Tom Delahunt | Wicklow | Ashford |

IFA National Committees 2019

Poultry

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Name | County | Branch |
| Andrew Boylan | Chairperson Monaghan | Tullyvaragh |
| Nigel Renaghan | Monaghan | Clontibret |
| Eoin Cunningham | Limerick | Broadford-Kantoher |
| Nigel Sweetman | Cork Central | Kinsale |
| Pat O'Connell | Limerick | Feoghanagh |
| Ann Gernon | Louth | Louth Village |
| Eugene McGinnity | Monaghan | Aughnalshavey |
| Michael O'Hea | Cork West | Clonakilty |
| Mark McElvaney | Monaghan | Threemilehouse |
| John McCabe | Monaghan | Threemilehouse |
| Padraic Kiely | Mayo | Brickens |
| Vincent Quinn | Monaghan | TullyCorbett |
| Thomas Daly | Cavan | Mullagh |
| Thomas Fitzsimons | Cavan | Billis |
| Sean McKenna | Monaghan | Tydavnet |
| Edward Keane | Waterford | Kinsalebeg |
| Robert McBride | Monaghan | Tyholland |
| David Abbott | Cavan | Killeshandra |
| Warren O'Connell | Cork Central | Carrigaline |
| Edmond Murphy | Waterford | Dunhill |
| Nigel Flynn | Monaghan | Clones |
| Enda Connolly | Monaghan | Clones |
| D Scott | Monaghan | Newbliss |
| Michael Murphy | Waterford | Cappoquin |
| Derek Good | Cork | Innishannon |
| Andrew Keating | Monaghan | Newbliss |

Rules & Privileges

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|-------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Name | County | Branch |
| Richard Kennedy | Limerick | Clarina |
| Patrick Donnelly | Westmeath | Sonna |
| John Fitzgerald | Waterford | Kilmeaden |
| Pat Hennessy | Laois | Borris in Ossory |
| Matthew McGreehan | Louth | Cooley |
| James Gallagher | Leitrim | Kinlough |
| Billy Cotter | Cork | Castletownroche |

IFA National Committees 2019

Rural Development & ANCs

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Name | County | Branch |
| Joseph Brady | Chairperson Carlow | Laragh |
| Marian Dalton | Carlow | Bagenalstown |
| John Beglan | Cavan | Mullahoran |
| Denis Tuohy | Clare | Whitegate |
| Donal O'Donovan | Cork | Dunmanway |
| Tom O'Keefe | Cork | K'Vullen-CT'Roche - Shanbaymore |
| Donal Howard | Cork | Kilcorney |
| Andrew McShea | Donegal | Mitchelstown |
| Liam Hopkins | Dublin | Bohernabreena |
| Eamonn Burke | Galway | Corrandulla - Annaghdown |
| Dermot Kelly | Kerry | Kilcummin |
| Joe Morrissey | Kildare | Manor Kilbride |
| Richard Meaney | Kilkenny | The Rower |
| Henry Burns | Laois | Mountmellick |
| James Gallagher | Leitrim | Kinlough |
| Roger Keogh | Limerick | Cappamore |
| Emmet Duffy | Longford | Ballinallee |
| Matthew McGreehan | Louth | Cooley |
| Michael Biggins | Mayo | Glencorrib |
| Tom Finnegan | Meath | Oristown |
| Brian Treanor | Monaghan | Traugh Upper |
| Pat Walsh | Offaly | Cloghan |
| John Hanley | Roscommon | Creggs |
| Edward Davitt | Sligo | Clonacool |
| Simon Ryan | Tipperary (S) | Emly |
| Con Mackey | Tipperary (N) | Newport |
| John Heffernan | Waterford | Ballymacarbry |
| Richard O'Brien | Westmeath | Fardrum |
| Jer O'Mahoney | Wexford | Bannow |
| Joseph Gahan | Wicklow | Ballyconnell |
| Padraic Joyce | Co-option SACS | Islandeady |
| Flor McCarthy | Co-options (Hill Committee) | Kenmare |

Sheep

| MEMBERS 2019 | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Name | County | Branch |
| Sean Dennehy | Chairperson | Crookstown |
| Kevin Comiskey | Vice Chairperson | Drumahair |
| John Hanbidge | Carlow | Tynock-Kiltegan |
| Floyd McNeil | Cavan | Billis |
| William Daly | Clare | Ennistymon |
| Frank O'Driscoll | Cork (C) | Glanmire |
| Edmond Roche | Cork (N) | K'vullen-Ct'roche- Shanbalymore |
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