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IFA/Teagasc National Potato Conference 2020

Welcome to this year's National Potato Conference organised by the Irish Farmers' Association and Teagasc in association with Bord Bia.

Irish potato growers are currently facing a challenging marketing season, however supply is in balance with demand. The area of potatoes planted was the second lowest on record, with only a 3% increase on 2018 (the lowest year on record). There was also a further decrease in the planting of traditional varieties such as Kerr Pinks and Golden Wonders.

Farmers continue to be the poor relation within the supply chain. Despite carrying the least risk within the potato supply it is the retailers and facilitators who take the lion's share of the margin. Increased inputs and storage costs and the continued decrease of phytosanitary products available continue as core problems affecting the sector. The price that growers receive is often not sufficient to cover increased costs.

Bord Bia in conjunction with IFA and 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.

The morning session of this year's conference will focus on the new EU Potato promotion campaign, "Millennials Attitudes to Potatoes" and the health benefits of potatoes. The first speaker from Kantar Worldpanel will present a comprehensive market analysis of the 'Irish Potato Market' and this will be followed by presentations on the future of potatoes. The final speaker will speak about the World Potato Congress 2021 in Ireland.

The afternoon session will focus on plant health, energy use in the potato sector, desiccation and controlling sprouting in store without CIPC. We will hear presentations from an expert from Sutton Bridge along with Teagasc specialists and DAFM personnel.

IFA and Teagasc acknowledge the presence and valued support today of industry associated exhibitors and conference sponsors.

We hope that you find this year's conference proceedings of benefit to you as you make decisions going forward in your business.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

9.00am Registration/Tea and Coffee

Chairman: Thomas McKeown, IFA Potato Chairman

10.00am Message from Conference Hosts

Tim Cullinan, IFA President **Gerry Boyle,** Director Teagasc

Session 1

10.30am Chairman: Thomas McKeown, IFA Potato Chairman

Cliona Lynch, Kantar Worldpanel – 'The Irish Potato Market'

Lorcan Bourke - 'Millennials Attitudes to Potatoes' & the new EU Potato Promotional Campaign 2020-2022

Stu Baker, AHDB 'Potatoes - the Food of the Future - a British Perspective'

Aoife Hearne – 'Putting Potatoes Centre Plate for Millennials Optimum Nutrition'

Liam Glennon – 'World Potato Congress, Ireland, 2021'

12.30pm Lunch – Experience www.potato.ie recipes from EU Potato Promotion Campaign

Session 2

2.00pm Chairman: Andy Doyle, Tillage Specialist, Irish Farmers' Journal

Barry Delaney, DAFM– Potatoes, Plant Health and Beyond" **Barry Caslin**, Teagasc – Energy use in the Potato Sector **Shay Phelan**, Teagasc – Desiccation – Life after Diquat

Adrian Briddon, Sutton Bridge – Controlling sprouting in store without CIPC

3.30pm – Workshops

4.30pm **1. Adrian Briddon** – Sprout Management in Store

2. Shay Phelan – Desiccation Strategies for 2020

3. Barry Caslin – Energy Management on Farm

Trade show ongoing throughout the afternoon

Tea/Coffee at trade show in the afternoon







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Ware Potato quality, labelling and associated plant health issues

The Department has a team of Inspectors who work across the food safety, authenticity and plant health areas throughout the country. This team of Inspectors, who are part of the Horticulture & Plant Health Division's team, are involved in controls relating to the food safety, quality and authenticity of ware potatoes as well as dealing with plant health issues that may arise in relation to the crop. In the event of concerns, queries or complaints regarding any of these matters please contact:

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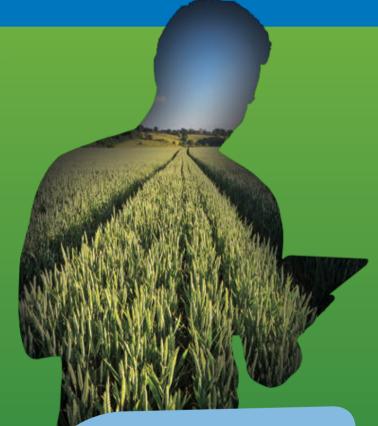
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Potato Herbicides			
SHARMETRIN	MOST MICRO	PILOT ULTRA	
Metribuzin 700g/kg	Pendimethalin 365g/lt	Quizalofop-p-ethyl 50g/lt	

Fungicides			
AZ-TEC / CHAMANE	C50 WG	GRECALE	
Azoxystrobin 250g/lt	Cymoxanil 500g/kg	Cymoxanil 200g/lt + Fluazinam 300g/lt	
NAUTILE DG	PENNCOZEB WDG	PROXANIL	
Cymoxanil 50g/kg + Mancozeb 680g/kg	Mancozeb 750g/kg	Propamocarb 400g/lt + Cymoxanil 50g/lt	

Fertilisers, Stimulants and Adjuvants		
SOLUSOP	TTL PLUS	WETCIT
Soluble Sulphate of Potash	Fulvic Acid 23%	Adjuvant based on orange oil





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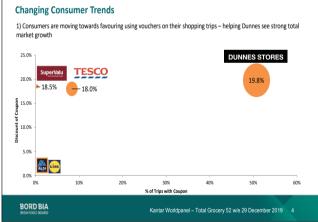
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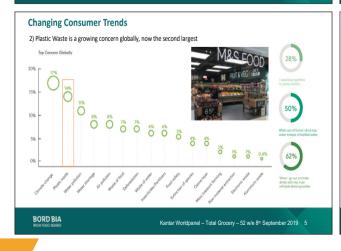
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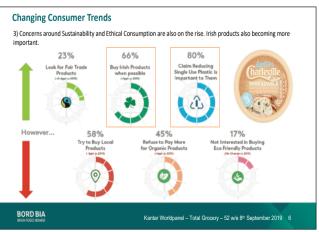


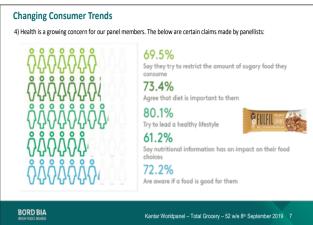
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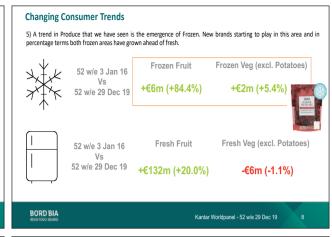
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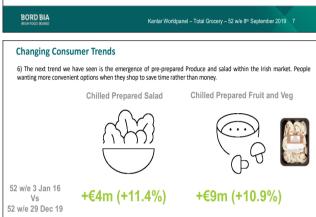




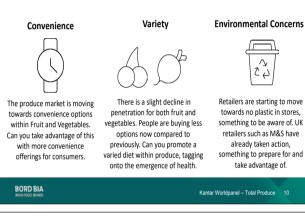








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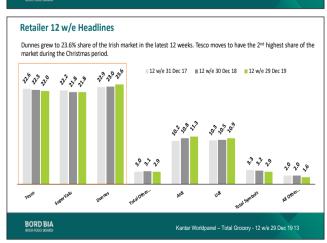


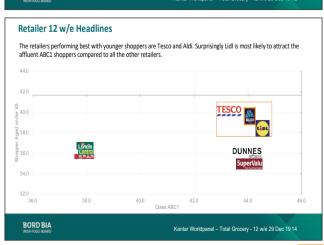
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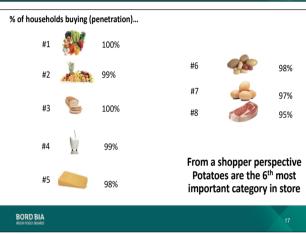
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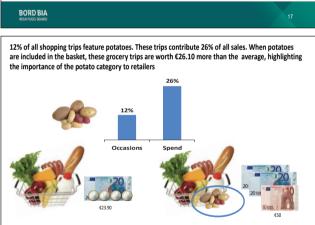












Importance of Potatoes

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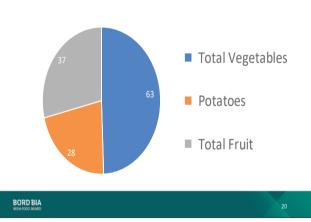
212K Tonnes of potatoes sold in 2019

Potatoes are bought once every 1 second in Irish Retailers



1.7 million households purchasing annually

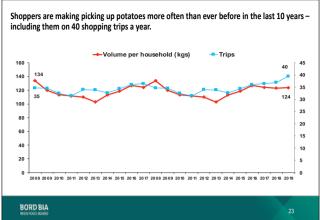
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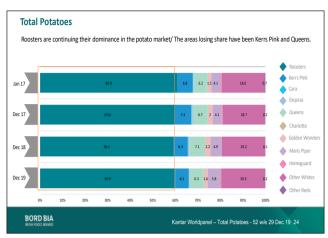


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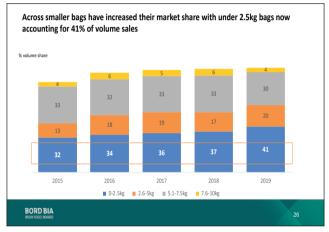
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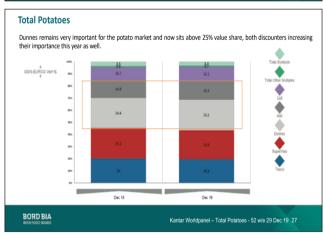




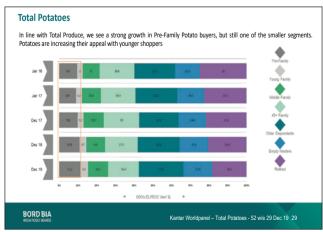




















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Millennials Attitudes to Potatoes & the new EU Potato Promotional Campaign 2020-2022

Lorcan Bourke, Bord Bia



Contents

- Millennials Attitudes to Potatoes (summary)
- The new EU Potato Promotional Campaign 2020-2023

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Bord Bia Millennial Potato Market Research

In the lead in to the EU application (Jan-April 2019), Bord Bia commissioned an online survey (sample size n=1,500 respondents) with a specific focus on Irish millennials to understand their thinking around food trends, alternative carbohydrates and specifically fresh potatoes.

The following are 6 key learnings that emerged from the market research study:

- The ${\bf carbohydrate}\ {\bf world}$ is being increasingly challenged & there is a rise in meal snacking
- Younger cohorts are gravitating towards **other carbohydrates**, in particular for their convenience, and perceived health benefits

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Bord Bia Millennial Potato Market Research

- 3. The **health benefits of potatoes** are not well understood with millennials seeing them as having the most fat and calories (when compared with other carbohydrates)
- 4. Younger cohorts believe potatoes to be harder to cook, in a world where they believe cooking should not take more than 15-20 minutes
- 5. The **potato lacks relevance** for many younger consumers in Ireland it is not being showcased on social media (e.g. Instagram) in the way other foods are
- 6. The potato is very much part of an indulgent moment with strong associations with **traditional family cooking** and it is viewed to keep so-called 'bad' 'fattening friends' i.e. butter, cheese, mayonnaise, etc.

Bord Bia Market Research Recommendations for the New Potato Campaign was to 'I.N.S.P.I.R.E.' Millennials - which guided the EU application



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Towards a New Potato Promotional Campaign



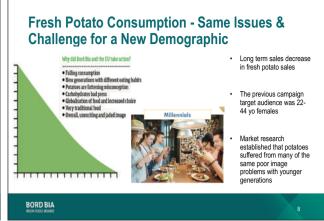
POLLEGES **MORE THAN**



SINCE 1536 2020-2022 campaign

2015-2018 campaign

Previous Campaign: Volume Lift & Stability Fresh Potato Purchasing in Ireland-Actual Sales Volume 2007 to 2018 (Tonnes) Districts (Machine) 2007 2008 2008 2616 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2007 2008 2008 2616 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 BORD BIA MILITROD 2014



Application for a Campaign - Why Choose a Millennial Target Audience?



- The millennial consumption challenge is around their <u>under consumption</u> of potatoes compared to the total market
- Objectives 1. is to increase frequency of purchase of millennials from 26 times per annum to 30 times per annum
- Objective 2. is to increase the volume kg per buyer from 78.1 kg to 90 kg for millennials
- Potential volume uplift through promotional activity is 11,268 tonnes with the average price of fresh potatoes in Ireland is €1/Kg, thus there is potential to increase sales by €11,268,000

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How it works ...



- New partner countries are Flanders (VLAM), France (CNIPT) & Europatat
- Joint millennial multi-country campaign was applied for April 2019
- · Awarded October 2019 (start Jan 2020)
- 80:20 ratio for EU: Industry Funding
- 80% EU funded





- Growers funding 10% : Packers 10%
- Annual Irish industry contribution €130K realises promo budget €650K
- Total Irish promotional budget is c.€1.95m across 3 years
- Close Irish industry partner group Potato Promotions group (IFA/IPF/DAFM chaired by Bord Bia) –decided on the agency/selected & to guide the campaign
- Bord Bia are the official EU 'proposing organisation' for Ireland

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EU Application Process- a Campaign Promotional Agency Chosen



- Darwin BBDO agency won the campaign tender (BBDO Dublin)
- The agency supported the EU bid for a total partner campaign spend of €5,550,000
- Primary message: potatoes are easy to prepare and fit in a modern lifestyle; they are versatile and tasty.
- Secondary message: reassurance about health and origin

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Millennial Campaign Touchpoints - Proposed Digital & Social Media Channels



PR and Other Possible Campaign Tie-in's in 2021...



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Thank You

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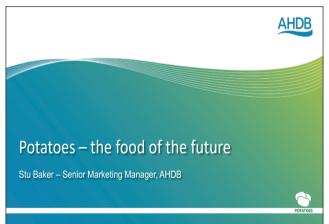
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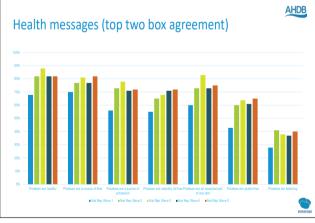
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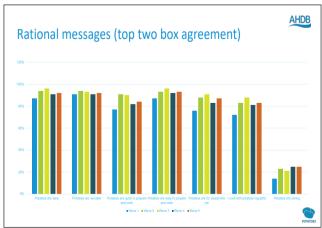
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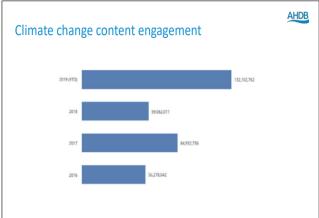












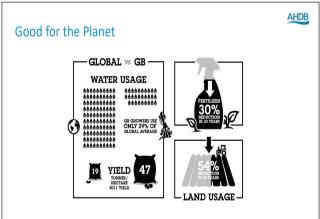
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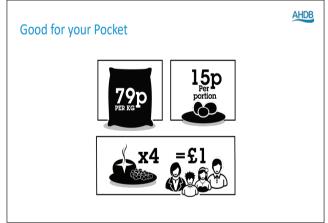
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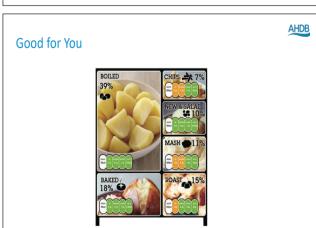
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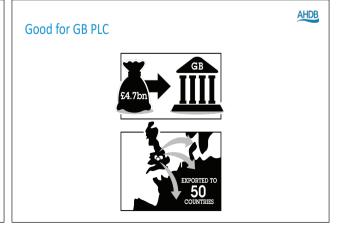


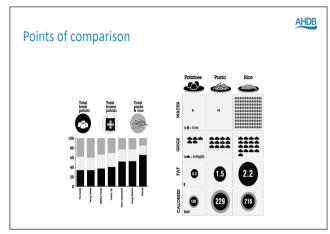












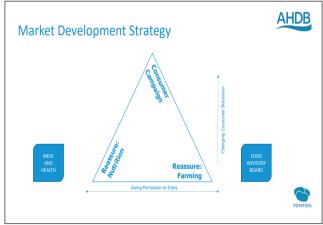


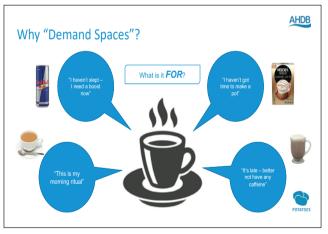


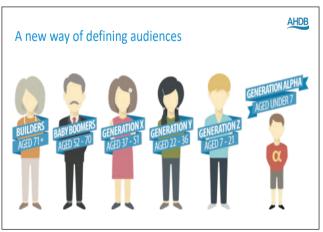
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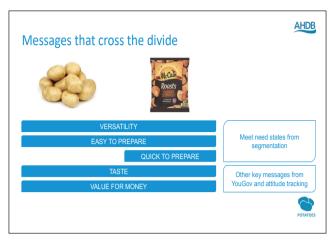
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Putting Potatoes Centre Plate for Millennials Optimum Nutrition

Aoife Hearne, RD





Potatoes: what's under the skin?

- Part of the carbohydrate family
- Carbohydrates main function is for energy
- Only energy source readily available for the brain to





But what we know...

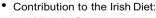
- Carb-phobia persists
- Carbohydrates are seen as the least important part of the plate
- In the US there is a very obvious low carb focus for a lot of people within this group





Value of the Potato

- Important Source of:
 - Potassium
 - Vitamin C
 - B Vitamins



- Vitamin C
- Folate
- Iron



DIETARY FIBRE



Why is Fibre Important?

- Essential for healthy digestive system
- Fibre provides the food the good bacteria in our gut need to survive
- Recommendation: 25g/day

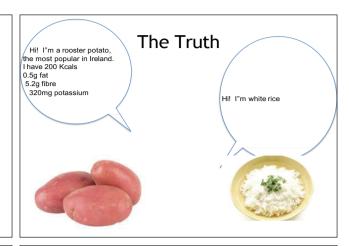


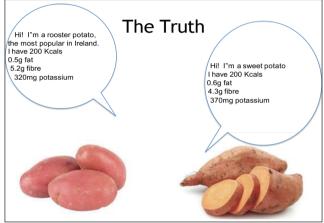


Spectrum of Carbohydrates











Millennials

- Many have made some effort to eat more healthily in the past year
- 92% would like to make change to improve health
 - physically active
 - financially secure
 - sleep better
 - healthy eating







Diversity with the Group

- 18 34 males & females Eating Environment
- Independently living
- sharing / couples
- New / young family
- Eating Environment
 Social Media Influence
- Single / Couple
- Pregnant
- Young family
- Active with Sport
- Sedentary
- First job / cooking skills



Where do potatoes fit into a well planned eating plan?



Considerations for this group

- How to Cook
- Healthy habits
- Equipment
- Shopping / Storing..



Anxiety around Food

 90% irish consumers worry about what they eat



Potatoes...beliefs

- low food miles
- useful for young families
- health credentials not fully understood
- taste?
- sweet potato better?
- vs rice -
- vs pasta speed



Value of Potatoes for young families



Value of Potatoes sharing / couples



Value of Potatoes Young professionals

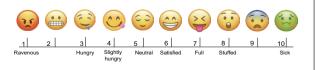




Prep is Key



Tip # 2 Hunger Scale

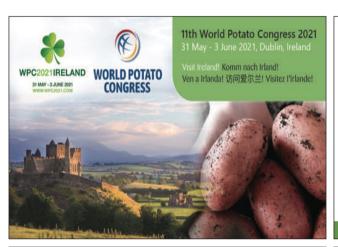


Aim to eat every 3 hours to make it easier to stay on track



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Liam Glennon



Past World Potato Congresses

• 1993 Charlottetown, Canada • 1994 Harrogate, United Kingdom • 1997 Durban, South Africa

• 2000 Amsterdam, The Netherlands • 2004

Kunming, China • 2006 Boise, Idaho, USA

• 2009 Christchurch, New Zealand • 2012 Edinburgh, Scotland

Cusco, Peru

Yanqing, China • 2015



Europatat

Official Host Body

- Irish Potato Federation 1973
- To promote sale and consumption of potatoes
- 10 members
- Growers, traders, packers, seed companies.



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Europatat

• 2018

- Founded 1952
- 62 members, 20 countries
- 16 National Associations
- 40 Potato Companies

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- Fresh, processed, seed potato sectors
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- Producers:



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To create a value chain network to lead sustainable growth and development

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- Wholesome
- Nutritious
- Sustainable





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- Opportunities
- Where is the business going world-wide?
- Where is growth
- The Green Consumer
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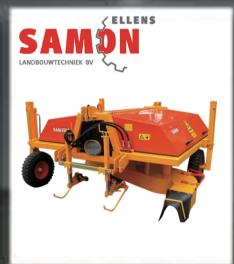
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Conference Presentations Session 2

Potatoes, Plant Health and Beyond

Barry Delaney, DAFM

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD & MARINE

AT THE NATIONAL POTATO CONFERENCE, RED COW HOTEL, NAAS ROAD 18TH FEBRUARY 2020

Plant Health and Biosecurity Strategy. Ireland is recognised as having a favourable plant health status which means that many of the pests and pathogens of plants which are present elsewhere are still absent from Ireland. However, increased globalisation leading to increasingly complex trade patterns throughout the world in plants and plant products (and their associated pests and pathogens) means that Ireland cannot be complacent. We cannot assume that Ireland will retain its freedom from plant health pest and pathogens by simply continuing with 'business as usual'. In addition, emerging plant pests and pathogens, such as the Epitrix flea beetle, Colorado beetle, the bacteria causing Zebra Chip of Potatoes and many others, whose establishment may be facilitated by changes in climate, may impact on the food security, biodiversity and wider environment of Ireland. These compelling economic, social and environmental drivers resulted in the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine prioritising the development of a Plant Health Biosecurity Strategy as one of its high-level priorities.

The objectives of this strategy are to minimise the threat to plant health by preventing the introduction and establishment of plant pests and pathogens, and reducing their impact in order to achieve environmental protection and economic growth. The Plant Health Biosecurity Strategy is Ireland's response to the increasing emerging threats that we face. This strategy is underpinned by three key strategic principles which are, Risk Anticipation, Surveillance and Awareness.

Seed certification is an EU-wide quality assurance system whereby seed potatoes intended for marketing are subject to official control and inspection to ensure minimum standards throughout the EU. Certified seed ensures common quality and health standards throughout the EU and thereby allows free movement of certified seed between Member States. The certification scheme is linked to plant health regulations to prevent the spread and multiplication of plant pathogens that adversely affect crop production.

DAFM is the certifying authority for seed potatoes in Ireland. Under the scheme, DAFM officials carry out crop and tuber inspections to ensure seed meets minimum purity and quality standards, thereby ensuring the supply of high quality seed to growers. Under EU and Irish law, it is illegal to market noncertified seed and all seed lots must be sealed and labelled to comply with the regulations. Member States may impose higher plant health standards than the minimum required under the EU regulations and Ireland restricts the marketing of seed potatoes of lower standard. Only four generations of pre-basic, and three subsequent generations of basic seed may be placed on the market in Ireland. Growers may plant one further generation of home-saved seed, provided they are in compliance with plant variety rights.

Imports of seed potatoes in excess of 2 kgs must be notified to DAFM via email to PotatoOnline@agriculture.gov.ie

Food Safety and Authenticity

DAFM has a team of Inspectors who work across the food safety and authenticity area in food of plant origin, including potato growers. All potato growers must register as a primary producer of a food and will receive evidence of registration through allocation of a Horticultural Food Registration number. Non processed potatoes are regarded as low risk from a food safety point of view, however where additional processing takes place such as peeling, chopping or dicing, the food safety risk increases. The purpose of the controls in this area is to ensure that food producers are in compliance with relevant EU and national food safety legislation. This same team of Inspectors are responsible for ensuring that the labelling and quality standards of the potatoes offered for sale complies with the relevant legislation. In recent years, mostly on foot of complaints from concerned consumers or growers, DAFM has developed the facility to sample potatoes at retail or wholesale level and have variety testing carried out in order to verify the authenticity of the labelling claims made. Compliance notices have been issued on foot of these tests and growers and or packers can face enforcement action as a result of sampling carried out.

For information on how to register as a horticulture food business or in the event of concerns, queries or complaints regarding any of the matters raised above, please contact RegisterFBO@agriculture.gov.ie

DAFM supports

Progress continues to be made in terms of diversification and import substitution through the salad potato research programme and in more recent times the fresh chipping project. The Tillage Capital Investment Scheme (TAMS) has more recently included specialised salad potato harvesting equipment has been able to support this initiative.

Given the objectives of the TAMS to facilitate the Sector to develop a targeted and precise approach focusing on environmental dividends, efficiency and growth and in addition to improve competitiveness and contribute to the improvement of agricultural incomes. DAFM will examine potential items to develop the correct agronomy and crop conditioning facilities for Irish production for the fresh chip trade to facilitate growers making the necessary investments to take maximum advantage of this important market.

UK Exit of EU

The UK left the European Union on 31 January 2020 on the basis of the Withdrawal Agreement which was agreed by the European Council on 17 October 2019.

The agreement includes a transition period until at least 31 December 2020.

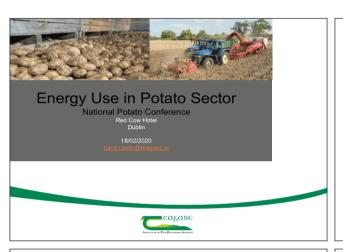
During this time, EU rules and regulations will continue to apply to the UK and the UK will remain part of the EU's Single Market and Customs Union. There will be no immediate changes for citizens and businesses in their day-to-day dealings.

The EU and the UK will start negotiations on a new future relationship agreement which, if agreed, is due to come into effect from 1 January 2021.

Consequently, we are strongly advising all traders involved in the import and export of potatoes to register with the DAFM as soon as possible, where more detailed information on legislative requirements can be provided.

Energy use in the Potato Sector

Barry Caslin, Teagasc



Potential opportunities for onfarm Renewable Energy

- Biomass heating, electricity, transport
- Hydro electricity
- Solar heating, electricity
- Geothermal heating
- Anaerobic Digestion (AD) / biogas
- Fuel cells / Hydrogen electricity, heating, transport
- Wind electricity



Energy use in potato business

- Field Operations Land preperation, plant
 - Land preperation
 - planting
 - chemical/fertiliser application
- Harvesting
- Post Harvesting process
- Grading
- Cleaning
- Drying
- Cooling
 Lighting





Impact of Carbon Taxes

- Budget 2020 increased by €6 per tonne from €20 to €26
- First step in commitment to rise to €80 by 2030
- €6 carbon tax adds:
 - €1.17 for a 60L diesel fill (2 c L)
 - €1.02 for a 60L petrol fill (1.7 c L)
 - €0.93 per 60L MGO (1.5 c L)

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CARBON TAX AT €26 PER TONNE CARBON TAX AT €26 PER TONNE NATURAL GAS C. €61 a year C. €5.50 a litre C. €2.73 a bag PEAT BRIQUETTES C. 59c a balle C. €55 per fill 900 LITRE

Production Reported Tonnes Growers Protatoes 8,000 ha 334,000 600

Applications	Energy Technology	Fossil fuel / electricity split	Typical energy use	Best Practice
Field Operations		100 / 0	85	65
Loading	Conveyor motors, fork lift	75 / 25	0.5	0.2
Grading for quality control, dirt removal & sizing	Conveyors, motors, dust extraction, lighting	0 / 100	2.0	1.0
Drying	Electric fans, refrigeration, heating	0 / 100	3.5	2.0
Washing	Conveyor/brush motors, pumps	0 / 100	2.5	1.0
Short/medium term storage	Ventilation fans. Recirculation fans, louvres, lighting, humidification	0 / 100	20	10
Long term Storage	Refrigeration, recirculation fans, lighting humidification	0 / 100	80	50
Chemical application	Fans	0 / 100	0.5	0.2
Outloading	Conveyor motors, forklift, packing	0 / 100	0.5	0.2
Benchmark			194	130

Energy Saving technologies			
Description of measures	% saving overall	Cost category	Comments
Energy monitoring / management benchmarking	5%	Low	Energy monitoring is a key factor in successfully managing energy use. Industry monitoring will establish robust industry benchmarks.
Field operations	7%	Low	Depends largely on equipment selection, set-up of equipment, ballasting, tyre inflation and general optimisation of tillage operations.
Building improvements	Up to 20%	Medium to high	Some established products like thermal insulation and draught proofing. Other more novel products like low emissivity sur face coatings, heat reflective films.
Advanced Control Techiiques	10%	Medium	High quality control, integrating information on store environment and energy performance. Cheap tariff period targeting for system operation can be used.
Variable speed drives on fans / pumps / compressors	30%	Medium to high	Applicable to a wide range of ventilation and pumping applications. Concentrate on high load factor applications like ventilation in stores.
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Description of measures	% saving overall	Cost	Comments
High efficiency motors	3%	Medium	Widely applicable but only economically viable for high load factor equipment or when equipment is being changed or repaired
High efficiency lighting	30%	Medium	Lighting technology is constantly developing with lower energy light sources and better control systems.
High efficiency fan and duct designs	30%	High	High efficiency equipment is available but benefits are not well understood by installers or users.
Cooling technique optimisation	10%	High	Mixed ambient/refrigeration systems, and new techniques in refrigeration technology need to be evaluated – variable speed condensers, new refrigerant mixes.

Energy Saving technologies cont'

Energy Improvements

- Air leakage (can account for 37% of stores energy consumption (pre-pack) and 55% (processing) (FEC study)
- Seal gaps around doors / close doors properly
- Fill joints on roof eaves or ridges
- Place flaps over louvres or ventilation systems
- Minimise airflow through ambient fans when turned off

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Steps towards Energy Efficiency

- 1) Use meters or sub-meters
- 2) Ensure controls work correctly
- 3) Consider VSD's
- 4) Calibrate temperature probes annually
- 5) Insulation
- 6) Fans & ducts
- 7) Doors / Louvres and joints
- 8) Lighting
- 9) Consider replacing old motors or graders
- 10) Get an energy audit
- 11) Layout Ensure boxes allow uniform airflow
- 12) Hygiene Keep fans and ducts and coils clear of debris good airflow

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Improve field operations

- Correct tractor ballasting
- Tyre selection
- Implement matching





Methane tractors

- On combustion only releases CO2 and water

 Emissions are 80% lower than diesel equivalents.
- Possible 30% savings on running costs
- No AdBlue
- Top speed of 50kph
- Methane is stored in pressurised composite layered tanks.

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Renewable Energy Systems

- Wind and solar: can provide energy for cooling without being too sensitive to the erratic availability of these energy sources.
- Heat recovery: in some situations, it may be feasible to use recovered heat for offices, workshops or domestic dwellings.
- Alternative Refrigeration: currently use conventional compression cycle refrigeration.

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LED Lighting

Cost of LED Lighting and fitting €71 + €4	€75
Energy used by LED light	25 W
Energy used by double fluorescent tubes	116 W
Hours of light per day	14
Saving in electricity (116W – 25W)	91 W
At 14 hours per day (14 x 91W)	1274 Wh
For 365 days	465 kWh
At 18 cent per kWh / unit of electricity = 465 x 0.18	€84
Accelerated Capital Allowances (TAX)	

CO2 savings 465 x 0.437 kg of CO2 per kWh = 203 kg



The SSRH



What is the SSRH?

- Govt. scheme
- Financial support to renewable heat generators
- 15 vear period
- Administered by SEAI
- Technologies Solid Biomass Boilers & Heat Pumps
- Non-domestic sector

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SSRH proposed tariff levels (Cent for each kWh of heat produced)

Tier	Lower Limit (MWh/yr)	Upper Limit (MWh yr)	Biomass Heating Systems Tariff (c/kWh yr)	Anaerobic Digestion (c/kWh yr)
1	0	300	5.66	2.95
2	300	1,000	3.02	2.95
3	1,000	2,400	0.5	0.5
4	2,400	10,000	0.5	0.0
5	10,000	50,000	0.37	0.0
6	50,000	N/A	0.0	0.0



Photovoltaics



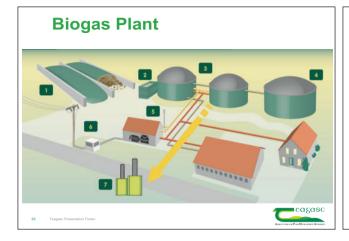
- One kilo Watt Photovoltaic, produces 822 kWh in year one with output declining by 0.7% per year.
- Average output of 764 kWh per year over 20 years
- · Requires RESS in form of REFIT to support.
- •Using 100% in the business
- ■764 kWh (18.0 cent per kWh) = €137 payback/yr.
- At a cost of €1,100 per kW installed gives a simple payback of 8.0 years
- TAMS Grant available 40%
- 60% for Young Trained Farmers



PV cuts your Carbon Footprint

- Each kWh of electricity generated by fossil fuels produces around 0.47 kg of carbon dioxide.
- A 20 kW PV system will produce about 20 x 800 kWh per year (16,000 kWh)
- This reduces the carbon footprint of the business by 16,000 x 0.47 kg = 7,520 kg of **7.5 tonnes**





Conclusions



- Storing potatoes is one of the most energy intensive activities in agriculture.
- There are many modern stores but also many ageing stores that waste energy
- Refrigeration costs and the efficiency at which stores are cooled is the key concern.
- RURAL COMMUNITIES CAN REALISE FARM DIVERSIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES Renewables will help Ireland meet its renewable / decarbonisation targets
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Desiccation – Life after Diquat

Shay Phelan, Teagasc



Desiccation

- Diquat last date of use 4 Feb 2020
- Very efficient desiccant and herbicide
- Fast acting 2 applications
- Good on leaves + stems
- Reliable

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Carfentrazone-ethyl

- Spotlight Plus
- Max individual dose 1.0l/ha
- Max total dose 1.6l/ha
 - · Second appl. must not exceed 0.6l/ha
- Interval 7 days
- PHI 7 days

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Spotlight plus – a few points

- Good on stems
- No translocation into tubers
- Weaker on leaves than diquat
- Better results when applied in direct sunlight
- 300l/ha min.
- No problem in dry weather.

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Spotlight Plus – more points

- Works best when crop is senescening
- Trace elements may help take down leaves
- Works well with Ranman Top
- Can be used +/- haulm topping
 - · Leave enough leaf on to take in chemical!

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Desiccation strategy

- Harvest date October 1st
- Desiccation time 4 weeks min.
- Last date for application end of August
- 1st application 7-10 days earlier
 - 20th August first application!!











Haulm Topping

- Top to 8 inches
 - Leave some leaves for fungicide/desiccation uptake
- Watch out for scalping e.g. wheel tracks
- Lifters for lodged crops
- Treat fungicide/desiccant within 48 hours



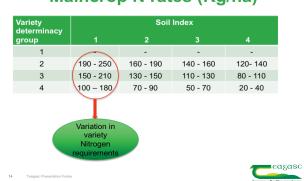
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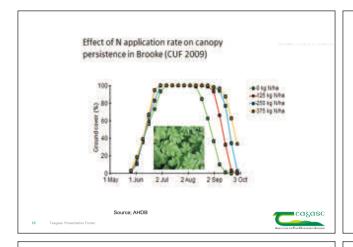
Classification of Varieties according to haulm longevity

1	2	3	4
Short Longevity	Medium Longevity	Long Longevity	V. Long Longevity
Premiere	B. Queen, Lady Rosetta	Rooster , M. Piper	Markies, Cara
Home Guard	Lady Claire, Charlotte	Golden Wonder	Kerrs Pink
	Maris Peer	Record	

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Maincrop N rates (Kg/ha)





Potential Options

- Haulm pullers
- Salts
- Electrocution
- Nutrient toxicity
- Natural death



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Workshop → Points to consider

- Crop nutrition
- Organic manures
- Late planting
- Role of Sprouting
- Seed crops

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Conclusions

- Options are very limited
- Nothing as convenient as diquat
- More planning of the crop needed

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CIPC is being withdrawn in 2020

Approvals for CIPC have been withdrawn (8 January 2020)









Storage, use or disposal of CIPC needs to be completed by 8 October 2020



CIPC



CIPC contamination¹

• Without approvals for CIPC the MRL will revert to LOQ (0.01ppm)

- AHDB is submitting data to support a tMRL -

stores	max CIPC residue ¹	mean CIPC residue
11	0.36	0.052
bulk & box stores		

storage durations from 3 to 8 months
CIPC cessation 1 to 12 years
all stores exceeded the LOQ at 3 months

¹CIPC residue of potatoes held in stores where CIPC applications have ceas This is the likely magnitude of contamination from the store fabric.



CIPC contamination update

- Rapporteur Member State (NL) has recommended a tMRL
- Requires EFSA ratification

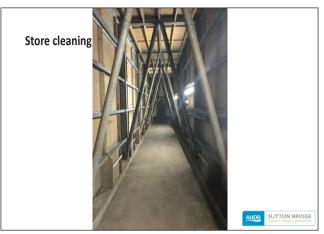
As stores empty

- leave boxes to weather outside
- leave stores open to 'air' (CIPC sublimes)
- cleaning
 - · chisel or wirebrush solid deposits in main duct
 - · remove all loose dust & soil with hoover
 - be aware of operator exposure



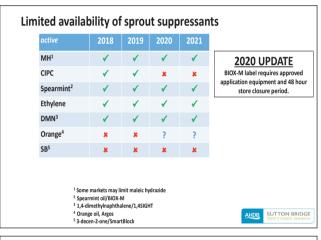
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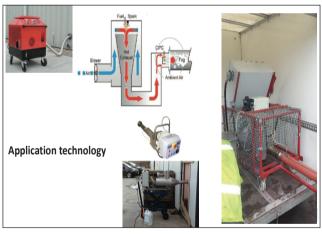






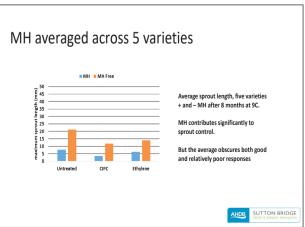


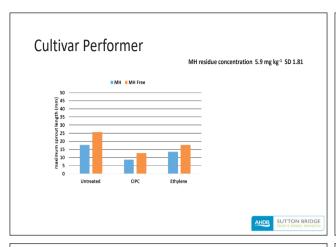


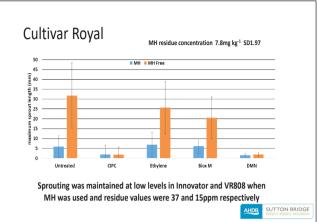












The importance of MH

- Synergy
- Cost control
 - Maleic hydrazide (and CIPC) is non-volatile (low SVP)
 - Residues are long-lived
 - Ventilation of stores has little impact on residues
- Not to mention control of volunteers & 2nd growth
- The new products tend to be volatile (high SVP)
- Restricting ventilation extends period of sprout control
- Ambient air exchange results in losses (additional cost)
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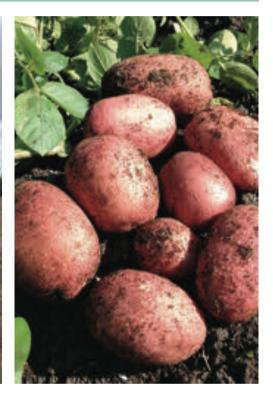
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