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# Collaborative Farming and Generational Renewal

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# Generational Renewal Ireland



- Challenge identified in current Rural Development Programme(RDP) 2014 - 2020 and previous RDP.
- 3 measures under the current Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)
  - Pillar 1 Young farmer Scheme
  - Pillar 2
    - Young Farmer Capital Investment Scheme
    - Collaborative Farming Grant Scheme
- National Funded Succession Farm Partnerships
  - Agri taxation measure
  - 2017
  - 66

# Collaborative Farming



- 2 or more farmers working together in a formal arrangement for mutual benefit of all those involved.
- Benefits
  - Economic
    - Increased returns
    - Shared capital costs
    - Higher bargaining power
    - Risk Sharing
  - Skills
    - Knowledge transfer
  - Social
    - Isolation
    - Worklife balance

# Collaborative Farming



- Entry mechanism to farming
  - New entrants
  - Succession
  - Removing barriers e.g land availability

# Collaborative Farming



## Types

- Registered Farm Partnerships
  - Inter and Intra
- Contract rearing
- Share Farming

# Collaborative Farming Grant Scheme



- Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
- Encourage the establishment of Farm Partnerships and ensure best practice when doing so
- Grant towards the costs in drawing up a farm partnerships agreement.
- Maximum 50% of relevant costs up to a maximum of €2,500
- Relevant costs
  - Legal services
  - Advisory services
  - Financial services

# Collaborative Farming Grant Scheme



## Eligibility Criteria.

- Brand New Farm Partnership
- Registered on the Departments Farm Partnership Register

# Farm Partnership



- 2000's
  - Under Milk Quota Regulation
  - Milk Production Partnership
  - Teagasc/Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine
  - Initially aimed at Dairy Farms
  - Aims
    - Shortage of quality land for milking platforms
    - Improving worklife balance
    - Encourage generational renewal
  - Ceased 2015



# 2015 Onwards



- Introduction of Register for Farm Partnerships
  - Done by way of Statutory Instrument SI 247 of 2015
  - Maintained by the Department
  - Approximately 550 Milk Production Partnerships were established as Registered Farm Partnerships
  - Currently 3,002 active farm partnerships
    - 400 annually
    - Intra family
    - Dairy and Bovine sectors

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## Application Process

- Operated in tranches
- Online system
- Must submit copies of invoices etc
- Each application is subject to ranking and selection criteria
- Marks are awarded based on the selection criteria,

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Selection Criteria	Marks
Partnerships with the following enterprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dairying</li> <li>• Beef</li> <li>• Tillage</li> <li>• Sheep</li> <li>• Other Enterprises (<u>Horticulture</u>, Pigs, Poultry, Goats)</li> <li>• Two or more enterprises</li> </ul>	25 marks 23 marks 20 marks 18 marks 18 marks 25 marks
Partnerships involving two or more separate holdings	30 marks
Partnerships where at least one partner has the required level of agriculture qualification	20 marks
Partnerships with a young <u>farmer</u> (under 40 years of age <sup>1</sup> ) as a partner  <b><u>or</u></b>  Partnerships with a young farmer (under 40 years of age) as a partner and a partner over 60 years of age <sup>2</sup>	10 marks   15 marks
Partnership with at least one certified organic operator	5 marks

# Collaborative Farming Grant Scheme



- 1,261 approved
- 379 eligible Tranche 8
- €1,678,115



Thank You  
Any Questions