

Teagasc Signpost Programme Newsletter

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Welcome to the first e-newsletter for the Signpost Programme. The Signpost e-newsletter will be published monthly. It will provide you with news from the Signpost Programme, technical articles, policy and research updates as well as profiling Signpost Farmers from across the country. Feel free to share this email with anyone you think might be interested in keeping up to date with the Signpost programme. You can sign up to receive this monthly update direct to your Inbox by visiting our webpage www.teagasc.ie/signpost

About The Signpost Programme

The Signpost Programme is a Teagasc-led partnership of farmers and over 40 companies and organisations from across the Irish agriculture sector. The primary objective of the programme is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 15% by 2025 on the Signpost Farms and by 2030 for all farms. This represents an important first step in reducing GHG emissions from Irish agriculture.

[Read more about the programme here](#)



Launch of The Signpost Programme

Pictured at the launch of the Teagasc Signpost Programme, which took place virtually on Tuesday, 18th May 2021, are (l-r) Professor Gerry Boyle, Teagasc Director; Deirdre Ryan, Director of the Origin Green and Quality Assurance Programmes with Bord Bia; Steven Fitzgerald, Dairy Signpost Programme Farmer; Dr Tom O' Dwyer, Manager of the Signpost Programme; and Dr Siobhán Kavanagh, Signpost Programme Communications and Engagement Specialist.

[Read more about the launch here](#)



Signpost Programme YouTube Playlist

All videos from the Signpost Programme Launch Event including the webinar are available on The Signpost Programme YouTube Playlist

[Watch them here](#)

Meet two of the Signpost Farmers



Ger McSweeney

Ger runs a suckling to beef system consisting of 35 spring calving suckler cows and progeny kept to slaughter. What actions will he take as part of The Signpost Programme?

[Find out here!](#)



Steven Fitzgerald

Steven milks 160 dairy cows and runs a calf to store/beef system with the dairy progeny. What Signpost Farm measures will Steven be undertaking on his dairy farm?

[Find out here!](#)

"The Signpost programme is quite unique in the way it is developed and this programme will be a major support for farmers to transition to full sustainability. Secondly, it is a programme based on the collaborative approach that involves all actors, not only farmers but all actors across the agri industry"

Pierre Bascou, Director of Sustainability and Income Support, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, EU Commissions



"Farming is uniquely placed to be part of the

solution to Climate Change, both as an emissions source and sink. Farmers must be supported to continue to protect the carbon stored in our soil while also doing more to both reduce emissions and store even more carbon"

An Taoiseach, Micheal Martin, TD



"I believe that farmers are in the best position to manage land for future environmental benefits. Small changes at farm level can reduce emissions, while also improving farm incomes"

Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Charlie McConalogue, TD



"Today's event is important because it underlines the seriousness with which the entire agriculture and food sector considers the challenge of climate change. And it demonstrates the willingness of farmers, processors, state agencies and the department to work in lock step to address the challenge"

Teagasc Director, Professor Gerry Boyle



Climate Bill 2021



Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill 2021

The Government published the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Bill (2021) during March and it is currently progressing through the Houses of the Oireachtas.

[Read more about the Climate Bill here](#)

Results of recent Teagasc Protected Urea Trial Published



A recent peer-reviewed paper has confirmed that no residues of either NBPT or NBPTo were found in any of over 500 milk samples taken from milk produced by cows fertilised with Protected Urea

As part of the Teagasc conducted research, a highly sensitive and validated analytical method for the detection of the urease inhibitor NBPT and NBPTo in the matrix of milk was developed by Teagasc researchers at its Ashtown campus.

[Read more here!](#)

The Environment Edge Podcast



The Environment Edge is Teagasc's environment podcast focusing on challenges and opportunities in agriculture. Presented by Cathal Somers and Deirdre Glynn, this podcast will bring you the latest information, science and opinion on farm sustainability..

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