

The Irish Agriculture and Food Development Authority

Remarks at Launch of Teagasc Annual Report 2012

Professor Gerry Boyle, Director 21 October 2013



Teagasc Mission

Mission

To support science-based innovation in the agri-food sector and wider bioeconomy so as to underpin profitability, competitiveness and sustainability



Teagasc Goals

GOAL 1

Improve the competitiveness of agriculture, food and the wider bioeconomy

GOAL 2

Support sustainable farming and the environment

GOAL 3

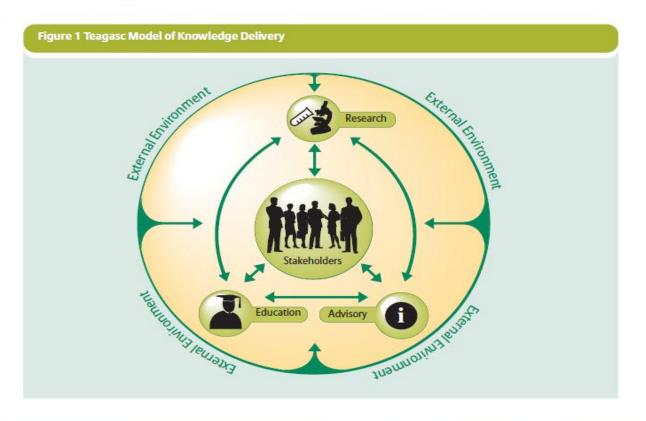
Encourage diversification of the rural economy and enhance the quality of life in rural areas

GOAL 4

Enhance organisational capability and deliver value for money



The Teagasc Model of Innovation





Teagasc Programmes

- Animal and Grassland
- Crops, Environment and Land Use
- Rural Economy and Development
- Food
- Education
- Advisory



Key Performance Metrics (annual)

Research

- 378 refereed publications
- €16.5 m 'external' income
- Interaction with 237 food companies
- 201 Ph.d. students ('Walsh Fellows')

Advisory

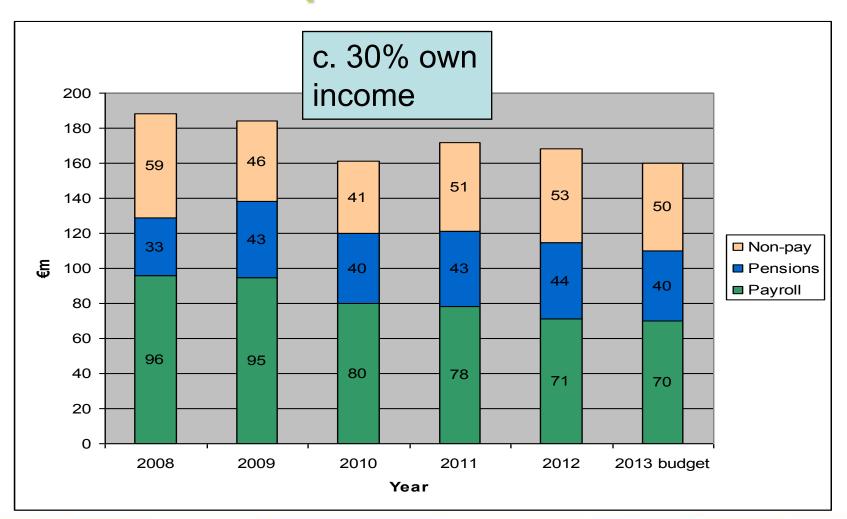
- 40,000 paying farmer clients
- 14,000 in Discussion Groups
- 6,000 in dairy Discussion Groups (1/3 of dairy farmers)
- Joint Programmes with main co-ops
- Teagasc/IFJ Better Beef Programme
- €11.5 m income

Education

- 1500 enrolments in Teagasc colleges
- 3,600 participating in Teagasc courses in colleges and Regional Education Centres
- 7,000 in adult courses

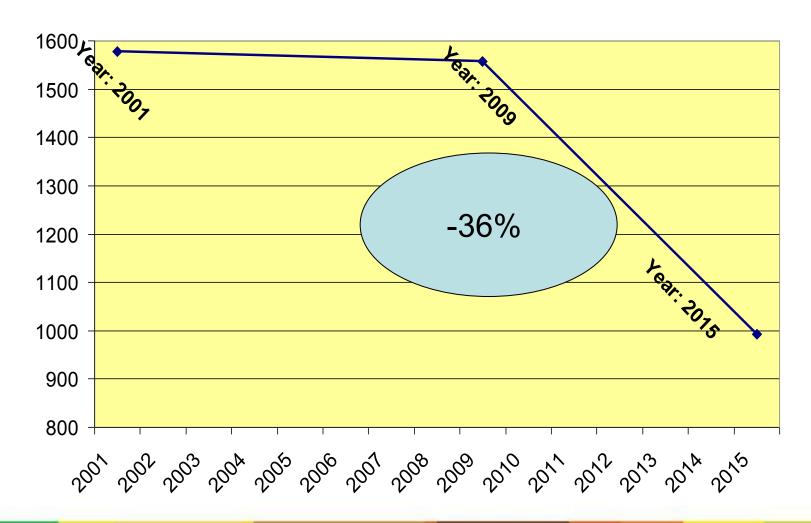


Current Expenditure 2008 – 2013





Teagasc Staff Numbers 2000 to 2015





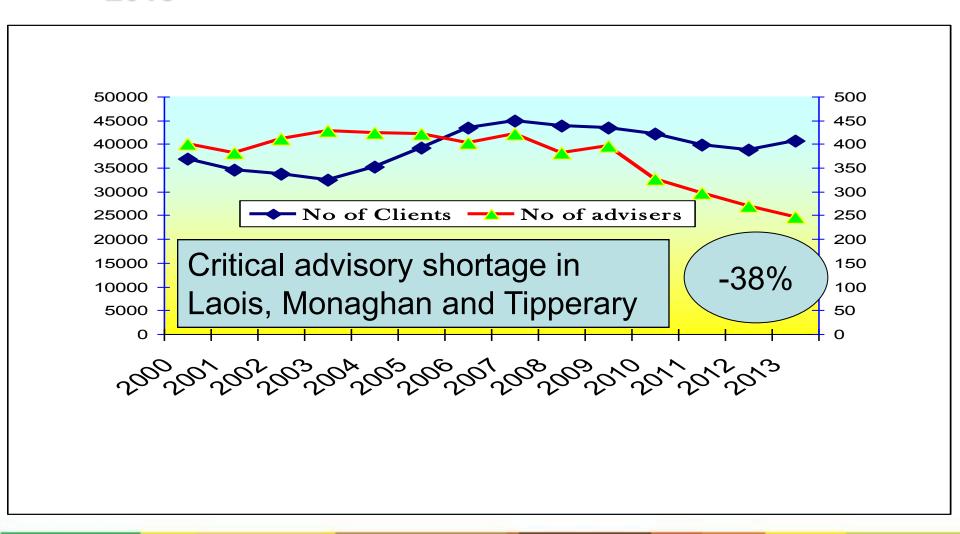
Teagasc Sites Map December 2012



December 2012	
Advisory offices	51
Teagasc colleges	4
Private colleges	3
Research centres	8

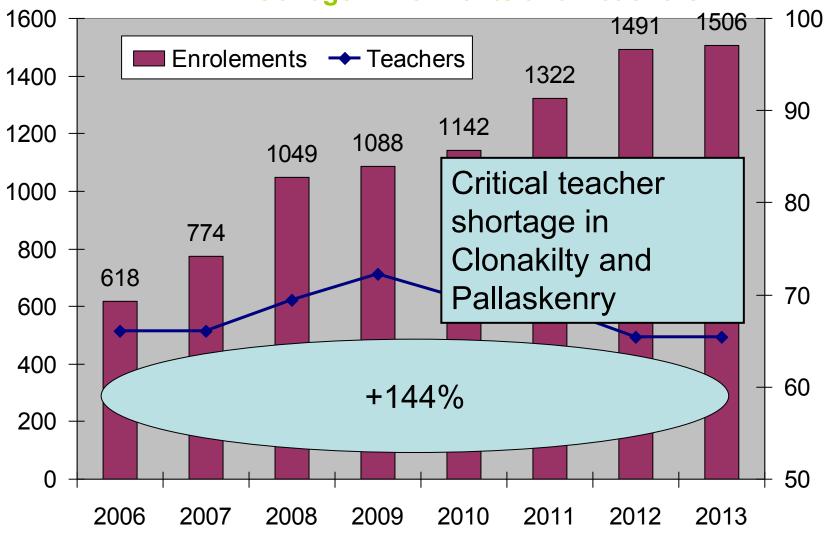


Trends in Client and Adviser Numbers 2000 to 2013



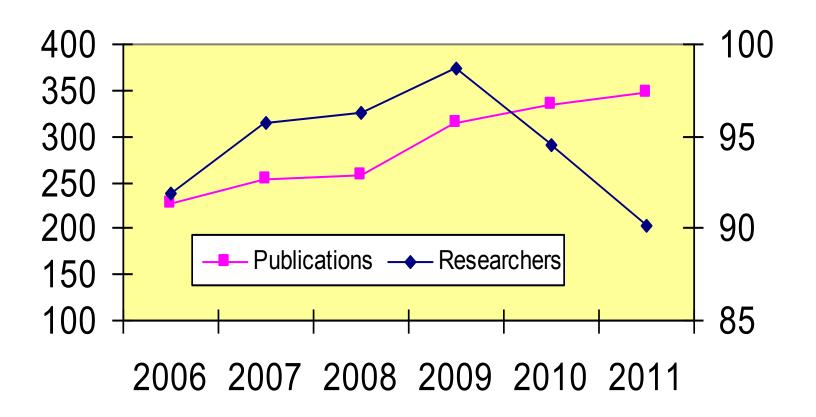


College Enrolments and Teachers





Refereed Publications by Permanent Researchers 2006 - 2011





Teagasc Change Plan 2014-2016

How to deliver on the increasing opportunities and demands for science, technology and innovation in view of challenges arising from:

- Reduced staff resources and lack of critical mass in key areas
- Reducing non-pay budget
- Sourcing capital for ongoing investment
- Retaining key staff and recruiting new high-quality staff
- Inability to reward high level staff performance



Teagasc's New Strategic Directions

- Focus on programme prioritisation ... curtain or eliminate low priority activity
- Continue to deliver key programmes in support of FH2020 and other national policies
- Key focus on developing sustainably intensive farming systems
- Strengthen our innovation-support role for Irish food cos to underpin the growth of the agri-food sector and enable it to contribute to overall economic growth, job creation and national environmental and social outcomes
- Continue the process of organisational change in line with the Public Sector Reform Plan to ensure that we continue to deliver value for public money

