

New Product Development for Food SMEs

Teagasc researchers and technologists have extensive knowledge, expertise and facilities available to support food businesses in new product development at its two food research centres at Ashtown and Moorepark. There is a special focus on supporting new product development (NPD) in SME and start-up food businesses.

Background

Advances in the food sector are accelerating the development of a wide range of new and improved, added-value products and services. The future success of the Irish food industry depends in large on its ability to be at the forefront of this scientific and innovative activity. Teagasc is committed to supporting the food processing sector and provides a range of supports including new product development services.

Benefit to clients

The competitive position of food businesses is very dependent on their capacity to absorb new knowledge and skills and develop innovative products. Teagasc recognises the constant challenge faced by food companies and aims to support and assist them in the new product development process.

Product development supports are backed by the wide-ranging food research programme at Teagasc which has extensive linkages with food research institutes worldwide.

Support and Facilities

- Food development facilities are available at Teagasc Food Research Centres in Ashtown, Dublin and Moorepark, Cork.
- These include pilot and full scale regulatory approved production facilities containing modern equipment for the development of dairy, beverage, meat, bakery and prepared foods.
- Specially designed incubation units are available for sole use by client companies.
- Well-equipped and modern laboratories are available for microbiological, chemical, physical and sensory testing of products.



Of Interest to

Product development support is of interest to food processing businesses, and to suppliers of materials, services and development support to the food processing sector.

Service contracts

Service contracts are agreed with clients and work is carried out on a confidential basis.

A schedule of fees is available on request for the various services provided.

How to Proceed

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