

# "crops and animals together" 2012-2015



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# **Objectives of project**

CANTOGETHER will design and assess innovative mixed farming systems, based on the simultaneous utilization of crops and animals.

- To examine the existing arrangement for the spreading of pig manure on tillage land
- To provide information and tools to promote the use of pig manure on additional suitable tillage land







# **Context of this study**

- European funded project FP7
  - •27 partners from 10 different countries
- Looking at various combinations crops and animals
- •24 case studies in all 3 in Ireland
  - Cavan pig study
  - Experimental dairy farm Solohead, Tipperary
  - •Commercial dairy farm Mitchelstown, Cork
- Analysing the economic and environmental cost of mixed farming systems





#### **Overview**

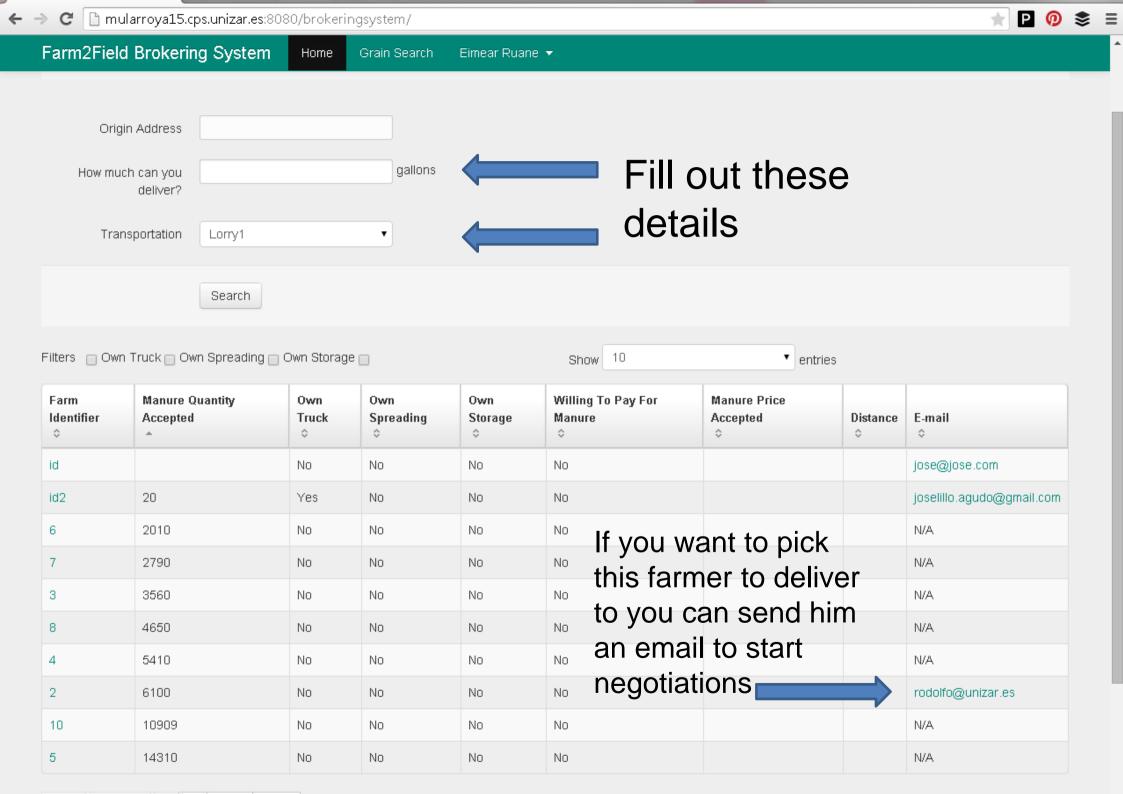


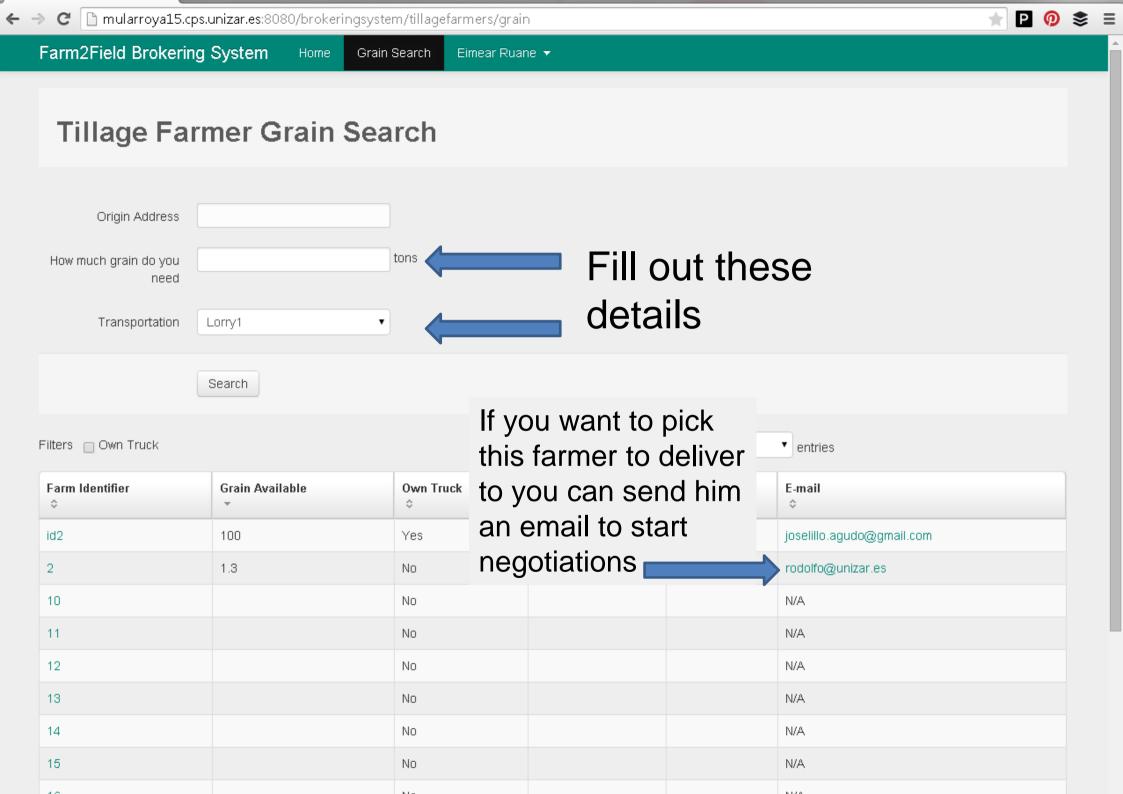
# **Farm2Field Brokering System**

Online tool to facilitate the movement of manure and grain between pig farmers and tillage/dairy/livestock (receiving) farmers







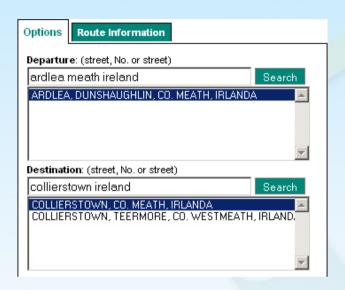


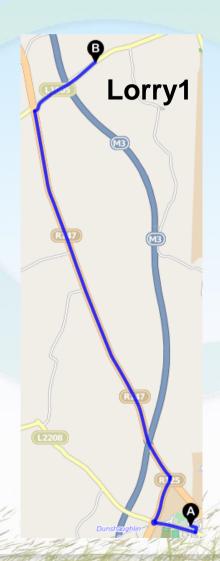




## **Route Calulator Features**

## **Tunnels and Height Limitations:**







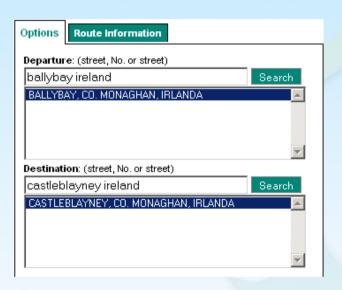




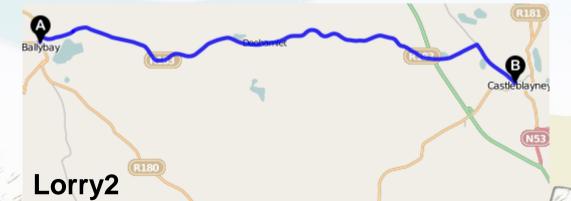


## **Tool Features**

#### **Roads and Width Limitations:**











### Conclusion

- Process of bringing it in-house in Teagasc underway
- Roll it out to all advisors
- Need to keep driving home message of pig manure as a resource
- Data analysis in Cantogether will help build on this message
  - Economics
  - Environmental carbon footprint and soil fertility
- Big drive needed in advance of Nitrate changes in 2017



