

## Stock details

	2016	2017
Dairy cows		
Suckler cows		
0-1 Year females (dairy)		
1-2 Years females (dairy)		
0-1 Year females (beef)		
1-2 Years females (beef)		
2+ Years females (beef)		
0-1 Year males (beef)		
1 – 2 Years males (beef)		
2+ Years males (beef)		
Sheep (ewes)		
Hoggets		
Rams		

## Grassland performance

Grassland	2015	2016
Grass DM production/ha as per PastureBase Ireland or Agrinet or other		
Number of grass walks completed per year		
Method of measurement (plate meter or eyeballing or other)		
<b>Profit Monitor report</b>		
Variable costs (€/ha)		
Fixed costs (€/ha)		
PastureBase Ireland login details or Agrinet login details		

Declaration: I agree to abide by the terms and conditions as set out in the application form and by the judge's decision in all circumstances. I agree to grant Teagasc access to required data on the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine databases.

Entrant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Terms and Conditions of the Grassland Farmer of the Year Competition 2017

- The competition is open to all livestock farmers in the Republic of Ireland.
- Preliminary judging will be based on the information submitted on the application form and information from Teagasc & Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine systems.
- Final judging will involve a panel of judges visiting farms.
- In the event of winning, the winning farmers are obliged to allow reasonable media coverage, to participate in the awards ceremony, host an Open Day on their farm to demonstrate the high levels of grass production and utilisation achieved, and participate in relevant promotional activity.
- The overall winner may not enter the competition for a period of time following their win. This time period is at the discretion of the competition organising committee.



**Grass10**  
GRASSLAND EXCELLENCE FOR  
IRISH LIVESTOCK

# Grassland Farmer of the Year

## Entry Form 2017



## Application Form



The **Grass10** campaign aims to increase the quantity of grass utilised on livestock farms (dairy, beef and sheep), with the objective of achieving 10 tons grass DM/ha/year utilised, with 10 grazings/paddock/year. The **Grass10** campaign is supported by Teagasc, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, AIB, FBD Insurance, Grassland Agro and the Irish Farmers Journal.

Despite the established benefits of grass-based milk and meat production, Irish livestock farmers are currently not optimising grass production and utilisation. Teagasc research indicates that grass utilisation can be increased significantly on farm. As part of the **Grass10** campaign, the Grassland Farmer of the Year competition will recognise those farmers who are achieving high levels of grass utilisation in a sustainable manner. Practises used by these famers to increase grass production and utilisation, include soil fertility management, sward renewal, grassland measurement and improved grazing infrastructure.

### Objective of Competition

To promote grassland excellence for all Irish livestock farmers

### Prize Winners

There will be an overall award, as well as regional and enterprise awards. The competition has an overall prize fund of **€30,000**.

**Awards:** Seven category winners will be selected. There will be three regional winners (Munster, Leinster and Connaught/Ulster), three enterprise winners (Dairy, Beef and Sheep) and one Development winner (farmer under 30 Years). Each category winner will receive €4,000. The overall winner will be selected from the seven category winners and will receive an additional €2,000.



## Application Forms and deadlines

Application forms can be downloaded from [www.teagasc.ie/crops/grassland/grass10/](http://www.teagasc.ie/crops/grassland/grass10/) or can be requested from [niamh.allen@teagasc.ie](mailto:niamh.allen@teagasc.ie) or by phoning 025-42457. Completed application forms should be submitted on or before **Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017** to:

Grassland Farmer of the Year Competition  
c/o Niamh Allen  
Teagasc,  
Moorepark,  
Fermoy,  
Co. Cork

### Competition Focus

Applicants should be completing regular grass cover assessments and thereby have established the level of grass production on their farm. A knowledge of farm soil fertility is essential. The level of grass utilised will also be assessed and having the necessary grazing infrastructure will also be a focus for this competition.



## Grassland Farmer of Year Entry Form 2017

### Farmer details

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Herd number IE \_\_\_\_\_

Tel no. \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile no. \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor/Consultant name \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor/Consultant Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Farm size (ha) \_\_\_\_\_

Grazing platform size (ha) \_\_\_\_\_

### Enterprise and category (tick)

Dairy	Beef	Sheep	Young Farmer