

Teagasc phone-in clinic focuses on forestry

Teagasc is holding a nationwide series of phone-in advisory clinics to help farmers who are thinking about forestry to get their questions answered.

Running between 23 November and 4 December, landowners can avail of a one-to-one consultation with an experienced Teagasc forestry adviser by telephone call or by Zoom call.

The clinics are an opportunity to receive objective and independent advice to help answer your questions and inform your decision-making about forestry as a sustainable land use option in your farm. Planting is a big decision and can raise many questions such as:

- What planting grants are avail-



able and how will forestry work with my other farm schemes?

- Who looks after the trees and what can I expect from selling the timber?

Forest owners are also welcome to avail of the clinics to discuss how best to manage their forests.

Booking

To avail of a clinic consultation, prior booking is essential.

The consultations will be by telephone call or by Zoom call, depending on your request.

For details of all local clinics please visit the Teagasc forestry website www.teagasc.ie/forestryclinics

– Liam Kelly

Teagasc forestry clinics

County	Date	Contact for appointment
Carlow	Tues 24 Nov	059 9183555
Cavan	Thurs 26 Nov	049 4338300
Clare	Thurs 26 Nov	065 682 8676 065 6828676
Cork East	Mon 23 Nov	022 21936
Cork West	Weds 25 Nov	026 41604
Donegal	Weds 25 Nov	074 9131189
Dublin	Fri 27 Nov	01 8459026
Galway	Fri 27 Nov	090 9642456
Kerry	Weds 2 Dec	066 7194017
Kildare	Weds 25 Nov	045 879203
Kilkenny	Tues 24 Nov	056 7721153
Laois	Fri 27 Nov	045 879203
Leitrim	Tues 1 Dec	071 9631076
Limerick	Weds 25 Nov	069 61444
Longford	Thurs 3 Dec	043 3341021
Louth	Mon 23 Nov	042 9332263
Mayo	Tues 24 Nov	094 9371360
Meath	Tues 24 Nov	046 9021792
Monaghan	Mon 30 Nov	047 81188
Offaly	Tues 1 Dec	057 9321405
Roscommon	Weds 25 Nov	090 6626166
Sligo	Thurs 3 Dec	071 9183369
Tipperary	Mon 23 Nov	050 421777
Waterford	Thurs 26 Nov	058 41211
Westmeath	Mon 23 Nov	044 9340721
Wexford	Weds 25 Nov	053 9239210
Wicklow	Thurs 26 Nov	0402 38171

The Tillage Edge Podcast

The Tillage Edge is Teagasc's weekly podcast covering tillage news, information, tips and advice for tillage farmers.

Presented by Michael Hennessy, The Tillage Edge provides insights and opinion to improve your tillage farm performance.

How do I listen?

The Tillage Edge is available on:

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 Android
 Spotify

Open the camera on your phone & scan the QR code for more information

Teagasc ConnectEd Signpost webinar series

Last March Teagasc was in the process of delivering an ambitious Signpost farm sustainability training series across the country for industry professionals working in agriculture. The series was presented in association with Dairy Sustainability Ireland, Food Drink Ireland Skillnet and the National Rural Network. As we all know, when COVID-19 arrived it put a stop to all face-to-face engagements. In response to this, we decided to go online with the series – The Signpost Webinar Series was born.

The series has gone from strength to strength and so far has broadcast 27 episodes covering topics such as climate change, biodiversity, soil health, nutrient management and water quality. The series has attracted audiences from across all sectors across Ireland and Europe. Latest figures show that on average 332 viewers tune in for the



The series focuses on on-farm sustainability.

webinar while over 1,500 viewers have registered for the series.

If you're interested in staying up to date with the latest policy, research and practise on-farm sustainability, you can register for free at www.teagasc.ie/sustainableagriculture and tune in every Friday morning at 9.30am to 10.30am.

– Yvonne Maher

Stay safe and keep COVID-19 away

Recently, Teagasc published a study entitled 'Essential and Vulnerable: Implications of COVID-19 in Ireland'. Lead Author, Dr David Meredith, Teagasc Rural Economy and Development Programme, stated: "There are greater numbers of older people in the rural and farming population and, generally, they are in somewhat poorer health which makes these communities vulnerable to COVID-19 infection. Continuing to adhere to the public health guidelines associated with handwashing, wearing masks and limiting close contacts are critical to keeping these communities safe."

COVID-19 impacts significantly on all farmers' well-being. This year has been and continues to be difficult for everybody. It is essential that we pay attention to our physical and mental health; continue to stay active, healthy and keep in touch with each other.

– Francis Bligh

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