

## TILLAGE MONTH

'Tillage Month' (<https://www.teagasc.ie/tillagemonth/>) runs from mid-January to mid-February and includes:

### Spring tillage seminars webinars

#### Tuesday 19 January 2021

- Event time: 11.30am.
- Venue: online.

A live interactive webinar with Teagasc tillage specialists and advisors who will cover the following:

- Spring cereal varieties: variety selection and availability.
- Carbon incorporation scheme: existing farmer experience and research.
- GLAS and biodiversity on tillage farms: farmer experience and look forward to new schemes.

There will be a variety of contributors sharing their expertise and experience including tillage specialists, advisors and farmers from their farms across the country. Attendees will be able to ask questions and interact with the contributors each day.

#### 21 January 2021

- Event time: 11.30am.
- Venue: online.

A live interactive webinar with Teagasc tillage specialists and advisors who will cover topics such as:

- Brexit: impact for the tillage industry.
- Optimising the use of organic manures.
- Beans – grower experiences

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### National Tillage Conference

The 2021 National Tillage Conference also takes place virtually, split over two days.

#### • Session one: Wednesday 3 February

The first session will provide an insight into the strategic research which Teagasc is completing in oats agronomy, BYDV diagnostics, generating high-value breeding material, the potential of rye and beans agronomy.

#### • Session two: Wednesday 17 February

Session two will deal with more immediate issues, detailing the continuous need for integrated pest management approaches to mitigate against the problem of grassweeds and STB of winter wheat while also discussing the impact of results from the ongoing Teagasc systems trial.

## COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

A series of open days are planned as follows. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, etc, please confirm closer to the dates.

Open day date/time	College
Wednesday 3 March 2021 Tours start at 9.30am, 10.30am & 11.30am	Mountbellew Agricultural College, Mountbellew, Co Galway, H53 WE00 Phone: 0909 679205 Email: <a href="mailto:bernie@mountbellewagri.com">bernie@mountbellewagri.com</a>
Friday 5 March 2021 10am to 1pm Tours ongoing	Teagasc, Ballyhaise Agricultural College, Ballyhaise, Co Cavan, H12 E393 Phone: 049 4338108 Email: <a href="mailto:ballyhaise.college@teagasc.ie">ballyhaise.college@teagasc.ie</a>
Friday 5 March 2021 Tours start at 11am and 12pm	Teagasc, Clonakilty Agricultural College, Darrara, Clonakilty, Co Cork, P85 EK80 Phone: 023 8832500 Email: <a href="mailto:clonakilty.college@teagasc.ie">clonakilty.college@teagasc.ie</a>
Friday 5 March 2021 Tours start at 10am and 11am	Teagasc, Kildalton College, Piltown, Co Kilkenny, E32 YW08 Phone: 051 644400 Email: <a href="mailto:reception@kildaltoncollege.ie">reception@kildaltoncollege.ie</a>
Wednesday 10 March 2021 10.30am to 12.30pm Tours ongoing	Teagasc, Gurteen College, Ballingarry, Roscrea, Co Tipperary, E53 TP93 Phone: 067 21282 Email: <a href="mailto:info@gurteencollege.ie">info@gurteencollege.ie</a>
Thursday 11 March 2021 12 noon to 3pm Tours ongoing	Teagasc, College of Amenity Horticulture, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, D09 YV29 Phone: 01 8040201 Email: <a href="mailto:botanic.college@teagasc.ie">botanic.college@teagasc.ie</a>
Thursday (to be confirmed) 11 March 2021 10.30am to 12.30pm 10.30am to 12.30pm	Salesian Agricultural College, Pallaskenry, Co Limerick, V94 V8N3 Phone: 061 393100 Email: <a href="mailto:info@pallaskenry.com">info@pallaskenry.com</a>

## CALFCARE EVENTS

Calfcare Virtual Week will run from 18 to 21 January and will cover all aspects of calf care from being prepared in advance right through to weaning.

If you want to see what is happening during Calfcare Virtual Week go to [www.teagasc.ie/news-events/national-events/events/calfcare-calvingseason](http://www.teagasc.ie/news-events/national-events/events/calfcare-calvingseason) (see also article on p6-7).

## SIGNPOST SERIES WEBINAR: ORGANIC FARMING

What steps are involved if a person is considering converting their farming enterprise to an organic system. A look at organic production and opportunities in Ireland.

- 9.30am, 22 January

## FORESTRY

The Teagasc Forestry Development Department will run a series of workshops on forest establishment on the Zoom platform from 15 to 26 February. These workshops are made up of several modules, with each module focusing on a specific topic. These virtual forestry workshops will be hosted by each of the Teagasc forestry advisors.

All courses are free but pre-registration will be required. All interested landowners are welcome. This is an ideal opportunity to receive first hand

independent information on forest establishment.

For further details, please check [www.teagasc.ie/forestry](http://www.teagasc.ie/forestry) or contact your local Teagasc forestry advisor.

## SOCIAL MEDIA TAKEOVER

There will be a social media takeover on spring grassland management and grazing and fertiliser plans on John Ryan's farm in Co Tipperary.

- Venue: Social media.
- All day on Tuesday 22 January.

## SHEEP

### 2021 Virtual Sheep Conference

Conducted by webinars on two nights **Tuesday 26 January**

- Nicola Fetherstone, Teagasc, INZAC study, on comparing Irish and New Zealand genetics
- Paul Kenyon on New Zealand guidelines for growing lambs to target live weights on herbage.

**Thursday 28 January**

- Aine O'Brien, Teagasc, on mothering ability and viability.
- Ben Strugnell, veterinary consultant from the UK on laryngeal chondritis, known as "Texel Throat".

• Both webinars start at 8pm and will run for 40 minutes plus 20 minutes for audience questions.

Details on how to view these virtual events will be advertised on [www.teagasc.ie](http://www.teagasc.ie) closer to the event.