



Steps to Take when Considering Converting to Organic Farming

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Step 1: Consider Crop Systems

- Can you incorporate a grass/clover break in the rotation?



- Do you have a source of on-farm nutrients?



- Can you see yourself farming without pesticides and chemical fertilisers?



Step 1: Consider Animal Systems



- Is your stocking rate below two livestock units per ha?



- Can your animal housing be modified to incorporate a bedding lying area?



- Do you already use no or relatively low levels of artificial fertiliser?



Step 1: Consider Profitability

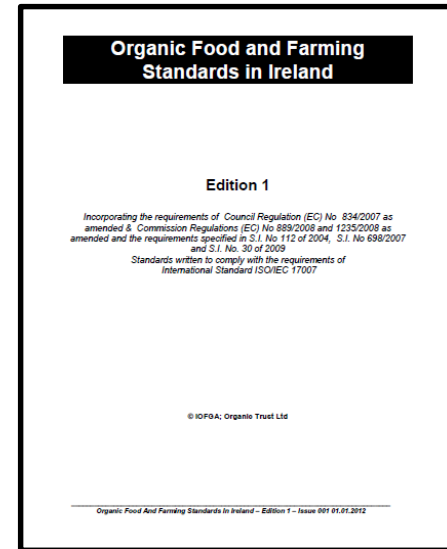
Key Components

- Land Quality
- Management / Skills
- Access to markets
- Accessing scheme support
- Producer attitude



Step 2: Investigate

- Familiarise yourself with organic regulations and standards
- Talk to organic farmers



Thank You

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