

# Agriculture, the Rural Economy and Natural Resources Implementation Group

## Implementation Group Members

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# Priorities for 2006-2008



## Objective

### 1.1

Ensure that agricultural production throughout the county is economically viable while sustaining the environment.

#### 1.1.7 Agricultural Restructuring:

By 2008 new actions arising out of a 'Survey of Farmers Intentions and Development Needs in Rural County Clare' Single Payment Scheme will have been implemented.

*Lead Agency:* Teagasc  
*Linked Agency:* IFA, ICMSA, Forest Service, Kerry Agribusiness, RRD, FRS, EIRÍ Corca Baiscinn, BIM

#### 1.1.8 Increasing participation in REPS, Options for Farm Families Programme, and the Rural Social Scheme

By 2008 there will be specific targeted increases in participation in REPS,  
  
Options for Farm Families Programme and  
  
the Rural Social Scheme.

*Lead Agency:* Teagasc, RRD  
*Linked Agency:* IFA, ICMSA, DAF, DSFA, Private REPS Planners, EIRÍ Corca Baiscinn, AES, BIM

## Objective

### 1.2

Stimulate demand for local produce in both domestic and international niche markets, thereby contributing to growth of the rural economy

#### 1.2.4 Development of the Farm Forestry Market

By 2008 there will be new economically viable opportunities in the farm forestry market for Clare farmers, including the establishment of new wood energy projects.

*Lead Agency:* RRD, Teagasc  
*Linked Agency:* Forestry Industry Stakeholders, membership of RRD's Steering Group

#### 1.2.5 Increasing Retail Opportunities for Clare Food Produce

By 2008 there will be an increase in the number of local food producers in County Clare and an increase in the direct market opportunities.

*Lead Agency:* RRD  
*Linked Agencies:* EIRÍ Corca Baiscinn, Clare County Council

## Objective

### 1.3

Improve training and career advice aimed at farmers and their spouses enabling them to remain either in full-time farming or to supplement their incomes

#### 1.3.6 A Dedicated Off-Farm Employment Service

By 2008 Clare will have a dedicated off-farm employment support service for farmers in the county.

*Lead Agency:* RRD  
*Linked Agencies:* Clare County Enterprise Board, Teagasc, FÁS, Farm Relief Service, DSFA, HSE; Mid-West