



PLANET NETWORK MEETING

Mullingar Park Hotel
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Level and Distribution of Family Farm Income

Average Family Farm Income		
Farmers with off-farm job	42%	€9,800
Farmers with no off-farm job	58%	€21,500
All farms		€16,680

Level and Distribution of Family Farm Income

€000	< 6.5	6.5 - 13	13 - 20	20 - 25	25 - 40	> 40
%	37	24	12	5	9	12
Number	41,860	27,150	13,580	5,660	10,200	13,580

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 est.
Income (€)	15,840	14,917	14,765	15,557	22,459	16,680	18,350

Incidence of Off-Farm Incomes of Farmers and Spouses

Table 7a : % of Farms by Farm Size where Farmer/Spouse has off-farm Job

Size (Ha)	<20	20-30	30-50	50-100	>100	All Sizes
Farmer Only (%)	57	52	32	20	15	42
Farmer or Spouse (%)	62	66	56	51	49	58

Table 7b : % of Farms by Farm System where Farmer/Spouse has off-farm Job

System	Dairying	Dairying/ Other	Cattle Rearing	Cattle Other	Mainly Sheep	Tillage
Farmer Only (%)	12	25	53	48	49	42
Farmer or Spouse (%)	50	47	64	58	63	56

Value of Single Payment by System

Table 8 – Average SFP by System

System	Dairying	Dairying + Other	Cattle Rearing	Cattle Other	Mainly Sheep	Tillage
Size (hectares)	44.5	48.5	27.6	29.8	33.7	56.4
Average FFI (€)	36,221	24,774	8,291	11,292	11,902	28,536
(of which) SFP (€)	14,201	16,121	7,308	10,505	9,218	19,409



Value of REPS Payments

Table 9 – Average REPS Payments for REPS Farms

System	Dairying	Dairying + Other	Cattle Rearing	Cattle Other	Sheep	Tillage
Size (hectares)	44.9	41.1	32.5	32.7	37.7	46.7
Average FFI (€)	38,546	20,792	12,655	13,986	15,066	26,093
REPS Contribution (€)	6,952	6,162	5,594	5,384	6,481	6,866



Low Income Farm Families – Farm Assist

	Expenditure (€m)	Number Benefiting	Average Payment (€/week)
2005	67.3	7,824	165
2006	71.1	7,650	179
2007	81.3	7,400	211



Policy Measures Support Farm Income

- Single Farm Payment
- Disadvantaged Areas
- REPS
- Early Retirement
- Installation Aid
- Forestry
- Suckler Cow Scheme
- Walks Scheme



PRSI for Spouses on Farms

- Spouses excluded in the past if there was not a legal partnership.
- Towards 2016 Agreement that it would be eligible.
- Criteria used by DSFA & Revenue for determining whether a partnership exists.
- Spouses who have been misclassified in the past.
- Procedure for entering a partnership.



IFA Role with Partnership

- Representation through the Boards
- IFA will be on all Boards – 38 Rural
- Identification of issues
- Helping to identify disadvantage in rural areas
- Ongoing lobbying for support to rural areas