

CAP 2020+

The challenges ahead

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Importance of CAP to Ireland

Economically

- ▶ Employment in Agri-Food Sector
- ▶ €26 Billion in turnover
- ▶ Exports of €12.2 Billion in 2016

Socially

- ▶ Largely rural based - equality
- ▶ CAP supports accounted for 75% of family farm incomes
- ▶ 140,000 farm families manage 4.8 million hectares of land (70% of the land area)

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Environmentally

- ▶ 52,000 Farmers in Irelands Agri-Environment Scheme (GLAS)
- ▶ Grass Based, extensive production
- ▶ Biodiversity
- ▶ Climate change
- ▶ Water

CAP sustains both private and public goods

- ▶ No farmers - no food
- ▶ Preservation of life supporting ecosystems

Importance of CAP to the EU

Again, economic, social and environmental dimensions.

- ▶ EU is the leading exporter of agri-food
- ▶ Job Creation and Economic Growth, especially in Rural areas.
- ▶ Delivering the Highest Standards of Food Safety and Animal Welfare.
- ▶ Ensures that EU is self sufficient in Food Production.
- ▶ Incomes in rural areas
- ▶ Managing 175 Million Hectares (40%) of the land area of the EU.
- ▶ Preservation of biodiversity, water quality, climate...

All for just 0.4% of the total EU GDP

Irish Priorities for CAP post 2020

- ▶ Ensuring there is a sufficient budget
 - ▶ Brexit
 - ▶ Other Pressures (Migration, Security, Growth)
- ▶ Supporting sustainable food production for a growing global population.
- ▶ Building the resilience of the sector to deal with increased market volatility.
- ▶ Encouraging generational renewal.
- ▶ Strengthening the farmer's position in the food supply chain.
- ▶ Responding to environmental challenges
- ▶ Investing in rural viability and vitality