Tirlán SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PAYMENT



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0.5 CENT PER LITRE PAYMENT

TAKE ACTION TODAY

Actions to enhance the economic and environmental sustainability of our network of family farms.

Scan the QR code to find out how to submit your sustainable actions on tirlanfarmlife.com

Pictured on the Tirlán/Teagasc Signpost Living Proof Future Farm of Steven Fitzgerald, Aglish, Cappoquin, Waterford were (l to r) Tirlán Co-op Chairperson John Murphy; Future Farmer Steven Fitzgerald; Thomas Ryan, Tirlán Head of Agri-Sustainability; with Steven's children Ólan, Donagh and Aodhán. Photo: Patrick Browne

Declare your actions on

Tirlán FarmLife

Tirlán has a Sustainability Action Payment available for all our milk suppliers, to enhance on-farm economic and environmental performance.

Tirlán operates a world-class food supply chain with a strong focus on quality and sustainability. The programme is designed to assist farm family milk suppliers in reducing the carbon footprint, enhancing water quality and biodiversity and improving air quality and soil health of farms in line with Tirlán's sustainability strategy, Living Proof.

As part of this initiative, dairy suppliers will receive 0.5 cent per litre (cpl) (including VAT) through delivering specific sustainability actions.

The measures are closely aligned with the climate action measures identified in Teagasc's emissions reduction Marginal Abatement Cost Curve (MACC) climate plan.



CARBON REDUCTION

- Measuring grass growth
- Incorporating clover*
- Multi-species swards*
- Milk recording
- Improve herd EBI
- FarmGen solar energy*
- Use of sexed semen
- Genotyping
- Milk Solids Growth Programme*



AIR QUALITY

- LESS equipment
- Protected urea*
- Low Protein Concentrate Feed*



BIODIVERSITY

- Trees*
- Hedgerows*



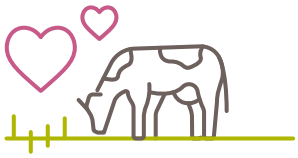
SOIL HEALTH

- Nutrient management plan



WATER PROTECTION

- ASSAP
- Fencing off watercourses
- Farming for Water EIP
- Farm Nitrogen Balance



ANIMAL HEALTH

- SCC improvement
- Herd Disease Screening*
- Twenty20 Beef Club*
- Use of TB Resistant Bulls

*Delivery of the actions will be verified by purchase of relevant product/service from Tirlán.

"Irish farmers are renowned for producing high quality dairy products with world leading natural credentials. Our farmers are proud of their family farms and want to protect them for the next generation.

We all have a role to play in climate action, water and biodiversity protection and air quality enhancement. It is important that our family farms are assisted as they continue to enhance the economic and environmental sustainability of their farms.

This initiative is designed to recognise suppliers for adopting a series of measures identified as key to delivering on our comprehensive sustainability strategy, Living Proof. The implementation of many of these actions will improve farm economic performance."

Tirlán Chairperson John Murphy



Tirlán/Teagasc Signpost Living Proof Future Farmer Steven Fitzgerald on his family farm at Aglish, Cappoquin, Waterford

KEY MEASURES

The 0.5 cpl Sustainability Action Payment will be made to all suppliers that deliver any seven sustainability actions from a total of 20 options. To qualify for the 2026 payment, suppliers are requested to implement their chosen on-farm sustainability actions in 2025.

If a supplier achieves only a proportion of the seven options, they will receive the relevant percentage of the 0.5 cpl payment on a pro-rata basis.

NEW IN 2025

Participation in Tirlán's Milk Solids Growth Programme
This action supports the sustainable increase of milk solids output, helping suppliers to improve farm profitability while maintaining a focus on efficiency and resource use.

Use of TB Resistant Bulls
Selecting TB resistant bulls for breeding supports herd health and reduces the risk and impact of TB outbreaks.

Using AgNav to Identify Farm Nitrogen Balance
Monitoring and managing nitrogen balance with AgNav helps farmers make informed nutrient management decisions, improving both environmental outcomes and farm economics by optimising nitrogen inputs and therefore reducing losses.

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Action **seven options** to continue to receive full payment from January 2026.

Sustainability Option	On-Farm Action	Requirement	When Action to be Taken
1. MEASURING GRASS GROWTH	Measurement and uploaded to PastureBase Ireland or equivalent	Minimum of 10 covers uploaded per year	2025
2. CLOVER INCORPORATION	Clover seed purchased in 2022 – 2024 from Tirlán	Minimum purchase of 5kg	2023 – 2025
3. MILK RECORDING	Engage in milk recording for the herd	Minimum of four recordings per year	2025
4. IMPROVE HERD EBI	EBI of the herd is improved vs. previous year	Improvement of €1 or greater is required	2025 vs. 2024
5. LOW EMISSIONS SLURRY SPREADING (LESS)	Spread slurry using Low Emissions Equipment	Some or all slurry spread by LESS	2025
6. PURCHASE OF PROTECTED UREA	Purchase of protected urea fertiliser from Tirlán	1.5 tonne purchased per 100,000 litres of milk supplied in 2025	2025
7. TREES OR HEDGEROWS	Additional trees **OR** hedgerows on the farm via Tirlán	Minimum 20 trees or 100 hedging plants purchased	2025
8. NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING (NMP)	Soil Nutrient Management Plan in place	NMP in place for 2025	2023 – 2025
9. ASSAP OR FARMING FOR WATER EIP	ASSAP water quality plan completed **OR** Application submitted as part of the Farming for Water EIP	To be completed in 2025 or before	2025 or before
10. FENCING OFF WATERCOURSES	At least one field/paddock with drain, river or stream watercourse permanently fenced off	Completed during 2023 – 2025 and outlined on a farm map	2023 – 2025
11. RENEWABLE ENERGY	Renewable energy generation system installed & operational – solar PV, solar thermal or wind	System in place in 2025 or before. Solar PV installations from 2022 to be FarmGen	Installed in 2025 or before
12. HERD DISEASE SCREENING	Participate in Tirlán bulk tank disease screening service	Three or more tests per year for minimum of six diseases	2025
13. TWENTY20 BEEF CLUB	Participate in Tirlán Twenty20 Beef Club	Calf supplier or rearer is part of the Twenty20 Beef Club	2025
14. UDDER HEALTH	Management of mastitis in the herd through 2025 delivers a low or improved herd SCC	2025 average SCC for the herd is lower than 2024 **OR** average herd SCC for 2025 is less than 150,000 cells/ml	2025 vs. 2024
15. LOW PROTEIN CONCENTRATE FEED	Purchase of low protein dairy feed, (max 14% crude protein) from 15th April to 30th September, from Tirlán	Four tonnes purchased per 100,000 litres of milk supplied in 2025	2025
16. USE OF SEXED SEMEN	Use of sexed semen inseminations in the dairy cows and/or replacements	Receipts for sexed semen purchases or ICBF breeding data records	2025
17. GENOTYPING	Genotype the breeding dairy stock on the farm	Participate in the National Genotyping Programme and/or genotype all replacement Heifers through the ICBF Genomic Service	2025 or before
NEW 18. MILK SOLIDS GROWTH PROGRAMME	Participate in Tirlan's Milk Solids Growth Programme	Log onto your tirlanfarmlife.com account and select the Milk Solids Growth Tracker to generate your milk solids growth target	2025 or before
19. USE OF TB RESISTANT BULLS	Use of AI Bulls with genetic resistance to TB based on ICBF evaluation	Use of at least one AI Bull with genetic resistance to TB in 2025 (the selected bull should have a breeding value for TB resistance predicted transmitting ability value of less than 8.5%).	2025
20. FARM NITROGEN BALANCE	Reduce risks of nutrient losses by focusing on farm nitrogen balance	Use Agnav to identify farm nitrogen balance	2025 or before

As per the table above, 2025 is the reference year for many of the 20 sustainability actions. Therefore it is important to decide on which seven actions, at a minimum, you are going to implement this year. Delivery on these will ensure receipt of the full Sustainability Action Payment in 2026.

LIVING PROOF

How to declare your Sustainability Actions

1. Log on to your "My Account" on **www.tirlanfarmlife.com**
2. Click on "**Sustainability Action Payment**" tab in the "**My Farm**" section. Here you will see all 20 Sustainability Actions
3. Select all actions which you have completed by ticking the box to the right of each action.

OPTION 6 PROTECTED UREA DECLARATION OF THIS ACTION NOW REPRESENTS TWO ACTIONS.