

International Agroforestry Conference

Farmer-led Climate Adaptation and Mitigation.

Why and how trees on farms can help!

Thursday 16th November 2023

08:00 | **Registration with Tea/Coffee**

08:30 | **Chair Jim McAdam and Clive Bright)**

08:40 | María Rosa Mosquera Losada (University De Santiago de Compostela)

08:55 | **Plenary 1 -Agroforestry Policy Developments including Land Use Change**

09:00 | TBC (DAFM)

09:20 | Eugene Curran (DAFM)

09:40 | Tom Houlihan (TEAGASC)

10:00 | Gerry Lawson (EURAF)

10:20 | Q+A

10:30 | **Official Opening: Senator Pippa Hackett, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.**

11:00 | **Plenary 2 - Agroforestry systems for Farm Production (livestock/crops) and wider ecosystem benefits**

11:05 | **Keynote: Clive Bright (IAF and Rare Ruminare)**

11:30 | Professor Jim McAdam (QUB/IAF)

12:00 | Lindsay Whistance (ORC)

12:30 | Kathy Soder (USDA)

12:50 | Q+A

13:15 | **Lunch**

13:50 | Return to Conference Room

13:55 | **Plenary 3 - Agroforestry Innovation and Farmer Engagement**

14:00 | Niamh Garvey (NESC)

14:20 | TBC

14:40 | Reamai Mathers (GROWIN and ASPEN CONSULTING)

15:00 | Rachel Irwin (TEAGASC)



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15:30 | **Q+A**

15: 55| **Plenary 4 - Agroforestry markets, products, added-value**

16:00 | Hannes Bürckmann (Farmer)

16:20 | Jack Nolan (DAFM Organics)

16:45 | TBD (Purchaser Net Zero products)

17:15 | Patrick Worms

18:00 | **End of day one – Q+A Panel. Chairperson closing remarks/Keynote closing**

19:00 | **Conference Dinner and Fireside chat, after dinner remarks Dr Rory Harrington**



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09:20 Depart Westlodge Hotel for Farm visits, packed lunch will be provided to have at one of the farms and travel will be on a bus due to parking limitations. Farms will be visited in different rotations so there aren't too many at one location at the same time.

Farm Walk Rossa Gibbons, Skibbereen

13 Ha organic farm with both forestry and agroforestry (silvopasture sheep). Rossa is currently building up a pedigree Shropshire sheep flock with a focus on producing quality breeding stock and organic lamb for local supply. His sheep flock is registered with the UK Shropshire Sheep Society. He is studying for an MSc in Forestry at the University of Bangor, Wales and hopes to work in this area in the future.

Plots:

- A. Forestry Scheme 3.5 Ha 19 years old with Oak and Larch. Alder and Birch were planted on the more marginal ground. Contractors completed the work.
- B. Forestry Scheme 3.5 Ha 6 years old with 10 broadleaf species planted including walnut and some Scots Pine. Rossa completed the planting himself.
- C. Agroforestry 2.4 Ha 3 years old (Funded under GPC 11) 10/11 broadleaf species silvopasture with Shropshire sheep. 8m spacing between trees and silage/hay harvested. 15% Fruit and Nut trees. Rossa completed the planting himself.

Farm Walk Alan Kingstons, Skibbereen

20 Ha farm with horticulture (veg/fruit/nuts) and agroforestry (silvopasture sheep and silvoarable -aronia berries). Alan is a part-time farmer and is originally from a Dairy Farm. His land was originally an out farm for replacement heifers for the dairy herd. Alan has now converted 10 hectares of the farm to an organic system. He is currently building up a pedigree Shropshire sheep flock with a focus on producing quality breeding stock and lamb for local supply. His sheep flock is registered with the European Shropshire Sheep Society. There is a small herd of pedigree Kune Kune pigs which are used for fertilizing the forest floor, clearing briars without harming the trees as well as free-range pork production.

Plots:

- A. Agroforestry 1.2 Ha 8 years old (Funded under GPC 11) 4 broadleaf species silvopasture with Shropshire sheep. 6m alleys in 5m grids with 1.5m between trees. Hay has been harvested from the alleys. Alan completed the planting himself including stakes and shelters.
- B. Agroforestry 1.6 ha 8 years old (Funded under GPC 11) 4 broadleaf species silvoarable with aronia berries. 8m alleys with 1.5m spacing between trees and berries harvested. Alan completed the planting himself.
- C. Forestry plantation. 4.2ha Mixed broadleaf plantation



D. Alder plantation 1.6ha planted by a contractor in 2006 under the guidance of a registered forester.

Farm Walk Micheál O'Donovan's, Ballinspittle

16.48 Ha farm with both forestry and agroforestry (silvopasture cattle and sheep). Micheál is currently building up a mixed lowland sheep flock with a focus on producing quality lamb. He has a Simmental, Angus and Hereford herd. He works full-time for Southern Milling as a sales representative.

Plots:

- A. GLAS Scheme: Grove Woodland 450 trees planted 2015, mixed species Alder, Birch, Rowan. Micheál completed the planting himself.
- B. Agroforestry 2.4 Ha (Funded under GPC 11) 3 broadleaf species planted as silvopasture with lowland sheep - 600 Oak, 200 Birch, 200 Cherry. 7m between the rows and 3.5m spacing between trees in each row. Micheál completed the planting himself with the help of family and friends.

Time permitting there may be a 4th farm visit.

16:30 Return to Westlodge Hotel, Bantry

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