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Welcome to our weekly newsletter where we give an overview of college and farm activities. More detailed information on any aspect of the newsletter may be obtained by contacting us directly by phone or email.

Grass

All cows, cattle and sheep are now housed and so paddocks will be rested for the next six weeks or so. Cows were at grass for 307 days in 2021. An average of 16 T of DM/ha was grown for the entire year. Eighteen hectares were reseeded during the year with clover incorporated in to all reseeds.



Dairy Herd

The final 75 cows were dried off on Saturday. In the coming week our students will dose the most recently dried off cows for liver fluke and apply a pour on to prevent lice. Cows will now be grouped and housed according to body condition score and expected calving date. The incalf dairy heifers have taken very well to the rotary milking parlour. They are put through the parlour twice per week in preparation for when they calve in February. The first milking season in the college’s new Dairymaster rotary milking parlour is now complete. Both staff and students who have worked in it have given the development the thumbs up. The facility is meeting both its requirements: milking the spring calving herd

efficiently and providing a training centre for our dairying students.



Drystock Enterprise

The recently purchased forward store cattle will be dosed and treated for lice in the coming week by our students. Ewes are now housed. They are on 75% DMD silage. Shearing has been booked for mid week and when ewes are scanned at the end of the month they will be grouped according to scan results. Now that ewes are indoors they will be dosed to treat for fluke and ewes lambs will also receive a worm dose.



Student Visits & College Activities

With Storm Barra sweeping across the country on Tuesday a decision was made early on Monday afternoon to close the college on Tuesday for health and safety reasons. Thankfully, no structural damage was caused to the college or farmyards and staff who were working on the day were all safe. Livestock were all content indoors.

Our Level 6 Dairy and Drystock students had their Christmas exams during the week. Covid 19 is responsible for how we approach many things in life nowadays and perhaps it has also fast tracked our aim of becoming more sustainable in the college. All exams were completed online using our online platform. This has resulted in the elimination of all paper for exams. In pre covid times thousands of pages of paper would have been used for exams so perhaps this is a little silver lining in a big cloud.

Distance Education

We will be accepting applications for the **Teagasc Distance Education Green Cert** Course in January 2022, with a commencement date of March 2022. Further details on our website.

Full Time Courses

We are now accepting applications our Teagasc full time courses commencing September 2022. The only entry requirement is that students starting in September 2022 must be at least 17 years of age by 01st January 2023.

Full time courses are of two-year duration, after which successful students will have 'Young Trained Farmer' status from one of the following three courses:

1. **Teagasc Advanced Certificate in Agriculture (Dairy Herd Management)**
2. **Teagasc Advanced Certificate in Agriculture (Drystock Herd Management)**
3. **Teagasc Advanced Certificate in Agriculture (Mechanisation)**

First year is a common programme to all three courses and students enter on the **Teagasc Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture Programme**. Further details on our website or contact us by phone.

Agricultural Mechanisation- Higher Cert in Engineering we deliver in association with TUS. Application is through the CAO and the course code is LC284. Upon successful completion of this programme, students also have Young Trained Farmer' status.

All our courses are designed to build careers in the agricultural industry and prior knowledge of agriculture or coming from an agricultural background is not necessary.

Group Visits

We are now open to accepting visiting groups, be that schools, groups of farmers or individuals. Contact Mary in admin at 061-393100 and we will be happy to tailor a package to suit your needs.

Social Media

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and TikTok for daily updates on college and farm activities.

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