OPERATIONAL REPORT 2017

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(IFFPG)

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FOREWORD

IFFPG had another exceptional year on the operational front in 2017. The scheme recycled 26,739 tonnes of farm plastics waste in challenging circumstances, thereby once again exceeding the 70% national recycling target.

We saw another record year for farm plastics sales, with a total of 19,099 tonnes of products placed on the market by our members. IFFPG continued to support enforcement authorities, with the annual border enforcement campaign again the highpoint in this regard. A change to legislation resulted in netting and twine producers becoming obligated for the first time, with IFFPG now remitted with providing compliance to netting and twine producers and driving the recovery of associated wastes. IFFPG's board also saw a number of changes during the year, including the appointment of a new Chairperson, Tom Dunne.

The scheme recycled a total of 26,739 tonnes of silage wrap and sheeting waste in 2017, thereby achieving a 71% recycling rate. While the figure represents a slight decrease on the previous year, it was an impressive result as the collections season came on the back of a short and mild winter which resulted in less farm plastics waste been generated. Our bring-centres accounted for over 90% of collections, with a total of 236 held during the April to July period. In addition, IFFPG collected 580 tonnes of netting waste, as well as 600 tonnes of farm plastics packaging wastes (fertiliser / feed bags & drums) through our sister company, Farm Plastics Recycling CLG.

The farm plastics market continues to grow, with a total of 19,099 tonnes of farm plastics placed on the market by our members. This was a 1% increase on the previous year and a record for the scheme. The market continues to be heavily dominated by wrap, which now accounts for 87% of the market. Recent significant increases in the market can be attributed to the abolition of the milk quota, better grassland management and improved compliance.

During 2017, our Compliance Office continued to support enforcement authorities throughout the country in tackling the problem of illegal farm plastics supply. The highlight in this regard was a repeat of the multi-agency border enforcement initiative. This initiative saw border local authorities and IFFPG effectively work together to inspect 32 retailers in the border region, with high levels of compliance reported.

A change to the legislation resulted in netting and twine producers becoming obligated with effect from the 1st October 2017. IFFPG is now tasked with using netting and twine levy income to drive the recovery of netting and twine wastes. With this in mind, IFFPG is reducing collection charges for netting and twine wastes in 2018 by two thirds.

During 2017, our board saw a number of changes. Most notably, our long-standing Chairperson Michael Slattery stepped down after many years of dedicated service and was replaced by Tom Dunne. In addition, John Hayes (distributor sector) and Tom Corr (independent) stepped down to be replaced by Michael Murphy and Dr Helen Sheridan respectively. The scheme is most appreciative of the contributions of outgoing board members and wishes them all the very best for the future. IFFPG also welcomes new board members and looks forward to their input in the coming period.

On 21st July 2017, IFFPG hosted a very successful celebration event which was attended by over 100 stakeholders. The event which was held to celebrate the growing success of the scheme since its establishment in the late 1990s was also an opportunity to honour our outgoing Chairperson and introduce our incoming Chairperson. Phil Hogan, Commissioner for Agriculture and rural Affairs was guest of honour.

Finally, we would like to sincerely thank all our stakeholders for their continued support throughout 2017 and very much look forward to working together again in the year ahead.

Tom Dunne,
IFFPG Chairperson

Liam Moloney,
IFFPG Manager

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IFFPG BOARD

SECTOR		REPRESENTATIVE	ORGANISATION
Chairperson		Tom Dunne	
Manufacturer		Tom Power	SPG Packaging Ireland Ltd.
		Vacancy	
Importer / Distributor		Michael Murphy	TAMA UAT
		Gavin McCarthy	Zeus Packaging Ltd.
Retailer /Co-operatives		Ken Daly	Kerry Agribusiness Ltd.
		Michael Lehane	Dairygold Ltd.
Farming		Thomas Ryan (Co-Sec.)	Irish Farmers' Association
		Tom Cooney (co-opted)	Irish Farmers' Association
Independent		Dr Helen Sheridan	Independent (Environment)
		Noel McCarthy	Independent (Legal)

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1. AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the report are to provide a full overview of the operational activities of the scheme for 2017.

The overview is provided under headings such as market size, corporate governance, collections, recycling rates, marketing and promotion, enforcement support activities, as well as other key developments. The report also sets out proposed activities for 2018 under similar headings.

2. RELEVANT LEGISLATION

The Waste Management (Farm Plastics) Regulations, 2001 provide the regulatory framework for farm plastics recycling in Ireland.

They are designed to promote the collection and recovery of farm plastics waste (silage wrap & sheeting) and oblige producers to contribute to recycling costs.

Farm plastics producers (manufacturers & importers) can comply with the regulations by either participating in an approved recycling scheme (i.e. IFFPG) or by becoming directly involved in the recycling of farm plastics waste through offering a deposit and refund scheme.

Suppliers of farm plastics (wholesalers & retailers) who are not members of an approved scheme, must either purchase farm plastics from a producer participating in an approved recycling scheme or offer a deposit and refund scheme. Local authorities are responsible for the enforcement of the regulations.

In 2017 the legislation was amended through the Waste Management (Farm Plastics) (Amendment) Regulations to include netting and twine producers. Consequently, with effect from 1st October 2017 netting or twine producers who place products on the Irish market are also obligated.

3. THE IFFPG ORGANISATION

IFFPG, which was established in 1998, is the only farm plastics recycling scheme in Ireland.

We are a not for profit organisation, which is approved by the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE) to operate as a recycling compliance scheme for 5-year periods.

The primary aims and objectives of IFFPG can be summarised as follows:

- 1 Provide cost effective compliance to our members (companies that place farm plastics products on the market)
- 2 Provide a comprehensive recycling service to farmers nationwide
- 3 As a minimum meet the national recovery targets as set by the Government
- 4 Protect our rural environment and support the circular economy
- All persons or companies involved in the supply of farm plastics are eligible for IFFPG membership. Our board is comprised of representatives from the farm plastics industry, farming, as well as independent representatives from environmental and legal backgrounds. The various sectors represented on our board have the right to nominate at any time candidates for election to our board.

Our members pay an environmental protection contribution, more commonly referred to as the levy, of €110 for every tonne of farm plastics placed on the market in 2017. The levy, in addition to a weight based collection charge, funds our scheme.

4. THE MARKET

4.1 TOTAL MARKET

The market for silage wrap and sheeting grew to a record 19,099 tonnes in 2017.

This was a 1% increase on the previous year, which was itself a record year. The significant upward trend in the market in recent years can be attributed to number of factors, including the abolition of the milk quota, better grassland management and improved compliance (see Chart 1).

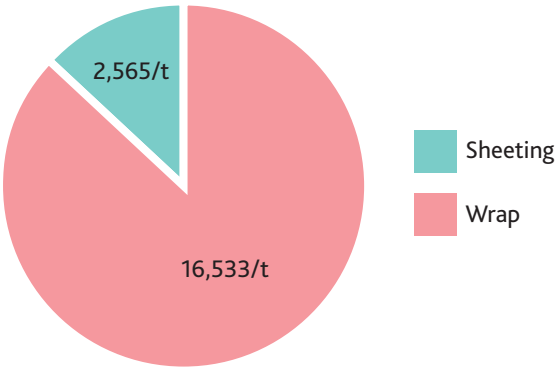
Chart 1. Farm Plastics Market 2013-2017

4.2 MARKET BREAKDOWN

In 2017 silage wrap once again dominated the farm plastics market, accounting for 87% of the market (see Chart 2).

In total 16,533 tonnes of silage wrap was placed on the market by our members, which was a 1% increase on the previous year. Silage sheeting sales also grew by 1% in 2017 to 2,565 tonnes, representing 13% of the market.

Chart 2. Market Breakdown 2017



4.3 MEMBERSHIP INTERACTION

During 2017 IFFPG continued to proactively communicate with our members to ensure that they were kept informed of key developments and were provided with the opportunity to raise any issues or concerns that they had.

Throughout the year IFFPG effectively engaged and communicated with our membership through a range of measures, including:

- The issuing of a quarterly members' ezine (See Appendix 1)
- Through our AGM
- The circulation of a label code issuing guide to over 900 retailers (including all members)
- Interactive members' section of our website
- Regular additional contact through visits (54 carried out) and emails / telephone calls as necessary.

A full list of IFFPG members on 31st December 2017 can be viewed in Appendix 2. IFFPG keeps an updated list of members on its website (www.farmplastics.ie).

4.4 THE LEVY

The levy remained unchanged at €110 per tonne (excl. VAT) in 2017. In the case of the standard roll of wrap, this equated to €2.85 per roll (excl. VAT).

4.5 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Good corporate governance is central to how IFFPG operates. During 2017 the scheme further enhanced its corporate governance structures through the implementation of a range of measures.

They included the adoption of an amended constitution at an EGM to incorporate corporate governance best practice, as well as the establishment of a Nominations Sub-Committee and a Renumeration Sub-Committee.

IFFPG's board saw a number of changes in 2017. Michael Slattery stepped down as Chairperson after many years of dedicated service, with Tom Dunne selected as his replacement. John Hayes (distributor sector) and Tom Corr (independent) also left the board and were replaced in early 2018 by Michael Murphy and Dr Helen Sheridan respectively. The scheme acknowledges and appreciates the major contribution of out-going board members, while at the same time looks forward to working with new board members.

The attendance record of board members for 2017 can be found in Appendix 3.

5. COLLECTIONS

5.1 TOTAL COLLECTIONS

IFFPG collected a total of 26,739 tonnes of farm plastics waste (silage wrap & sheeting wastes) for recycling in 2017. Although this represented a 2% decrease on the previous year, it was an impressive result as it came on the back of a short and mild winter which resulted in less farm plastics waste been generated. As can be seen in Chart 3, IFFPG has consistently collected and recycled between 25,000 and 27,000 tonnes of farm plastics waste each year in the period 2013 to 2017.

In addition to silage wrap and sheeting wastes, IFFPG also collected 580 tonnes of netting waste for recovery in 2017. This represented a 23% increase on the previous year.

Chart 3: Farm Plastics Waste Collected for Recycling 2013-17

5.2 RECYCLING TARGET

IFFPG achieved a 71% recycling rate in 2017 and as such exceeded the national recycling target as set by the DCCAE (See Table 1).

This means that in 2017 IFFPG recycled 71% of what its members placed on the market in the previous year after allowing for a 50% contamination level (mainly moisture).

Table 1: Recycling Rate 2017

	TARGET TONNES	TARGET %
Recycling Target (Incl. 50% contamination)	26,498	70
IFFPG Recycling level	26,739	71

5.3 BRING-CENTRES

IFFPG collected a total of 24,541 tonnes of farm plastics waste at 236 bring-centres in 2017. This represented a 2% decrease on the previous year as a result of a reduction in farm plastics waste generated by farmers due to a short and mild winter (See Chart 4).

Bring-centres accounted for 92% of all collections in 2017, which was similar to the previous year. Bring-centres continue to remain extremely popular with farmers due to their convenience and cost effectiveness.

Table 2: Material Collected Breakdown 2017

COLLECTION METHOD	TONNES	%
Bring-centres	24,541	92
Farmyards	2,198	8
Total	26,739	100

As usual, locations such as livestock marts, co-op yards, GAA fields and local authority recycling facilities were used as bring-centres. All IFFPG bring-centres were registered with the relevant local authorities as required by waste legislation.

Chart 4. Number of Bring-centres and Quantities Collected 2013-2017

5.4 FARMYARD COLLECTIONS

In 2017, IFFPG collected 2,198 tonnes of farm plastics waste at farmyards, which equated to 8% of total collections. Farmyard collections remain popular for a segment of farmers who prefer the convenience of having their farm plastics waste collected at the farmyard.

5.5 COLLECTION CHARGES

IFFPG collection charges remained at €15 per half tonne at the bring-centre with the label code in 2017 (See Table 3).

Farmers who present valid label codes at collections are able to prove that they purchased levied product and therefore can avail of significantly reduced collection charges.

Table 3: Collection Charges 2017

SERVICE	WITH LABEL CODE (€)	WITHOUT LABEL CODE (€)
500 kg Farm Plastics at Bring-centre	15	85
500 kg Farm Plastics at Farmyard	40	100

In the case of farmyard collections, the collection charge remained at €40 per half tonne with the label code.

5.6 IFFPG CONTRACTORS

Details in relation to our current contractors are provided in Appendix 4.

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6. RECYCLING

IFFPG ensured that all farm plastics waste collected in 2017 was recycled within the EU, with domestic facilities used where possible.

Over half of that collected in 2017 was recycled in Ireland, with the remainder exported in compliance with Trans Frontier Shipment (TFS) legislation to facilities elsewhere in Europe.

Farm plastics waste is recycled into a range of products, including refuse sacks, construction products and furniture.

7. MARKETING & PROMOTION

Once again, the main objective of our marketing campaign in 2017 was the promotion of our bring-centre programme to ensure that as a minimum we exceeded that national farm plastics recycling target.

The campaign also involved promoting the services of our sister company, Farm Plastics Recycling CLG (FPR). FPR provides a recycling service for other farm plastics packaging wastes such as fertiliser bags, feed bags and agri-chemical drums (See Section 9).

Examples of the main marketing media employed by IFFPG in 2017 are highlighted in Table 4.

Table 4: Marketing Media 2017

MARKETING MEDIA EMPLOYED	FREQUENCY
The Irish Farmers 'Journal advertisements	18
Agriland.ie	1.2 million impressions
SMS	200,000 texts
Agricultural shows / exhibitions	3
Social media (website, Facebook & twitter)	On-going

Examples of advertisements used by IFFPG in 2017 can be seen in Appendix 5.

8. ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT

Although IFFPG has no statutory powers, we remain committed to supporting local authorities in enforcing the Farm Plastics Regulations through the activities of our Compliance Officer.

These regulations require farm plastics suppliers to support recycling in Ireland through contributing to recycling costs (See Section 2).

In 2017, the main focus of IFFPG's enforcement support work was the annual multi-agency border enforcement campaign. The campaign, which was carried out during the critical silage making season (May-July) saw border local authority enforcement officers and our Compliance Officer jointly carry out 32 inspections of farm plastic retail premises. Once again, the campaign focused on ensuring that agri-merchants and silage contractors charged the levy and it revealed high levels of compliance.

In addition, our Compliance Officer assisted a number of local authorities elsewhere in the country with suspected cases of illegal supply.

Throughout 2017, IFFPG also continued to effectively manage our farm plastics traceability system. This traceability system sees farmers who purchase levied product issued with a unique label code by retailers, which when presented at the bring-centre ensures reduced collections charges.

9. FARM PLASTICS PACKAGING WASTES

IFFPG's sister company, FPR which provides a recycling service for farm plastics packaging wastes (fertiliser bags, feed bags and agri-chemical drums), collected and recycled 600 tonnes of waste in 2017.

This represented a 9% increase on the previous year, with large fertiliser / feed bags representing the single biggest waste stream recycled (272 tonnes). Small fertiliser / feed bags and agri-chemical drums accounted for 245 tonnes and 83 tonnes of waste recycled respectively.

FPR charges remained at €15 per 500 kg sized bag in 2017, with the service further funded through REPAK subsidy.

10. OTHER KEY DEVELOPMENTS

10.1 LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT

In 2017 the Government changed the legislation to include netting and twine producers with effect from 1st October of that year (See Section 2). Since then IFFPG has worked to make all elements of the supply chain aware of the legislative change and how it will impact them. This has largely involved liaising with producers and offering compliance through IFFPG membership, as well as making retailers aware of the need to purchase levied product and provide label codes going forward. In addition, IFFPG has focused on making farmers aware of the need to obtain label codes in the future for netting and twine purchased, as well as proposed reductions in collection charges from 2018.

10.2 NEW IT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

During 2017 IFFPG developed a new integrated IT management system, which will be used from the beginning of the 2018 collections season. The new system will allow for the electronic capture of all collections data at bring-centres, the rapid delivery of collections data to the IFFPG Office, as well as greatly improved report running functions. In addition, it will record and manage all interactions with retailers and enforcement support work.

10.3 CELEBRATION EVENT

On 21st July 2017, IFFPG held a celebration event at the Irish Farm Centre, which was attended by over 100 stakeholders. The event was organised to celebrate the growing success of the scheme since its establishment in the late 1990s. It was also an opportunity to honour our outgoing Chairperson, Michael Slattery and to introduce our incoming Chairperson Tom Dunne.

Guest of honour, Phil Hogan, European Commissioner for Agriculture & Rural Development spoke at the event, with other speakers including Joe Healy, President of the IFA and Liam Moloney, Scheme Manager.

11. PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

11.1 THE LEVY

IFFPG is pleased to announce that the levy will remain at €110 per tonne (excl. VAT) for 2018. The guide price for a standard roll of wrap will therefore remain at €2.85 (excl. VAT).

11.2 COLLECTIONS

IFFPG will continue to provide a comprehensive collections service to farmers in 2018, which will comprise both a bring-centre programme, as well as a farmyard collection service.

11.2.1 Bring-centre Programme

IFFPG will once again provide farmers with a comprehensive bring-centre programme in 2018. The season will begin with Dromcolliher bring-centre on the 6th April and conclude with Killorglin bring-centre on the 4th August. In total 236 bring-centres will be held, with locations such as livestock marts, cooperative / agri-merchant premises and GAA grounds primarily used.

The programme will be heavily promoted through a range of media, in particular the Irish Farmers Journal, SMS, and agriland.ie. IFFPG will also promote its bring-centre

programme through social media, as well as at agricultural shows.

A full bring-centre programme for the year is provided in Appendix 6.

11.2.2 Farmyard Collection Service

IFFPG will continue to provide a farmyard collection service in 2018 for farmers who prefer the convenience of this service. Farmers can avail of this service by contacting our office directly to organise a collection.

11.2.3. Collection Charges

IFFPG is pleased to announce that collection charges at the bring-centre will remain at €15 per half tonne with the label code in 2018. In the case of farmyard collections, charges will also remain unchanged at €40 per half tonne with the label code (See Table 5).

Table 5: Collection Charges 2018

SERVICE	WITH LABEL CODE (€)	WITHOUT LABEL CODE (€)
500 kg Farm Plastics at Bring-centre	15	85
500 kg Farm Plastics at Farmyard	40	100

11.2.4 National Recycling Target

IFFPG must meet a 70% recycling target for 2018, which equates to 26,739 tonnes. In terms of volume, this is the highest target to date as the previous year was a record year for farm plastics sales.

Table 6: Recycling Targets 2018

YEAR	% TARGET	VOLUME TARGET (INCL. 50% CONTAMINATION LEVEL)
2018	70	26,739

However, IFFPG is confident that this target will be exceeded in 2018 as a very harsh preceding winter has resulted in an increase in the volume of farm plastics waste generated by farmers.

11.2.5 Netting & Farm Plastics Packaging Waste Streams

IFFPG will reduce netting waste collection charges to farmers by two thirds in 2018. This will see the charge for a 500 kg sized bag of netting waste reduce from €15 to €5 per bag. This significant reduction is possible as a result of the recent legislative change which obliges netting producers to contribute to recycling costs. It is anticipated that reduced collection charges in 2018 will result in a significant increase in recovery levels for the year.

FPR will reduce collection charges for farm plastics packaging wastes (fertiliser bags, feed bags & agri-chemical drums) by one third in 2018. This will see the charge for a 500 kg sized bag reduce from €15 to €10 per bag and should stimulate increased recycling rates for these waste streams.

11.2.6 Recycling

In 2018, IFFPG will continue with its policy of recycling farm plastics waste within the EU, with Irish facilities used where possible.

Restrictions imposed by the Chinese on the importation of plastics waste in early 2018 have reduced prices to IFFPG from European recyclers. This is due to Europe becoming flooded with cheap waste that previously was sent to China. The restrictions also pose a concern in the short to medium term in relation to the availability of sufficient recycling capacity for farm plastics waste.

IFFPG is addressing current challenges by emphasising the strategic advantages to European recyclers of continuing to recycle farm plastics wastes (a constant supply of a homogenous waste stream which can be readily recycled into a range of products), as well as through developing new partnerships with European recyclers.

11.3 Enforcement Support

IFFPG will continue in 2018 to support the enforcement efforts of authorities through the activities of our Compliance Officer.

In particular, our Compliance Officer will prioritise supporting the annual multi-agency border enforcement campaign. This will involve working with border local authorities to target the inspection of retailers in the border region during the critical May to July period. It will also entail supporting any subsequent follow up enforcement actions and pushing for prosecutions in cases of clear illegality.

Additionally, our Compliance Officer will continue to focus throughout the year on ensuring that our label code traceability system is efficiently managed. This will involve continuing to liaise closely with retailers to ensure that label codes are correctly issued, as well as highlighting to farmers the cost savings associated with presenting a valid label code at collections.

11.4 OTHER KEY DEVELOPMENTS

11.4.1 IT Management System

During 2018 IFFPG will roll out its new integrated IT management system, which was developed in 2017. The new system will allow for the electronic capture of all collections data at bring-centres, the rapid delivery of collections data to the IFFPG Office, as well as greatly improved report running functions. In addition, the new system will record and manage all interactions with retailers and enforcement support work.

11.4.2 Netting & Twine

As netting and twine producers are now obligated under the regulations, the focus for IFFPG will be to provide compliance to producers and to maximise the growth in the recovery of netting and twine wastes.

In addition, IFFPG will continue to work with retailers to make them aware of the new requirement to only purchase levied product and to provide label codes to customers. In particular, IFFPG is targeting silage contractors as in the vast majority of cases they represent the point of sale to farmers.

It is expected that the significantly reduced collection charges will drive the recovery rates for netting and twine wastes in 2018 (See Section 11.2.5).

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SAMPLE MEMBERS' EZINE

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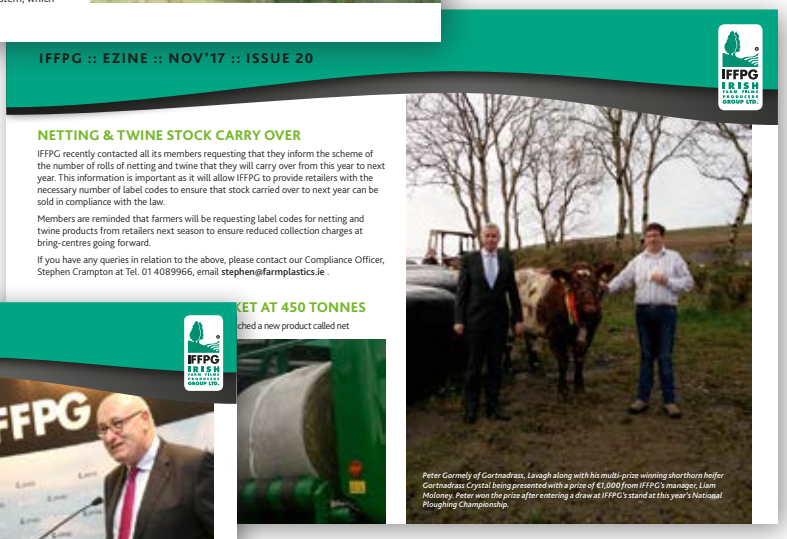
NETTING AND TWINE PRODUCERS OBLIGATED FROM OCTOBER 1ST

The Government has amended the Farm Plastics Regulations to include netting and twine producers from October 1st of this year. This means that netting and twine producers must now contribute to recycling costs through either participating in an approved scheme (i.e. IFFPG) or by operating a deposit and refund scheme. In the case of IFFPG members, netting and twine products placed on the market from October 1st must be declared in monthly returns, with the recycling levy applicable to these products.

The Government amended the legislation in line with its objective of increasing sectoral recycling rates through implementation of the producer pays principle. Netting and twine producers must now either join IFFPG (if not already members) or operate a deposit and refund scheme to ensure compliance with the legislation. A deposit and refund scheme involves producers directly organising for the recycling of netting and twine waste from their customers. It is expected that most producers will seek compliance through IFFPG membership.

Netting and twine producers who avail of IFFPG compliance, will pay the levy at a rate of €110 per tonne of product placed on the market. This is the same rate at which wrap and sheeting producers currently contribute to the scheme. Netting and twine producers will also be required to use the IFFPG's label code traceability system, which rewards farmers who can produce a valid code through reduced collection charges.

IFFPG will use additional levy income to drive the increased recovery of netting and twine waste streams. This will be primarily achieved by reducing recycling costs to farmers in 2018 at bring-centres from the current €15 to €5 per half tonne bag.



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NETTING & TWINE STOCK CARRY OVER

IFFPG recently contacted all its members requesting that they inform the scheme of the number of rolls of netting and twine that they will carry over from this year to next year. This information is important as it will allow IFFPG to provide retailers with the necessary number of label codes to ensure that stock carried over to next year can be sold in compliance with the law.

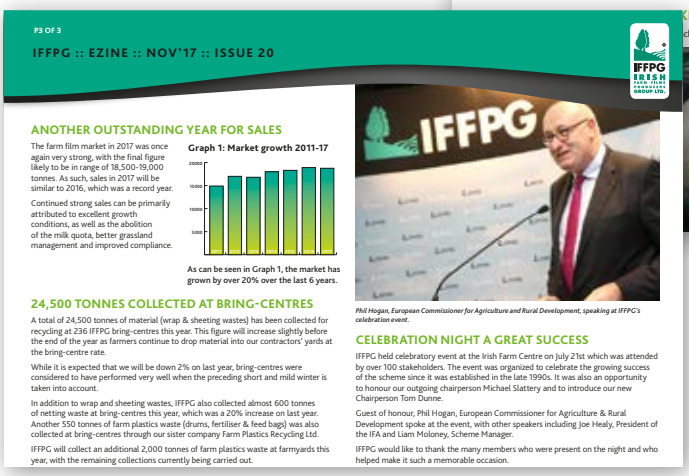
Members are reminded that farmers will be requesting label codes for netting and twine products from retailers next season to ensure reduced collection charges at bring-centres going forward.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact our Compliance Officer, Stephen Crampton at Tel. 01 4089966, email **stephen@farmplastics.ie** .

KET AT 450 TONNES

ched a new product called net

Peter Gormely of Gortnadrass, Lavagh along with his multi-prize winning shorthorn heifer Gortnadrass Crystal being presented with a prize of €1,000 from IFFPG's manager, Liam Moloney. Peter won the prize after entering a draw at IFFPG's stand at this year's National Ploughing Championship.



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ANOTHER OUTSTANDING YEAR FOR SALES

The farm film market in 2017 was once again very strong, with the final figure likely to be in range of 18,500-19,000 tonnes. As such, sales in 2017 will be similar to 2016, which was a record year.

Continued strong sales can be primarily attributed to excellent growth conditions, as well as the abolition of the milk quota, better grassland management and improved compliance.

Graph 1: Market growth 2011-17

As can be seen in Graph 1, the market has grown by over 20% over the last 6 years.

24,500 TONNES COLLECTED AT BRING-CENTRES

A total of 24,500 tonnes of material (wrap & sheeting wastes) has been collected for recycling at 236 IFFPG bring-centres this year. This figure will increase slightly before the end of the year as farmers continue to drop material into our contractors' yards at the bring-centre rate.

While it is expected that we will be down 2% on last year, bring-centres were considered to have performed very well when the preceding short and mild winter is taken into account.

In addition to wrap and sheeting wastes, IFFPG also collected almost 600 tonnes of netting waste at bring-centres this year, which was a 20% increase on last year. Another 550 tonnes of farm plastics waste (drums, fertiliser & feed bags) was also collected at bring-centres through our sister company Farm Plastics Recycling Ltd.

IFFPG will collect an additional 2,000 tonnes of farm plastics waste at farmyards this year, with the remaining collections currently being carried out.

Phil Hogan, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, speaking at IFFPG's celebration event.

CELEBRATION NIGHT A GREAT SUCCESS

IFFPG held celebratory event at the Irish Farm Centre on July 21st which was attended by over 100 stakeholders. The event was organized to celebrate the growing success of the scheme since it was established in the late 1990s. It was also an opportunity to honour our outgoing chairperson Michael Slattery and to introduce our new Chairperson Tom Dunne.

Guest of honour, Phil Hogan, European Commissioner for Agriculture & Rural Development spoke at the event, with other speakers including Joe Healy, President of the IFA and Liam Moloney, Scheme Manager.

IFFPG would like to thank the many members who were present on the night and who helped make it such a memorable occasion.

APPENDIX 2:

IFFPG'S MEMBERS LIST 31ST DECEMBER 2017

Ab Rani Plast Oy	Maizetech
Aspla	McCabes General Merchants Ltd
Aurivo Co-op	Fermanagh Rope and Plastic Ltd
BalePak	Quinn Packaging
BPI Industrial	RKW AG
BPI Visqueen	TAMA
Dairygold Co-op Society	Total Polyfilm Ltd
Glanbia plc	Trioplast SMS
Gold Crop Ltd.	Coveris Flexibles Austria GmbH / Unterland
RKW Hyplast	Volac Feeds Ltd
Irish International Trading Corporation	Whiteriver Ltd
Irish Polythene Agri	Zeus Packaging
SPG Packaging Ireland Ltd T/A Crop Packaging Systems	Orbita Film / Polyfilm Extrusion Gmbh
Kerry Agri Business	

APPENDIX 3:

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS & AGM

BOARD MEMBER	NUMBER OF MEETINGS DUE TO ATTEND	NUMBER OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Michael Slattery	2	2
Tom Dunne	4	4
Donal Corrigan	6	4
Tom Power	6	5
John Hayes	5	4
Gavin McCarthy	6	6
Thomas Ryan	6	5
Tom Cooney	6	5
Michael Lehane	6	6
Ken Daly	6	6
Noel McCarthy	6	3
Tom Corr	5	0

APPENDIX 4:

IFFPG CURRENT CONTRACTORS

Contractor Permit Details

CONTRACTOR NAME	LOCATION	WASTE COLLECTION PERMIT	WASTE FACILITY PERMIT / LICENCE
VK Agri	Cloonalaghan, Carrowmore-Lacken, Ballina, Co. Mayo	NWCPO-16-11840-01	WFP-MO-10-0009-02
Smith's Recycling	Carnin, Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan	NWCPO-09-06394-02	WFP-CN-15-0004-01
Walker Recycling Services	Clonkeen, Portlaoise, Co. Laois	NWCPO-14-11464-01	WFP-LS-16-0002-01
Pat O'Sullivan (Farm Waste Recycling)	Laharn, Killorglin, Co. Kerry	NWCPO-16-11801-01	WFP-KY-16-0002-01
WRS (Fermoy)	Cullenagh, Fermoy, Co. Cork	NWCPO-09-04602-02	WO107-1
Leinster Environmentals	Clermont Park, Haggardstown, Dundalk, Co. Louth	NWCPO-15-11641-01	LH-11-0002-01
CTB Recycling	The Demesne, Gowran, Co. Kilkenny	NWCPO-14-11488-01	WFP-KK-15-0002-03

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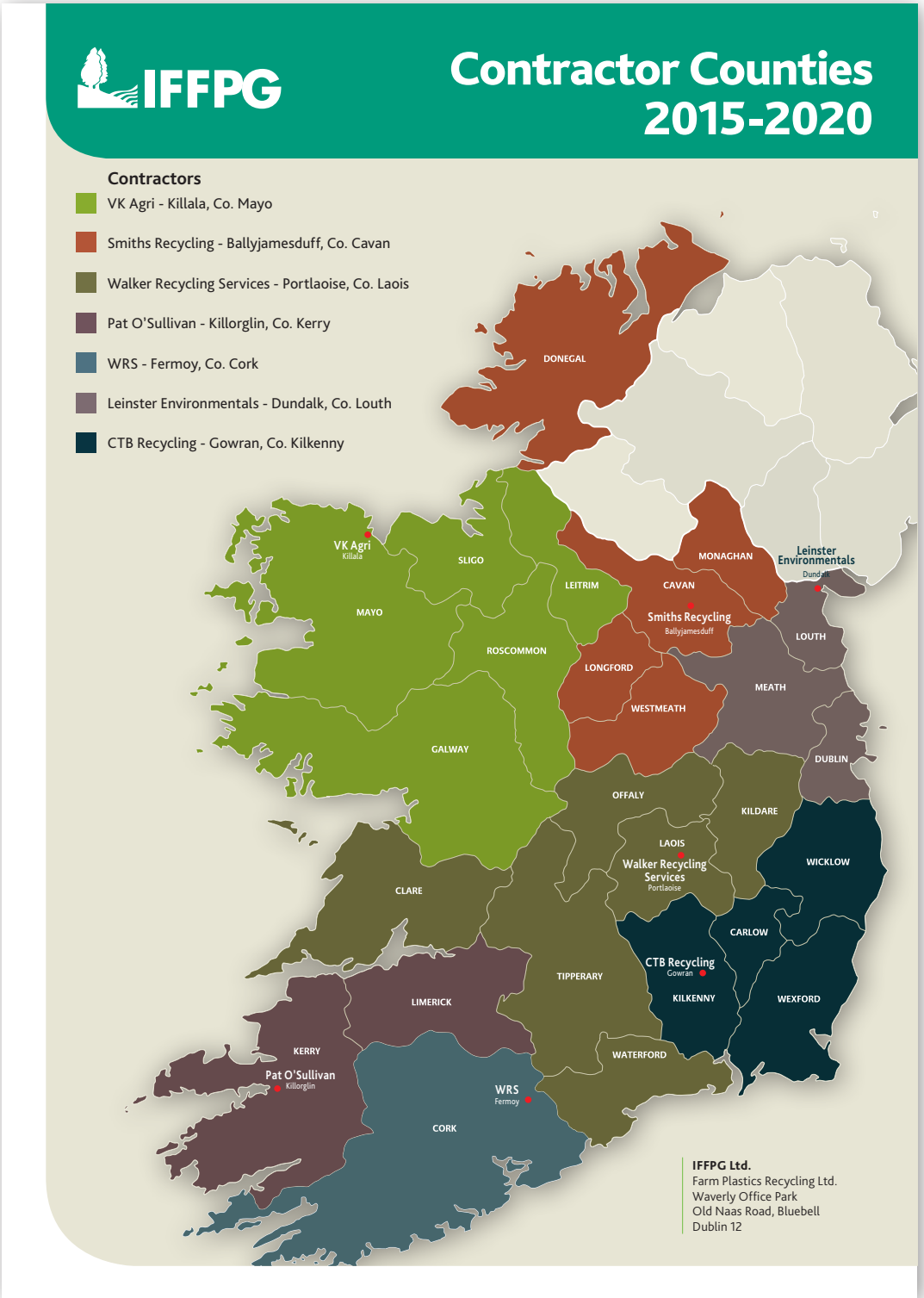

APPENDIX 5:

SAMPLE ADVERTISEMENTS 2017

IFFPG FARM PLASTIC RECYCLING BRING CENTRES

in association with Farm Plastics Recycling Ltd.

IFFPG

Recycle Silage Plastic €15 per ½ tonne

with label code and a proof of purchase (Invoice/Sales Docket). Please ask your supplier for the **IFFPG LABEL Code Number.**

What else can we Recycle? **Categories A-D** can be recycled in used Bulk Fertiliser Bags (1/2 Tonne Bags) with liners removed.

A BULK FERTILISER/ MEAL BAGS (Remove Liners) €15 per 1/2 Tonne Fert Bag

B SMALL FERTILISER/ MEAL BAGS (Incl. Bulk Liners) €15 per 1/2 Tonne Fert Bag

C DRUMS (Must Be Triple Rinsed) €15 per 1/2 Tonne Fert Bag

SUPPORTED BY REPAK

D NETTING & TWINE €15 per 1/2 Tonne Fert Bag

Remaining July & August Dates

GALWAY: Clifden Mart, 13th July (10-12pm); Maam Cross Mart, 13th July (2-4pm).

KERRY: Killarney, Cronins Old Pit, Coolcaslagh, 28/29th July; Killorglin, Hoare's Machinery Yard, 18/19th August.

KILDARE: Carbury, Matthew Walshs Sandpit, Kilglass, 13th July; Allen Overflow Car-Park (opp Church & School), 14th July (12.30-7.00pm). Rathcoffey, Colin Doherty's Yard (Drummonds), 17th July; Monasterevin Glanbia, 19th July; Kilcullen Mart, 20th July; Athy, Liffey Mills, 25th July.

KILKENNY: Gowran, Eamonn Nolan's Yard, The Demense, Every Mon - Sat.

LAOIS: Clonaslee, Anthony Maher's, 18th July; Mountrath Mart, 21st July; Ballylynan, The Pedigree Corner Bar, 26th July; Ballinakill Mart, 31st July; Donaghmore Glanbia, 1st August; Mountmellick Glanbia, 2nd August; Portlaoise, Walkers Yard, Clonkeen, Every Mon-Fri.

LIMERICK: Newcastlewest, Shanahan's Quarry, Barna, 14/15th July.

MAYO: Killala, Vincent Kearneys Yard, Cloonalaghan, Carrowmore Lacken, Every Mon-Sat

WEXFORD: B
18/19th July; E

Opening tim

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REPAK

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Clare

Caher, Anthony McNamara's Shop/ Garage, Thur 8th June

Scariff Mart, Fri 9th June

Sixmilebridge Mart, Mon 12th June

Tulla GAA, Tues 13th June

Kilfenora Mart, Wed 14th June

Ennistymon GAA, Thur 15th June

Lissycasey, Frure GAA, Fri 16th June

Ennis Mart, Sat 17th June

Deelin, Michael Ciosog GAA, (North Clare), Mon 19th June

Inagh, Central Waste Management Facility, Tues 20th June (8.30-4.00pm)

Quilty GAA, Wed 21st June

Kilrush Mart, Thur 22nd June

Labasheeda GAA, Fri 23rd June

Opening times: 9am–5pm (Unless otherwise stated)

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APPENDIX 6:

BRING-CENTRE DATES 2018

COUNTY	LOCATION	DATE
Carlow	Tullow, Charles R Wynne Ltd, Bridge Mills	14th May
	Borris, Borris Agri-Sales, Fennagh Rd	8th June
	Carlow, Toughers Restaurant Car park, Dublin Rd	12th June
	Milford, Tommy Doyle's Yard, Carlow	12th June
	Leighlin Bridge, Jordan Agri Ltd, Ratheadon	13th June
Cavan	Virginia Lisgrey (County Council Yard)	30th May
	Bailieborough Auction Yard, Kells Road	31st May
	Kingscourt Mart	2nd June
	Mullagh Co-op, Mullagh	6th June
	Cavan Mart	7th June
	Ballyjamesduff Mart	9th June
	Belturbet County Council Yard	12th June
	Ballyconnell Huggins Pit	13th June
	Dowra Mart	14th June
	Glengevlin County Council Yard	15th June
	Cootehill Mart	16th June
Clare	Caher, Raymond McNamara's Bar/Shop	20th June
	Scariff Mart	21st June
	Tulla GAA	22nd June
	Ennis Mart	23rd June
	Sixmilebridge Mart	25th June
	Lissycasey, Frure GAA	26th June
	Labasheeda GAA	27th June
	Kilrush Mart	28th June
	Quilty GAA	29th June

COUNTY	LOCATION	DATE
Clare	Ennistymon GAA	
	Inagh, Central Waste Management Facility	3rd July (8.30-4.00pm)
	Kilfenora Mart	4th July
	Deelin, Michael Ciosog GAA, (North Clare)	5th July
Cork	Castlelyons, Glanbia	30th April
	Mitchelstown Mart	2nd/3rd May
	Castletownroche, Dairygold (Farrells)	8th May
	Lombardstown, Dairygold	10th May
	Donoughmore, Peter O'Regan Transports Yard, Coolmona	12th May
	Blarney, Dairygold Co-op	15th May
	Ballinhassig, Dairygold Co-op	17th May
	Carrigtwohill, Fota Point Enterprise Park	19th May
	Midleton, McDonnells Grain store,Saleen	21st May
	Mogeely, Dairygold Co-op	23rd May
	Kanturk Mart	25th/26th May
	Ballydesmond, Kelly Bros Quarry	29th May
	Millstreet, Dairygold	31st May/1st June
	Macroom Mart	11th/12th June
	Cloughduv, Dairygold Co-op, Muskerry	13th June
	Minane Bridge, Dairygold Co-op	15th June (Hrs 9.30-5pm)
	Timoleague, Barryroe Co-op	18th/19th June
	Bandon Mart	20th/21st June
	Dunmanway, Murray Bros, Ardcahan Quarry	25th/26th June
	Clonakilty, Lissavaird Co-op	28th/29th June
	Schull, Derryconnell Landfill	2nd July (9:30am-5pm)
	Skibbereen Mart	3rd/4th July
	Bantry, Bantry Skip Hire, Dunbittern East	6th/7th July
	Castletownbere, Donegans Plant Hire, Derrymihin West	9th July
	Charleville, Barretts Bros Storage, Cooline	11th/12 July

COUNTY	LOCATION	DATE
Donegal	Buncrana, Inishowen Co-op	22nd June
	Carndonagh, Inishowen Co-op	23rd June
	Newtowncunningham, Clonleigh Co-op	26th June
	Milford Mart	28th June
	Raphoe Mart	29th June
	Ballyshannon Mart	30th June
	Ardara GAA	2nd July
	Ballybofey & Stranorlar Mart	3rd July
	Donegal Mart	4th July
Dublin	Lusk, Drummonds(Hartfords Yard) Ballough	12th May
	Greenogue, Toner Brothers, Rathcoole	16th June (Hrs 9-2pm)
Galway	Headford Mart	8th May
	Tuam Mart	24/25th May
	Gort Mart	29th May
	Athenry Mart	1st June
	Loughrea Mart	5th June
	Portumna Mart	7th June
	Ballinasloe Mart	12th June (9-1pm)
	Mount Bellew Mart	14th June
	Clonberne, Arrabawn Co-op	19th June (9-3pm)
	Clifden Mart	12th July (10-12pm)
	Maam Cross Mart	12th July (2-4pm)
Kerry	Cahersiveen Mart	27/28th April
	Kenmare Mart	1/2nd May
	Rathmore, Cronin's Old Pit, Shroone	4/5th May
	Miltown Mart	9th May
	Dingle, Ted Browne's Tyre Centre & Tool Hire, Lispole	11/12th May
	Tralee Mart	18/19th May

COUNTY	LOCATION	DATE
Kerry	Castleisland Mart	25/26th May
	Listowel Mart	1/2nd June
	Killarney, Cronins Old Pit, Coolcaslagh	27/28th July
	Killorglin, Hoare's Machinery Yard	3/4th August
Kildare	Rathcoffey, Drummonds (Colin Doherty's Yard)	14th July (Hrs 9-4pm)
	Athy, Liffey Mills	19th July
	Carbury, Matthew Walshs Sandpit, Kilglass	20th July
	Kilcullen Mart	23rd July
	Monasterevin Glanbia	26th July
	Allen Overflow Car-Park(opp Church & School)	1st August (Hrs 12.30-7pm)
Kilkenny	Urlingford, Hennessy Feeds, Woodsgift	18th April
	Ballyhale, Glanbia	20th April
	Glenmore, Glanbia	25th April
	Piltown, Glanbia	27th April
	Kilmanagh, Glanbia	2th May
	Gowran, Eamonn Nolan's Yard, The Demense	5th May
	Kilkenny, Red Mills, Cillin Hill (opp The Mart)	12th May
	Callan Co-op	16th May
	Ballyragget, Glanbia(Bridge Street)	23rd May
	Castlecomer, Eamon Nolans Farm, Loon	20th June
Laois	Stradbally Town & Country	6 July
	Stradbally Town & Country	7th July (Hrs 9-1pm)
	Clonaslee, Anthony Maher's	21st July
	Ballinakill Mart	30th July
	Ballylynan, The Pedigree Corner Bar	31st July
	Donaghmore Glanbia	2nd August
	Mountrath Mart	3rd August
	Mountmellick Glanbia	11th August (Hrs 9-4pm)
	Portlaoise, Walkers Yard, Clonkeen	Every Mon-Fri

COUNTY	LOCATION	DATE
Leitrim	Manorhamilton Mart	11th May
	Drumshambo Mart	16th May
	Carrigallen Mart	18th May (Hrs 9-12pm)
	Ballinamore, County Council yard	18th May (Hrs 2-5pm)
	Carrick-On-Shannon Showground's	21st May (Hrs 9-2pm)
	Mohill Mart	22nd May
Limerick	Dromcolliher Mart	6/7th April
	Dromkeen, Old Meat Factory, Drombane	13/14th April
	Kilmallock Mart	20/21st April
	Abbeyfeale Mart	6/7th June
	Ballyhahill, Gortadroma Landfill	15/16th June
	Pallaskenry GAA	22/23rd June
	Glenroe GAA	29th June
	Kilfinny, Lynch's Quarry, Adare	6/7th July
	Newcastlewest, Shanahan`s Quarry, Barna	20/21st July
Longford	Aughnacliffe GAA	1st May
	Dromard GAA, Legga, Moyne	3rd May
	Drumlish, Mulleady's Civic Amenity Site	4th May
	Ballymahon Mart	5th May
	Killashee GAA	9th May
	Shroid GAA, Edgeworthstown Road	11th May
	Granard Mart	12th May
Louth	Ardee, Drummonds Ltd, The Glebe	20th April
	Townrath, Drummonds Ltd	25th May
	Knockbridge, Drummonds Ltd	8th June
	Dundalk, Loughrans Stores Ltd, Haggardstown	14th July

COUNTY	LOCATION	DATE
Mayo	Ballina Mart	18th April
	Balla Mart	19th April
	Swinford, Stack Pigeons Sand Quarry, Cloonaghboy	24th April (9-3pm)
	Ballinrobe Mart	3/4th May
	Belmullet, Myles Carey Yard (Beside Brogans)	6th July (9-2pm)
	Newport, Derrinumera Landfill	10th July (9-12am)
	Westport, O Gradys Yard, Carrownalurgan	10th July (2-4pm)
	Killala, Vincent Kearneys Yard, Cloonalaghan, Carrowmore Lacken	Every Mon-Sat
Meath	Kilcock, Shane Thorntons Farm, Barrockstown	21st April
	Slane, Grassland Fertilisers	27th April
	Clonard, Farrell Fuels, Towlagh	28th April
	Clonee, Drummonds	4th May
	Kilmessan, Royal Town & Country, Ardbraccan, Trim	11th May
	Navan, Drummonds, Alexander Reid	18th May
	Drumone, Drummonds Ltd(Drumone Agri), Oldcastle	19th May
	Longwood, William Buttimers Farm, Dalystown	26th May
	Kells, Drummonds, Balrath	1st June
	Castletown, Farrelly Plant Hire, Nobber	9th June
Monaghan	Scotch Corner Landfill	15th May(8-4pm)
	Clones Mart	19th May
	Glaslough, McNallys Quarry	21st May
	Threemilehouse GAA	22nd May
	Ballybay Mart	23rd May
	Broomfield Agri, Castleblayney	25th May
	Carrickmacross, Old Stoneware Plant, Magheracloone	26th May
Offaly	Shinrone, Liffey Mills	9th July
	Birr, Loughnane Concrete	10/11th July
	Banagher Liffey Mills	12/13th July

COUNTY	LOCATION	DATE
Offaly	Tullamore, J. Grennan & Sons, Tinnycross	16/17th July
	Clara Market, Moate Road	18th July
	Edenderry Livestock Mart	24/25th July
	Portarlington – Gracefield GAA	27th July
	Ferbane	
Roscommon	Castlerea Mart	27th April (9-3pm)
	Mount Talbot, Gately Building Stone, Cullawina	1st May (9-3pm)
	Boyle, Carrick-On-Shannon Showground's	21st May (Hrs 9-2pm)
	Ballydangan, Business Park	12th June (3-6pm)
	Taughmaconnell Community Centre	20th June (9-1pm)
	Roscommon Race Course	20th June (3-5pm)
	Ballyleague GAA	22nd June (9-1pm)
	Rooskey, Old Glanbia Factory	22nd June (2-5pm)
	Elphin Mart	28th June
Sligo	Easky, Frank Flannelly's Slatted Shed, Finod	10th May (9-2pm)
	Skreen, Eamonn Burke Ltd	10th May (3-5pm)
	Ballymote Mart	30th June
	Tubbercurry Civic Amenity Site	3rd July (9-1pm)
	Drumcliffe, Seamus Water's Farm, Castletown	4th July (9-3pm)
Tipperary North	Drombane Co-op	29/30th May
	Thurles Mart	31st May/1st June
	Borrisoleigh, Tipperary Co-op	6th June
	Roscrea, River stores(Old Bacon Factory)	7/8th June
	Templemore Mart	11/12th June
	Ardcroney, Stone & Paving, Borrisokane	13th June
	Nenagh Mart	14/15th June
	Newport Mart	18/19th June

COUNTY	LOCATION	DATE
Tipperary South	Carrick-on-Suir Mart	8th May
	Clogheen, Tipperary County Council Yard	9th May
	Clonmel, Derrygrath Glanbia	10th May
	Cahir Mart	11/12th May
	Golden, Gleeson Precast	14th May
	Laffinsbridge, Gleeson's Quarries	15th May
	Rosegreen, Tipperary Race Way	16th May
	Donohill, Gortdrum Mines	18/19th May
	Mullinahone, Brett's, Ballyvadlea	22nd May
	Ballingarry GAA	23rd May
	Gortnahoe, Glanbia, Fennor	24th May
	Gouldscross, Tipperary Co-op	25th May
	Lisvernane, Moroney`s Pub & Shop	26th May
Waterford	Stradbally Glanbia	24th April
	Newtown Ballydurn GAA, Kilmacthomas	25th April
	Kilmeaden Glanbia	26th April
	Gaultier Glanbia	30th April
	Cappoquin, TJ Lomasney, Glenara Sand, Kilahalla	1st May
	Kinsalebeg, James Leahy Quarry, Glistinane	2nd May
	Tallow, Colman Greene Design, Youghal Road	3rd May
	Tooraneena, Sliabh gCua GAA, Kirwan Park	4th May
Westmeath	Milltown Sean Doolin Park, Rathconrath	18th April (Hrs 10-6pm)
	Whitehall, Ringtown GAA, Castlepollard	20th April (Hrs 10-6pm)
	Delvin Mart	21st April
	Athlone, Gaffney's Farm & Equestrian, Moydrum	23rd April
	Moate Agri Supplies, Dublin Road	24th April
	Ballinagore GAA, Kilbeggan	26th April
	Rochfortbridge, Ex-Ascon Site, Rhode Road	27th April
	The Downs, Drummonds Flynn's Agri, Mullingar	28th April

COUNTY	LOCATION	DATE
Wexford	Bunclody, Glanbia	15th June
	Wellingtonbridge, Wallace's	26/27th June
	Bridgetown, Old WFC Yard	29th June
	Clonroche, Glanbia	2nd July
	Oulart, Kevin Cooney Ltd	4th July
	Wexford Town, Cooney Furlong Grain Ltd	6th July
	Inch Glanbia	9th July
	Ballycanew Glanbia	11th July
	New Ross Mart	17/18th July
	Enniscorthy Mart	26/27th July
Wicklow	Carnew Mart	8th May
	Blessington, Frank Murphy Concrete Blocks, Hempstown	18th May
	Aughrim, Herbst Group, Rednagh Road	21st May
	Wicklow, Herbst Group, Kilpoole Hill	22nd May
	Baltinglass Mart	28th May
	Roundwood, Pat Carr's Farm, Knockraheen	23rd June

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