

Irish Family-Farm Rights Group (IFRG)

CAP Strategic Plan 2023-27

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DAFM CSP Proposals on BPO	IFRG Submission to PCPI
This scheme is to support the setting up of POs for sheep and beef sectors to improve their position in the value chain.	<i>The establishment of PO's needs to be addressed by a national campaign to highlight the benefits of PO's in addressing the imbalance in the supply chain that currently exists – ie. Collective Bargaining and Niche Markets.</i>
Financial support over 3 years: year 1 advisory + admin costs; years 2 and 3: admin costs only.	<i>Producer Organisation (BPO) CAP commitment – 'Operational Funding' – follow on from the existing set-up funding. The current funding for PO's is specifically for set-up costs. This proposal is seeking the allocation of funding to support the specific objectives of each individual established PO.</i>
Target (unspecified) for number of new groups to be established in the first 3 years.	<i>Target number of PO's should achieve a percentage of the national production of 5% within 3 years to attain an impact on the imbalance that currently exists in the supply chain.</i>
4 mandatory actions for both: Replacement strategy; Genotyping; Weighing; Data recording.	<i>A support scheme for suckler cow early maturing replacement with an emphasis on producing beef with a lighter carcass from a more efficient herd. For example, 50 years ago a butcher's heifer from the suckler herd was 420kg, today it's more like 550kg. The outcome achieved will be in the production of beef with less carbon emissions and assisting the farmer with an effective herd replacement management structure.</i>
If also participating in Dairy Beef Welfare Scheme, can only claim payment under 1 scheme.	<i>Farmer participating in Dairy Beef Welfare Scheme with less than 25 cows can claim under both schemes</i>
Participant won't be able to increase cow no. during contract, though some flexibility. If decrease cow no, this becomes new ref. no.	<i>Carbon emissions must be the measure not animal numbers.</i>
No payment level/budget allocation indicated yet.	<i>€10million realistic funding to achieve targets</i>
Young Calf (farmers breeding only dairy herds) and Growing Stage (farmers who	<i>The Irish Family Farm Group propose a scheme for dairy herd beef calf rearing of</i>

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own and breed dairy beef calves). Farmers in YC or GS must complete 2 actions, one from category A and one from B. They may pick two actions from each category.	<i>€100 per calf. This is what's required to reduce young calf exports and create a veal industry in country of origin.</i>
YC-A: Sexed Semen or Genotyping YC-B: High DBI or Beef Stock Bull GS-A: Weighing <1y.o. or Weighing DB Animals <2 y.o. GS-B: Parasite Control or Forage Quality	<i>Millions of male calves from the dairy herd are exported to a small number of countries producing veal for sale throughout Europe each year. A number of organization's producing veal are interested in changing to production and processing in country of origin while the marketing of veal could remain with the same stake holders. The rearing and slaughter could be outsourced to farmers and processors.</i>

The IFRG make the additional submissions to be included: -

- a) *The Irish Family Farm Group propose a scheme for suckler herd €300 per calf.*
- b) *Wildlife – A specific programme to target the health status and numbers of wildlife, in particular Deer. This will have an outcome of reducing carbon emissions and improving the health status of the national bovine herd, specifically in the management of TB eradication.*