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ACRES Scorecard and Agri-Snap Update

Dear ACRES Advisor,

I refer to the Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES) launched by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConologue in June 2022.

As you are aware, both ACRES Co-Operation and ACRES General use a qualitative approach through results-based scoring to improve biodiversity and water quality on farms.

To support ACRES Advisors with this results-based approach, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), in conjunction with the ACRES Cooperation Project (CP) Teams, has provided a comprehensive series of training events for advisors. A total of 30 one-day in field training events have taken place across the country to ensure familiarity with the system. DAFM also hosted webinar training on 31 May 2023 to provide up-to-date information on ACRES, outlining the process for completing score cards and giving a demonstration of the relevant IT platforms (Agri-Snap and GLAM). This webinar is now available to watch back on the Department's YouTube channel at <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDJeTLwBCHdoG4fFW4zQINO5DCnCdlo> where the webinar is broken down into the different topics.

The Agri-Snap app, which has been developed to facilitate scoring the required parcels in real time, is now available for download/update from iOS App Store or Google Play Store for Android. The app is currently being populated with scorecards. It is advised, until such time as this process is complete, to check the status of the scorecards on GLAM, with those for participants in the General measure appearing in the Farm Sustainability Plan tab and those for CP participants in the ACRES CP Farm Plan tab.

To Note: All relevant parcels must be scored and scorecard(s) submitted via the phone app, by the 31st August 2023, by an approved ACRES advisor that has completed the mandatory in-field scorecard training.

All ACRES reference material including the Scheme Specifications, the Terms and Conditions and copies of scorecards, tip-sheets and the associated guidance document are available to view at www.gov.ie/acres

Regards,

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