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## **Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES)**

### **Announcement about Interim Payments**

Dear Advisor

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine ('the Department') wish to make you aware of the following Press Release which was issued by the Department last Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024, in relation to ACRES payments.

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## **McConalogue Announces Interim Payment to ACRES Scheme Tranche 1 Participants**

*The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue TD, today announced his intention to make an interim payment to participants in Tranche 1 of the Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES) who have not yet received their advance payments for participation in the Scheme.*

*The Minister said:*

*"Following the commencement of advance payments to ACRES General participants last December, work has continued on the processing of further ACRES General advance payments, and on the preparation of payments to ACRES Co-operation participants. Every effort continues to be made to ensure that all of these payments can be issued as quickly as possible."*



*The Minister continued:*

*“This work is ongoing and is a priority but is likely to take a further period to complete. In these circumstances, I have decided to make an interim, nationally-funded, payment to those farmers affected across ACRES General and Co-operation. Further details will be provided next week, but my intention is to have this interim payment delivered by the end of February.”*

*Concluding, the Minister said:*

*“Intensive work will continue on the calculation of the full payments due to farmers under ACRES, and when this work is completed, the final payments issued to farmers will take into account the interim payments already made to the relevant participants.”*