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

## **Further Update on 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 yesterday in relation to ACRES payments. This sets out the amount to be paid to those ACRES General and ACRES Co-Operation participants who have not yet received an advance payment for 2023 in respect of their ACRES contract.

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## <u>McConalogue announces the Interim Payment rates for</u> <u>ACRES Scheme Tranche 1 Participants</u>

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue TD, today announced further detail on the 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:

"Further to my announcement of last Friday 9th February of an interim payment for ACRES participants, I can confirm that the rate of this interim payment will be €4,000 for those in ACRES general and €5,000 for those in ACRES Co-operation Project."

The Minister continued:

"I very much appreciate the importance of this payment to farmers, and I am fully committed to rewarding farmers for their environmental ambition. My intention is to have this interim payment delivered to those farmers affected across ACRES General and Co-operation by the end of this month."

Concluding, the Minister said:

"The ACRES payments will take into account the interim payments already made to the relevant participants and will issue in June for ACRES Tranche 1 participants. In the intervening period, my officials will continue with the payment process as a key priority."