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The questions below are to provoke thinking. There may of course be other questions you consider more relevant and we would welcome your input on those as well.

1. Simplification:

How can the CAP be simplified for beneficiaries and administrators, while maintaining an appropriate balance in terms of public accountability and value for money for EU taxpayer's funds?
3 crop rule is nonsensical in an Irish situation. We have plenty of diversity anyway.

2. Direct Payments

Having regard to both the Food wise 2025 and the CAP ambition to support economic development and employment creation, particularly in rural areas, what are your views on potential proposals to target direct payments differently?

3. The Environment

What do you believe should be the environmental priorities under the next CAP?

Bearing these priorities in mind and considering Ireland's ambition for the sustainable development of the food sector, how should pillar I (direct payments) and pillar II (rural development) combine with private sector funding post 2020, to help the sector contribute to National climate change obligations and increase its contribution to water quality and biodiversity?

On my farm I am practicing conservation agriculture. Cover crops, direct drilling, companion cropping. I am doing a much better job of protecting soil and water quality than my neighbors but there is no way for this to be rewarded in the current system.

4. Risk Management

What sort of risk management measures for primary producers should be considered under the next CAP and how should they complement current EU measures such as intervention, Aids to Private Storage and Exceptional Measures ?

5. Young Farmer Supports

How should the CAP encourage young people into farming, the exit of the older generation and facilitate succession planning We need to focus on young farmers who are genuinely interested in making farming their careers. Young People farming on paper for inheritance reasons is a blight on the industry

6. Research, Innovation, Technology Transfer How can the CAP be used to build a smarter agriculture, and to translate research outcomes into real technology adoption that contributes to improved margins, greater resilience and better environmental impact on farm?
What role should vehicles like advisory services and producer organisations play?
Teagasc falling short in terms of conservation agriculture. Organizations like BASE Ireland are making huge progress in terms Farmer to farmer teaching and experimentation.

7. On Farm Investment

What should the on farm investment priorities be in the next CAP and how can financial instruments (or loans) play a role?

Land drainage improvements should feature

8. Strengthening the socio-economic fabric of rural areas How can the CAP complement other European Structural and Investment Funds and the Government's Action Plan for Rural Development to support the social and economic development of rural communities, including through the development of new value chains such as clean energy, the emerging bio-economy, the circular economy or rural tourism?

9. Health, Nutrition, Food Waste and Animal Welfare Can the focus of the CAP in these areas be sharpened, and can it complement other measures in emerging areas of concern such as food waste or anti-microbial resistance and if so how?

10. Position of the Farmers in the Supply Chain Can the CAP post 2020 do more to complement other measures to strengthen the position of farmers in the supply chain and if so how?

11. Any Other Information