

**Section 12: Ceased Farming**

**12.1 If you are no longer farming, please indicate the name & address of the person / persons now farming the land.**

Herd number of person now farming the land (if available).

**Comments, Administrative Burden and Contact Details**

Please add any comments that would help us to interpret the data provided and avoid further queries:

**Measuring Response Burden**

Minutes

How long in minutes did it take you to complete this questionnaire?

**Declaration**

**Please note:** Queries or future surveys from the CSO may be directed to the email address or phone number provided by you.

**I certify that the information given on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Name

(Please keep within the white box)

Position

(Please keep within the white box)

Date 

Day

 / 

Month

 / 

Year

 2023

Day-time contact  
telephone number

Eircode

E-mail

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey**

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If the above details are incorrect, please amend and tick this box ☐

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**Farm Structure Survey June 2023**

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The purpose of the 2023 Farm Structure Survey is to compile statistics on the structure of all agricultural holdings as of 1st June 2023. The data is required to meet national and EU needs for regular statistics on agricultural activity. Therefore, a questionnaire is being sent to a selection of holdings for completion.

The information supplied by you on this questionnaire will be treated as strictly confidential and used for statistical purposes only.

The completed questionnaire should be returned by **Monday, 12 June 2023** using the **freepost** pre-addressed envelope provided. If there are any changes or corrections to the contact details above, please amend these accordingly.

There is an **electronic version** of this form available for completion at: <https://launch.survey.cso.ie>



To access this form please use your CSO ID and unique PIN. Your CSO ID and PIN are located just below your address.

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**Tá leagan Gaeilge den fhoirm seo ar fáil.**

*Pádraig Dalton*

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Director General

**Section 1: Agricultural Activity**

**1.1 Does the person or concern named above engage in farming?**  
(Please **X** one box only)

Yes ☐ No ☐

**1.2 If Yes, please provide your Herd Number and complete survey.**

Current Herd Number

Previous Herd Number (if any)

**1.3 If No, please X as appropriate below and complete page 8.**

Is the land?

Transferred ☐

Sold ☐

Leased / Let ☐

Temporarily idle ☐

**1.4 Is the holder retired from farming?**

Yes ☐

No ☐

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use only

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Guidelines for completing the June 2023 Farm Structure Survey

This questionnaire will be electronically scanned. In order to get the best possible results from the scanning process, please follow these instructions:

Please write clearly in black or blue ink.

Enter one letter or number in each box.

If a box should be blank, please do not fill it with zeros or dashes.

Do not include any commas, decimal points or text in the boxes.

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Do fill in the numeric boxes like this (where applicable): <div><div></div><div></div><div>3</div><div>4</div><div>.</div><div>0</div><div>0</div></div>	Do not fill the boxes like this: <div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div>.</div><div></div></div>
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Clearly **X** boxes where applicable: Yes ☒ No ☐ Otherwise leave blank: Yes ☐ No ☐

Section 2: Farm Management and Agricultural Training

2.1 Is your Farm (Please **X** one box only)

Your sole responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	In a Non-Registered Farm Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>
In a Registered Farm Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Legal Entity (e.g. a limited company, educational body, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.2 Management of Farm (Please **X** one box only)

Who manages the farm?  
(i.e. the person responsible for the day to day running of the farm)

You, the holder	<input type="checkbox"/>	A member of your family	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your spouse / civil partner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Another person	<input type="checkbox"/>

What year did the manager take up their role?  Year

2.3 Agricultural Training (Please **X** all that apply)

Please indicate the level of agricultural training of the **MANAGER** as identified in question 2.2 above.

		Was this course completed in the past 12 months? (X if yes)
Practical Experience Only	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Agricultural Course of less than 60 hours duration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Formal full-time or part-time Agricultural Course of 60 hours or more	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certificate in Farming or Farm Apprenticeship under a formal scheme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A full time third level Agricultural Course of at least two years duration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10.13 How is your irrigation system controlled?

(Please **X** one box only)

Manually	<input type="checkbox"/>
Automatically	<input type="checkbox"/>
Precision controlled	<input type="checkbox"/>
A combination of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>
No irrigation controller	<input type="checkbox"/>

10.14 Do you pay for water used for irrigation?

Yes ☐ No ☐

10.15 If Yes, please select one of the following

(Please **X** one box only)

Paid a fee based on area of land irrigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paid a fee based on volume of water used	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other payment agreement	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 11: Crops Irrigation

11. Please state the land area that the following crops have been irrigated on your holding in the last 12 months.

11.1 Arable land crops	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div><div></div><div></div></div>
11.2 Permanent grassland	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div><div></div><div></div></div>
11.3 Cereals for the production of grain Include: Seed.	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div><div></div><div></div></div>
11.4 Green maize and corn-cob-mix	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div><div></div><div></div></div>
11.5 Dry pulses and protein crops for the production of grain Include: Seed and mixtures.	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div><div></div><div></div></div>
11.6 Potatoes Include: Seed potatoes.	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div><div></div><div></div></div>
11.7 Sugar beet	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div><div></div><div></div></div>
11.8 Turnip rape and rape seed	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div><div></div><div></div></div>
11.9 Sunflower seed	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div><div></div><div></div></div>
11.10 Fibre crops	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div><div></div><div></div></div>

Section 10: Outdoor Irrigation in the last 12 months

10.1 Will the land areas below be given in

(Please X the appropriate box and use this unit in all other relevant sections.)

Hectares

or

Acres

10.2 Do you irrigate any of your outdoor agricultural area? (Please X to select)

If no, please continue to section 11.

Yes

No

10.3 Please estimate the average area of arable land that has been irrigated each year over the last 3 years.

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10.4 What area of land has been irrigated in the last 12 months?

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10.5 Please estimate the volume of water in litres that has been used for irrigation on your farm in the last 12 months.

 Litres

Please state the land area on your holding that are irrigated using the following irrigation methods:

10.6 Surface irrigation

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10.7 Sprinkler irrigation

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10.8 Drip irrigation

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10.9 What sources of water are used to supply water for irrigation?

(Please X all that apply)

On-farm ground water (e.g. well)

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On-farm and off-farm surface water (e.g. pond, river)

☐

Off-farm water from water supply networks

☐

Treated wastewater

☐

Other sources

☐

10.10. Do you use the following for irrigation purposes?

(Please X all that apply)

Reservoirs

☐

Pumping station

☐

Fertigation system

☐

10.11 In the last three years, have you performed any of the following maintenance on the irrigation system?

(Please X one box only)

Regular

☐

Major

☐

None

☐

10.12 Is your metering system?

(Please X one box only)

Manual (weir or flume)

☐

Automatic

☐

Both

☐

None

☐

Section 3: Selected Livestock held on 1 June 2023

This section refers to livestock held by you on 1 June 2023, including livestock grazing on Commonage or rented land.

Exclude: Cattle, pigs and poultry.

3.1 Sheep

Breeding Flock

Number

Rams

Ewes

2 years and older

Under 2 years

Other Sheep

(i.e. other than breeding flock)

Number

1 year and older (e.g. Hoggets)

Under 1 year including Lambs

TOTAL SHEEP

Include: All Sheep, Rams AND Lambs.

3.2 Goats

Number

Breeding females

Other goats

3.3 Other Livestock

Thoroughbred Horses

Number

Brood mares

Other

Other Horses and Ponies

Brood mares

Other

Number

Mules, Jennets and Donkeys

Deer

Beehives

Section 4: Land Use on 1 June 2023

4.1 Will the land areas below be given in

(Please X the appropriate box and use this unit in all other relevant sections.)

Hectares

or

Acres

Area Farmed 1 June 2023 (exclude Commonage in all cases)

Area

4.2 Total area owned

Include: woodlands and non-agricultural land.

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4.3 Land rented in / leased in

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4.4 Land rented out / leased out

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4.5 Area under woods and forestry

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4.6 Unused agricultural land

Include: rough grazing land not in use.

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4.7 Non-agricultural land

Include: area under farmyards, farm buildings, roads, bog, water, etc.

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4.8 TOTAL

(Total of items 4.2 and 4.3 above, minus items 4.4, 4.5, 4.6 and 4.7)

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Grassland Usage in the 2023 season - Base Area (exclude Commonage in all cases)

Silage

Hay

Pasture

4.9 Grassland in Crop Rotation

(Current grassland where there were crops in the last 5 years)

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4.10 Permanent Grassland

(used as grassland every year for at least 5 years)

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4.11 Rough Grazing

(Grassland that is not improved by fertiliser, cultivation, reseeding or drainage)

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Section 5: Agricultural Equipment and Resources

5.1 Do you have access to the following resources?

(Please X all that apply)

- Internet access (via a PC, tablet, smartphone / device)

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- Electronic farm management tools to assist with farming  
(e.g. for record keeping, stock management, etc. on a PC or smartphone/device)

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5.2 Farm Machinery - Tractors

**Exclude:** machines no longer in use and those hired or brought in by contractors.

Tractor Category:

0HP - 54HP

55HP - 80HP

81HP - 134HP

135HP +

Number

5.3 Do you own, rent or share any of the following farm machinery?

(Please X all that apply)

OwnedRented/  
HiredShared

- Seeders and planters (e.g. seed drill, planter, seed sower)

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- Spreaders, pulverisators or sprayers for manure or fertilisers

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- Application equipment for plant protection products

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- Combine harvesters

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- Other fully mechanised harvesters  
**Exclude:** Combine harvesters.

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- Self-propelled tillage machinery  
**Exclude:** Combine harvesters.

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5.4 Do you use any of the following livestock management equipment?

(Please X all that apply)

- Welfare and health monitoring of animals (e.g. camera, alert systems)

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- Grinder mixers for animal feeding

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- Automatic feeding systems

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- Automatic regulation of barn climate

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- Milking robots

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Section 6: Precision Farming

6.1 Do you use any of the following precision farming equipment?

(Please X all that apply)

- Robotics

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- GPS guided machinery for plant protection products

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6.2 Has the farm engaged in any of the following precision farming activities in the last 12 months?

(Please X all that apply)

- Soil analysis

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- Variable rate techniques

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- Precision monitoring of crops

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- Band spraying with plant protection products

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Section 7: Renewable Energy

7.1 Please indicate if any of the following renewable energy sources are present on your farm.

(Please X all that apply)

	Present on Farm	Owned by you	Produces energy used by the farm (NOT the residential home)
Wind	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biomass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bio-gas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solar Energy Thermal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solar Energy Photovoltaic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hydro-energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Sources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 8: Storage of agricultural products

8.1 Please indicate how many **cubic metres** of storage you have on your farm.

Storage for the purpose of storing cereals, oilseeds and pulses

Refrigerated storage

8.2 Do you / will you store any of the following in 2023?

(Please X all that apply)

Roots, tubers or bulbs☐Dry fruits or vegetables☐

Section 9: Soil Management in the last 12 months

9.1 Will the land areas below be given in

(Please X the appropriate box and use this unit in all other relevant sections.)

Hectares☐orAcres☐

9.2 What area of your holding is subject to drainage?

(the artificial removal of water)

9.3 What area of your land is tilled using Conventional tillage?

(i.e. inversion of the soil)

9.4 What area of your land is tilled using Conservational (low) tillage?

(i.e. no inversion of the soil)

9.5 What area of your land undergoes Zero tillage?

(i.e. minimum tillage/direct drilling)

Soil Cover:

Please state the area of land that has been subject to the following types of soil cover in the last 12 months.

9.6 Normal winter crop only

(i.e. crops sown in Autumn)

9.7 Catch crop, intermediate crop or crop cover in arable land

9.8 Plant residues and/or mulching

(e.g. straw incorporation)

9.9 Bare soil after main crop

Crop Rotation:

9.10 What percentage of arable land undergoes crop rotation?

%

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