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Farming Mitigation Options

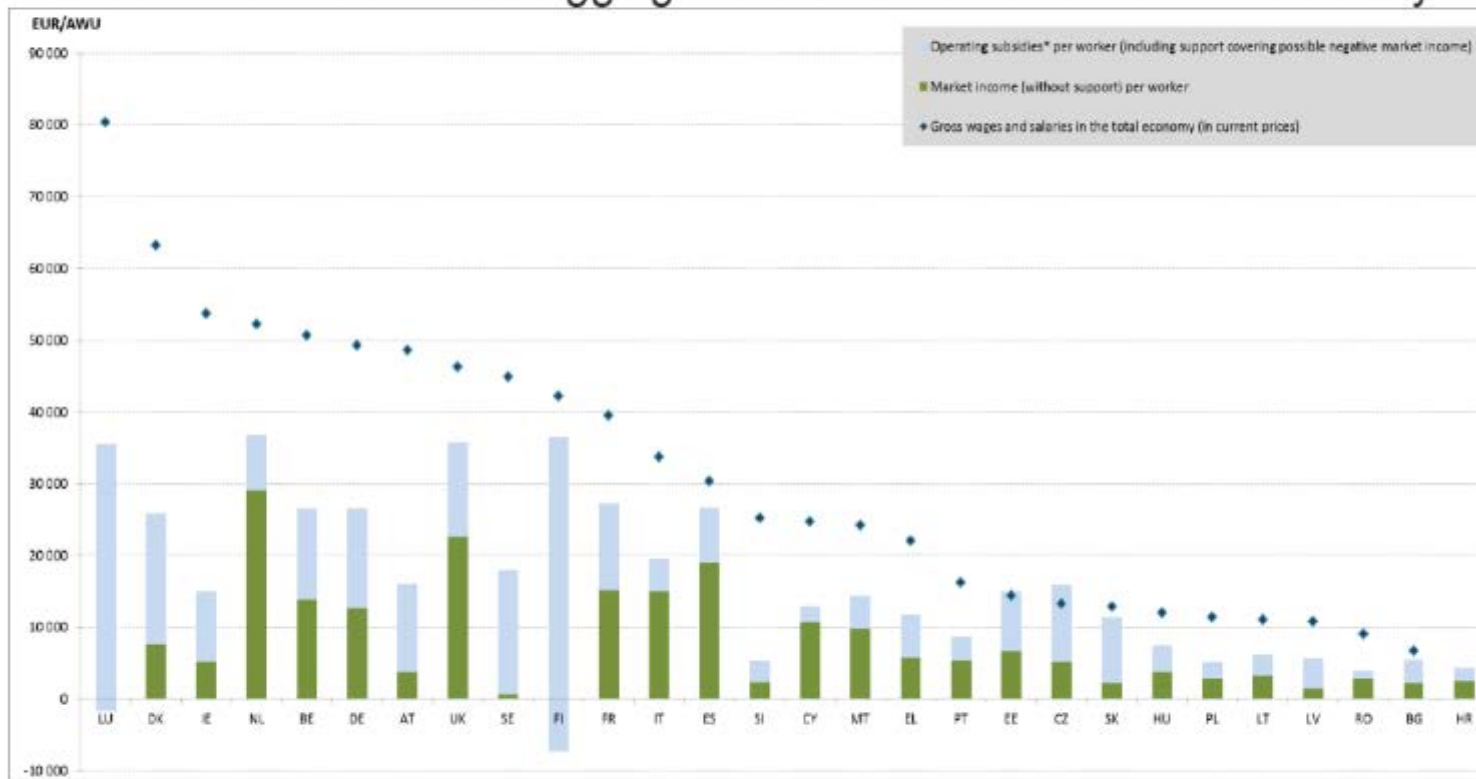
Tullamore Court Hotel
17 January 2019



CHALLENGES



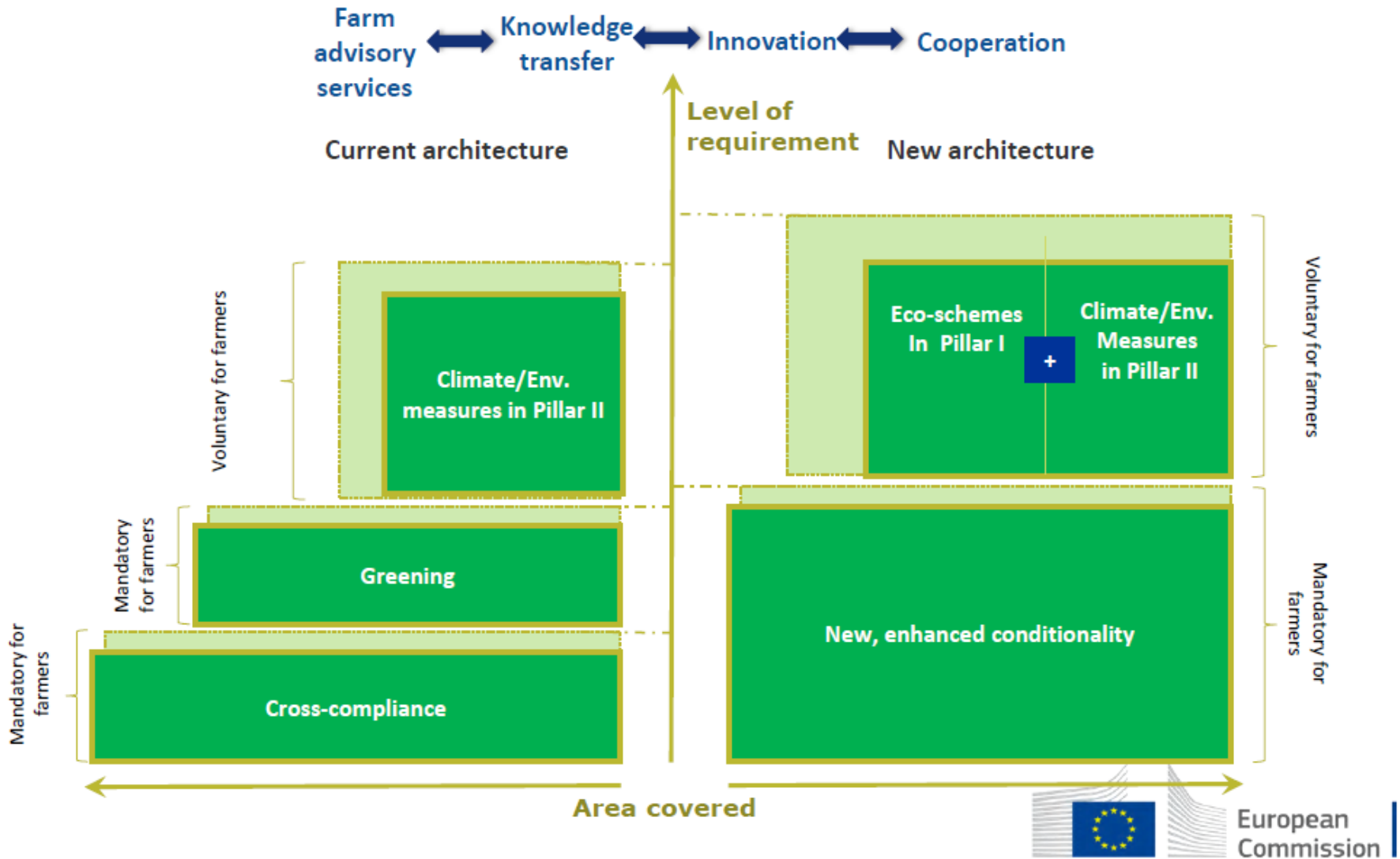
Farmers' income is still lagging behind salaries in the whole economy



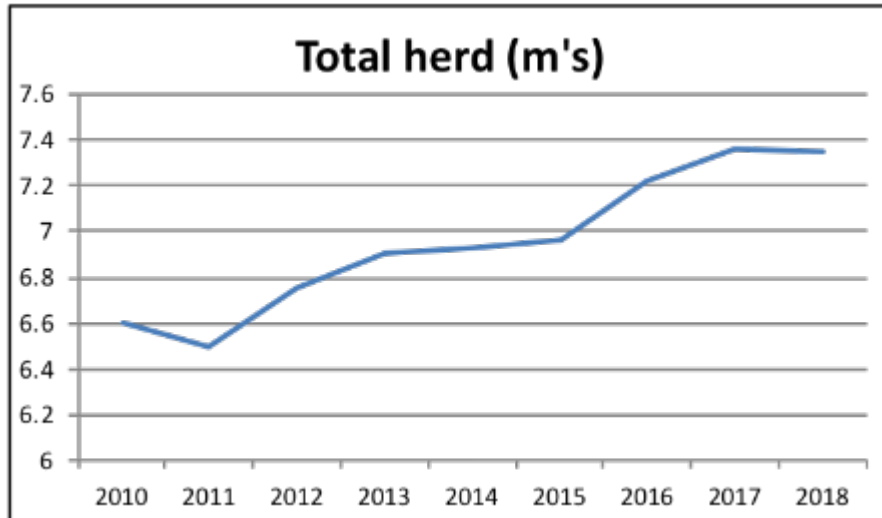
NB: Income indicator=Entrepreneurial income plus compensation of employees by total annual work units.
 Source: EAA, ESTAT 2013-2015, EU FADN for number of hours worked



The new green architecture



Animal numbers



Herd summary

- 7.4m (June '18)
- + 0.9m since 2012 (13.2%)

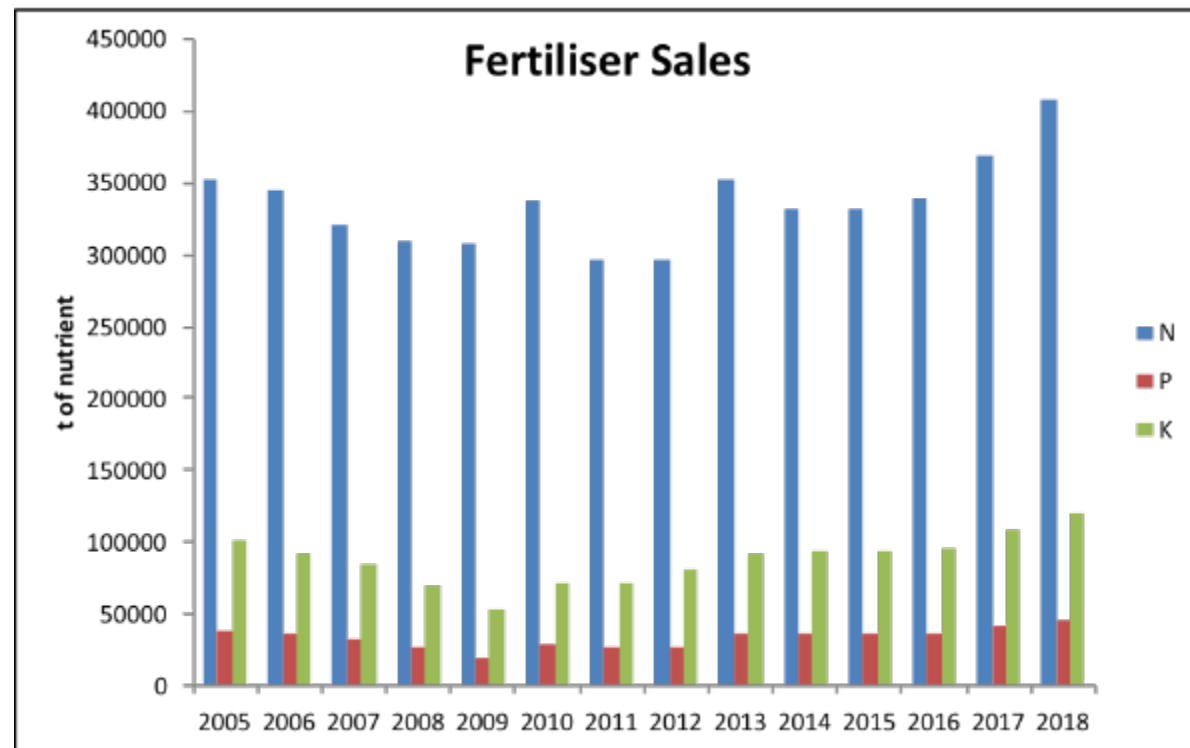
Cow summary

- 2.53 m cows (1.48m dairy)
- Dairy cows +30%
- Suckler cows -7%

Fertiliser sales and trends 2018



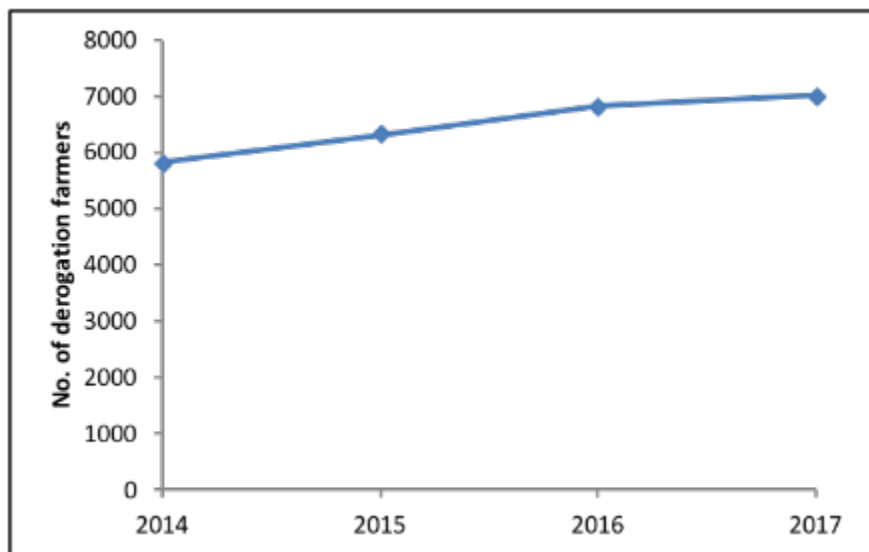
- N – 408, 495 t
- P – 46, 387 t
- K – 120, 267 t





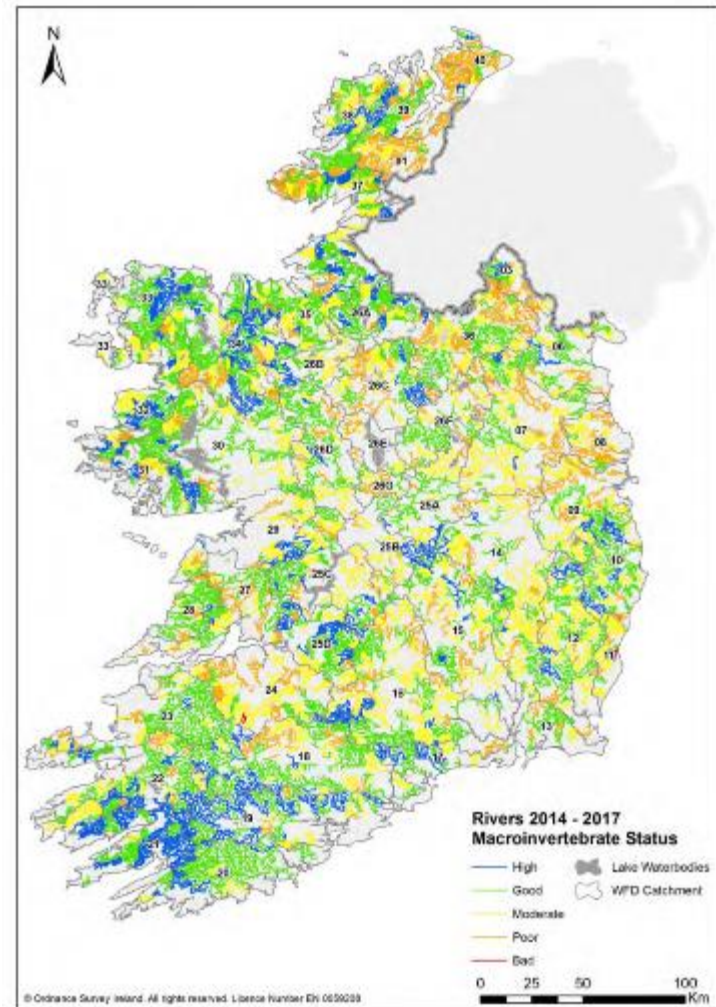
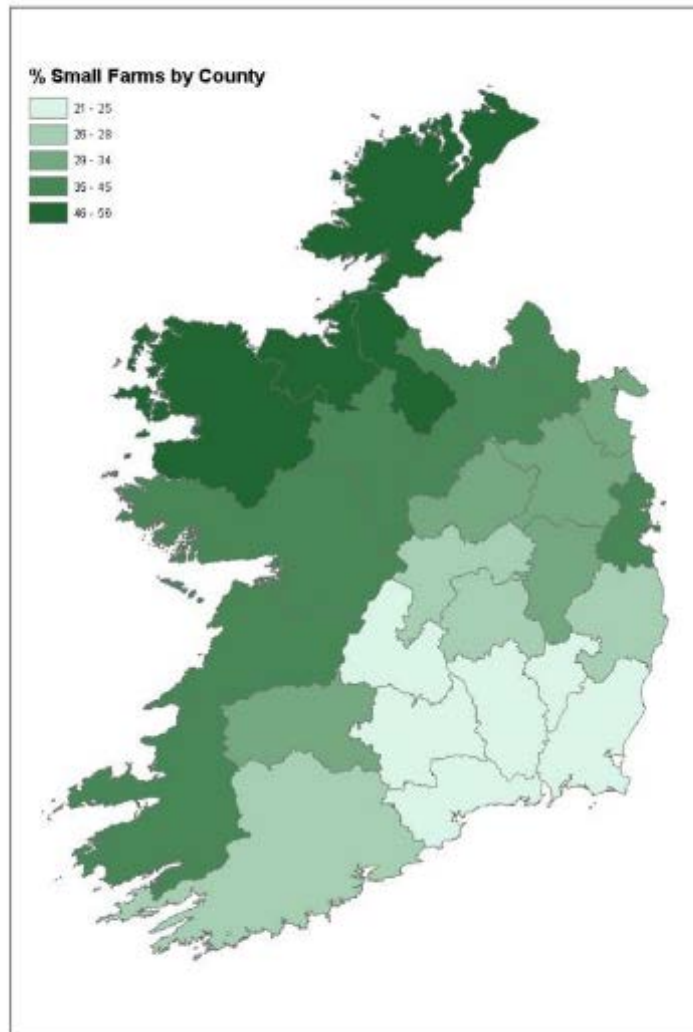
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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Derogation farms	5,800	6,300	6,800	7,000	6,900
Area (ha)	332,200	351,900	409,800	432,300	466,000
Average Farm Size (ha)	58	56	60	62	68
Livestock Units/ Der. Farm	139	146	149	157	

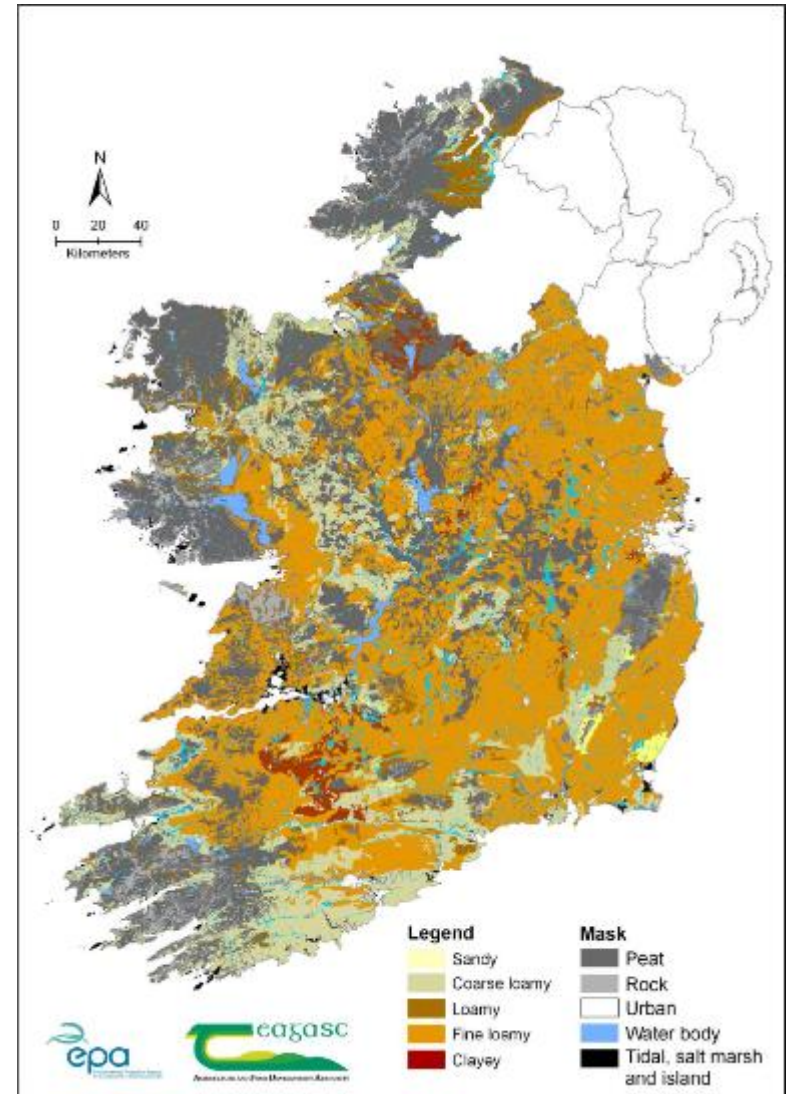
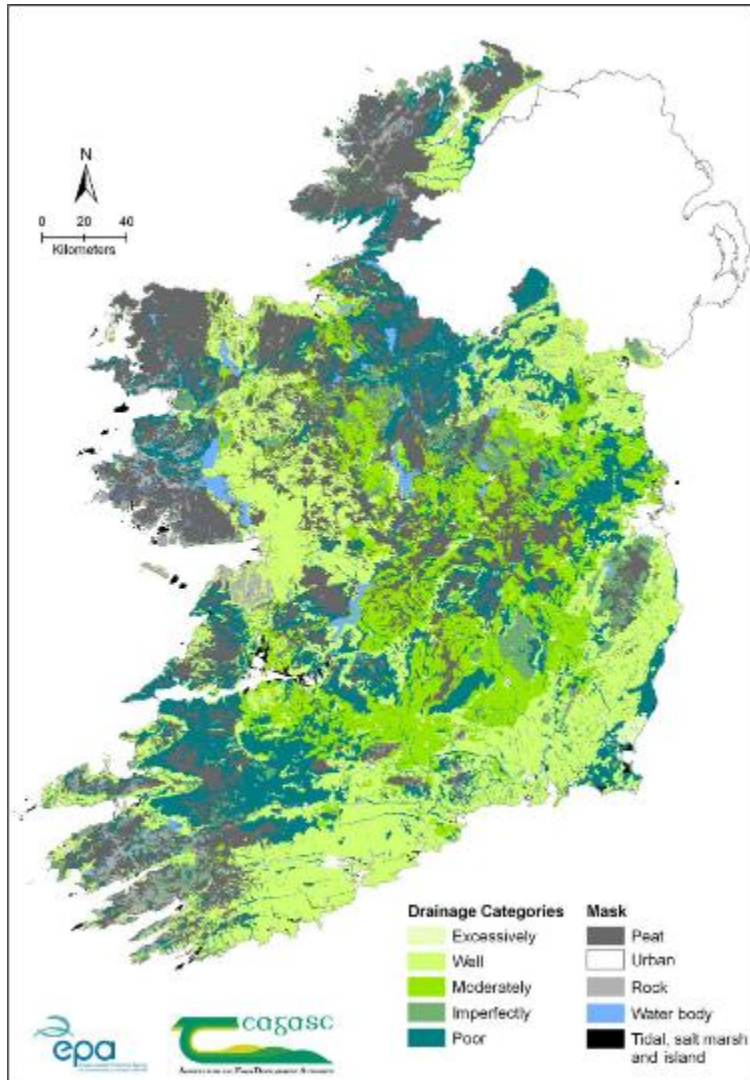


- 19% increase in farms
- Area increased by 40%
- Livestock units/ der. farm increased by 13%

Farm size & water quality



Irish soils





Next steps

- What ?
- Where ?
- By whom?
- Balance between production and environment

