

# **15th Annual Meeting of the EAA**

**15 - 20 September 2009, Riva del Garda, Italy**

**Rural Landuse and the Management of the Archaeological  
Historical Landscape: A European Perspective**

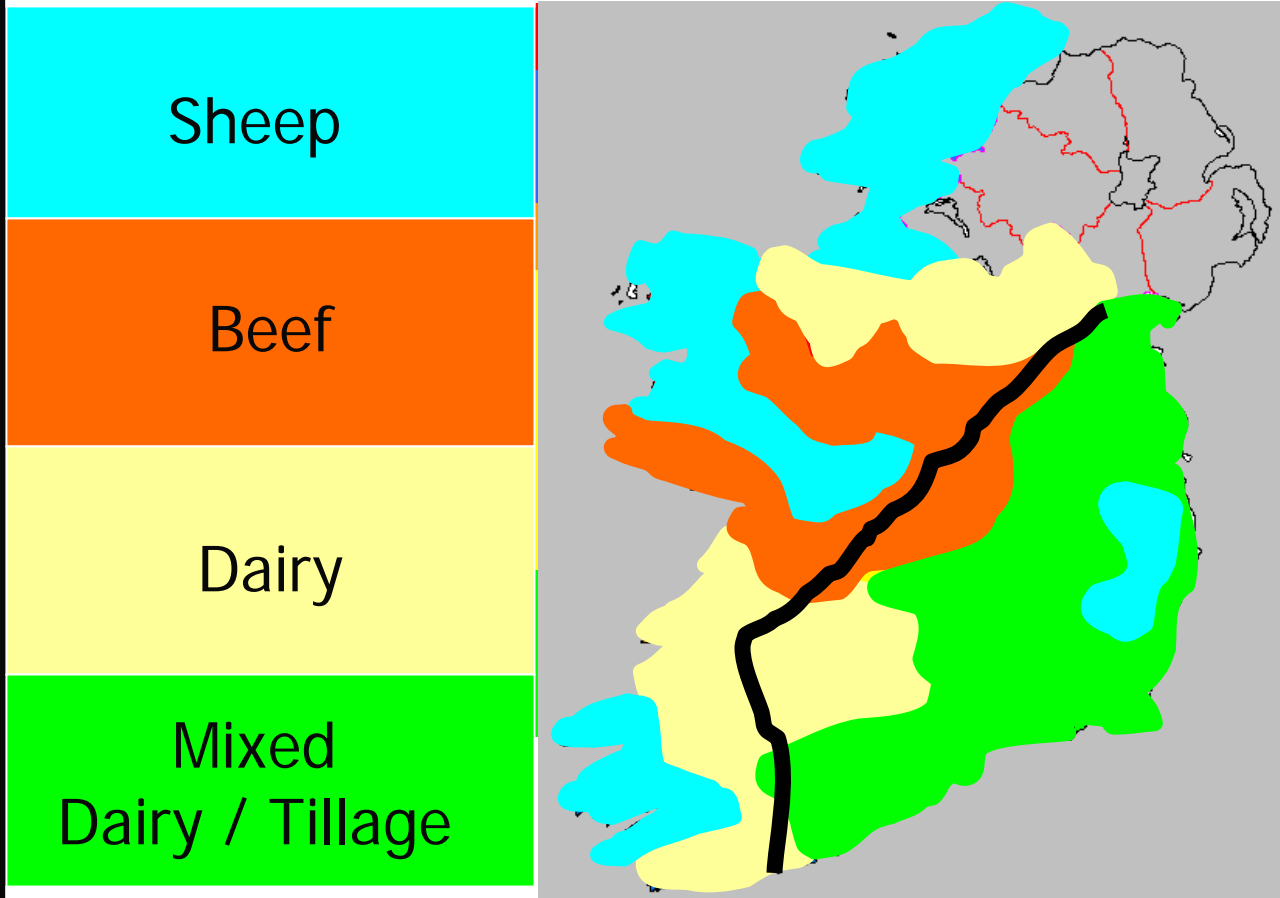
***“Addressing Archaeological Concerns in  
Agricultural and Forestry Regulation and Support  
Systems In Ireland: An Overview of Current  
Practice and Possible Future Changes”***

**Emmet Byrnes**

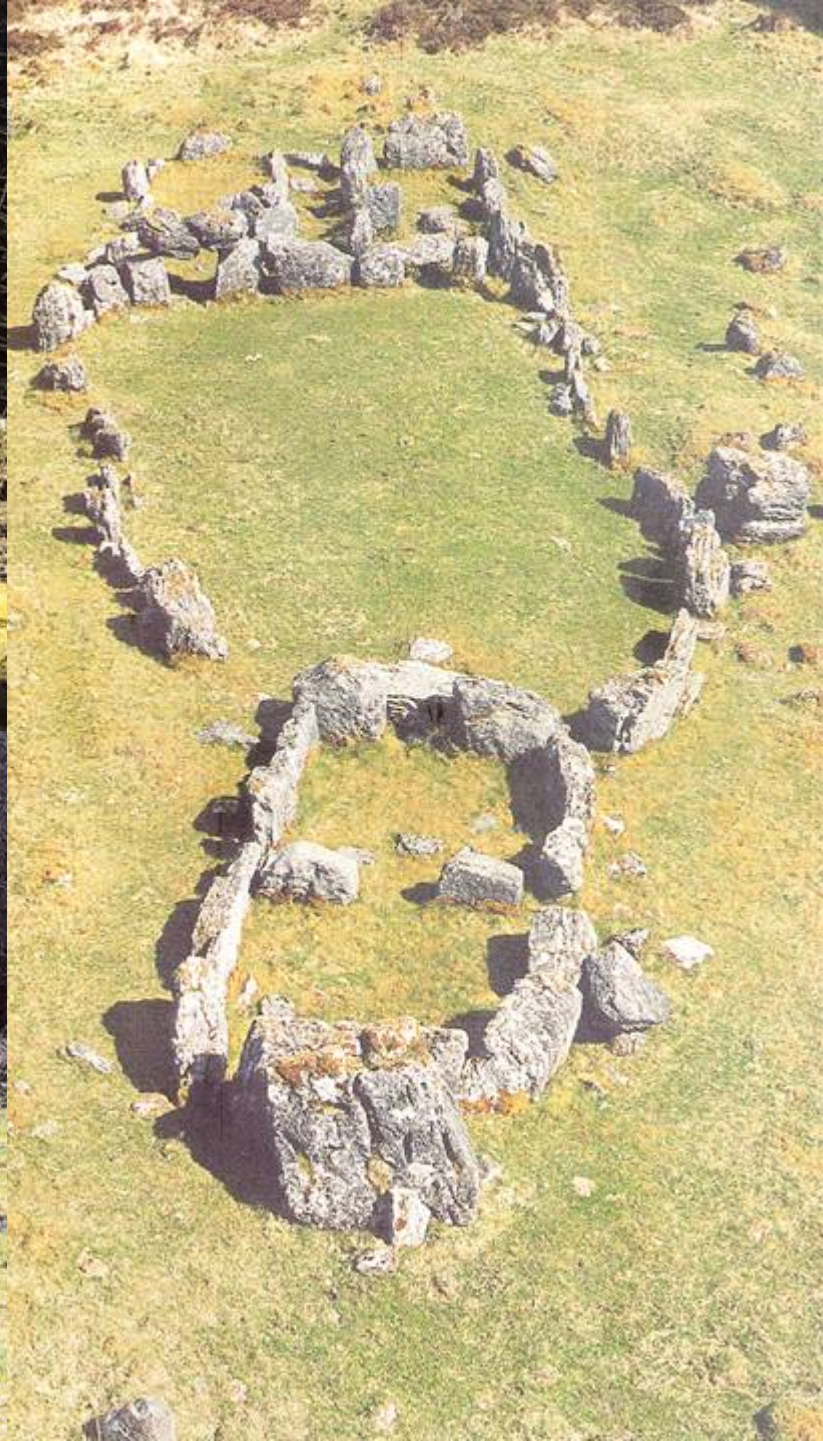
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# Geographical spread of REPS Participants



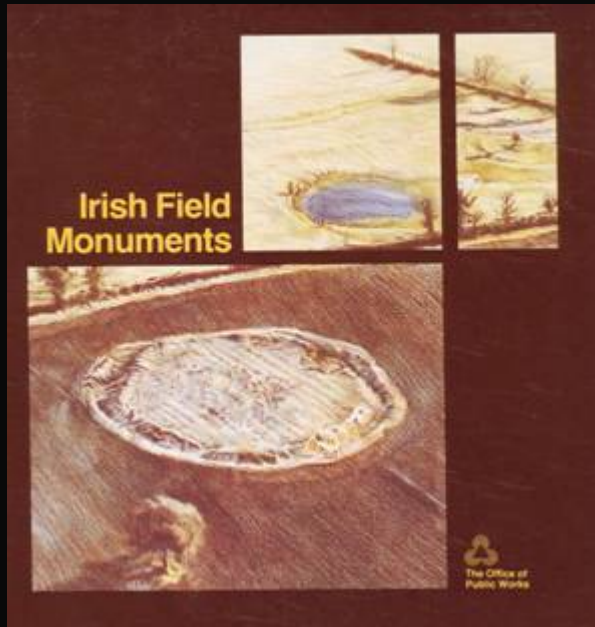
Farming Regions in Ireland



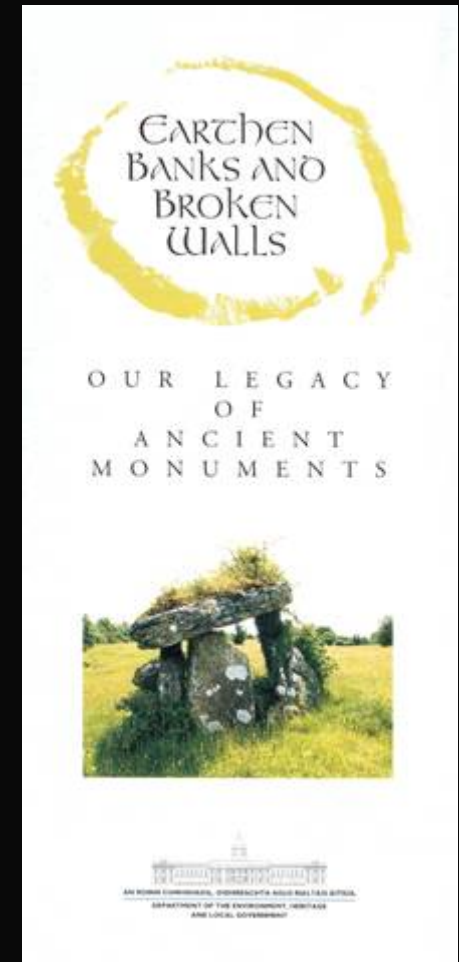
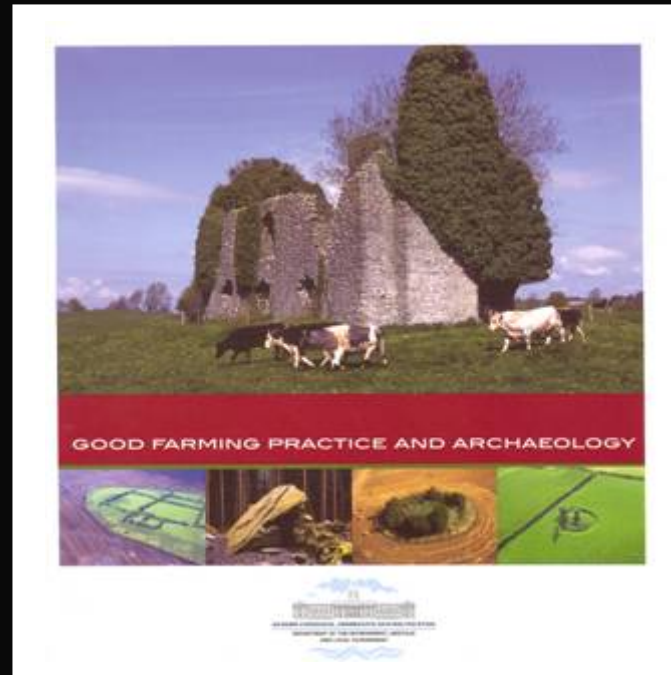




1991



2003



2008

**Information, practical guidance and outreach - National Monuments Service, National Museum & the Heritage Council of Ireland**

# Rural Environment Protection Scheme (REPS)

REPS 1 - 1994 to 1999 - 45,000 farmers

REPS 2 - 2000 to 2005 - 50,000 farmers

Operational buffer zones (20m in pasture / 5m in tillage)

Maintenance of farm and field boundaries as well as the visual appearance of the farmyard

REPS 3 - 2004 to 2010 - 57,000 farmers

Optional measures - increase in buffer zones by 50% & rudimentary maintenance of archaeological sites with existing public access

# Forest Environment Protection Scheme (FEPS)

# Rural Environment Protection Scheme (REPS)

REPS 4 - 2008 to 2013 - 62,000 farmers

Operational buffer zones became biodiversity strips

Maintenance of sites with existing public access dropped

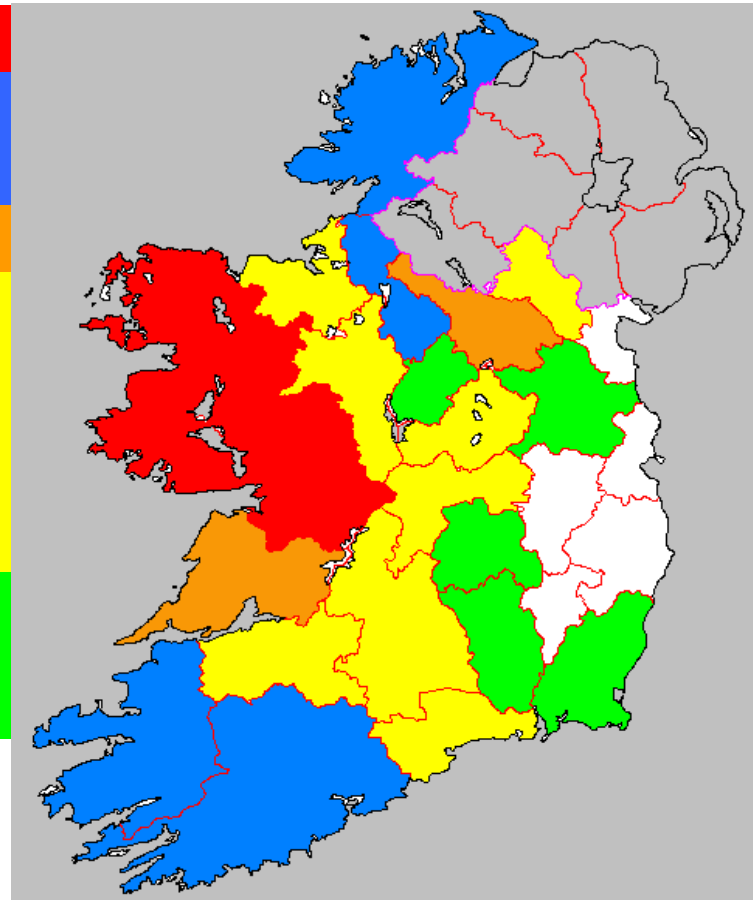
Training in Environmentally Sensitive Farming Practices included a module on "Cultural and Heritage Landscape"

Special supplementary measure and budget for the conservation or maintenance of traditional farm buildings - operated in conjunction with the the Heritage Council of Ireland

Complimented aspects of the proposed consolidated and revised National Monuments Act and Heritage Council of Ireland landscape policies (LCA / HLC)

## Geographical spread of REPS Participants

County	Participants	% of Total Participants
Mayo	6,754	11%
Galway	6,723	11%
Cork	4,594	8%
Donegal	4,427	7%
Kerry	3,626	6%
Leitrim	3,326	6%
Clare	2,816	5%
Cavan	2,291	4%
Sligo	2,020	3%
Monaghan	1,972	3%
Limerick	1,955	3%
Waterford	1,951	3%
Roscommon	1,674	3%
Tipperary NR	1,562	3%
Offaly	1,531	3%
Tipperary SR	1,523	3%
Westmeath	1,509	3%
Wexford	1,454	2%
Laois	1,292	2%
Longford	1,292	2%
Meath	1,282	2%
Kilkenny	933	2%
Wicklow	817	1%
Kildare	688	1%
Carlow	655	1%
Louth	408	1%
Dublin	123	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,198</b>	



Figures based on active approved participants as of 1/3/07

Participation in Agri-Environment Schemes (2007)

# Targeted Agri-Environment Scheme

REPS 4 closed to new entrants - new scheme available from 2010

Priority given to REPS 3 participants "rolling over"

Whole farm approach dropped

Simplified measures - EU CAP Priorities - Climate, Biodiversity & Water

Limited professional input needed

Twenty measures - farmer picks two - reduced payment (Euro 2,000)

Pure archaeological measures dropped

Landscape features - hedge rows, ditches and open drains - added to the GAEC (Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition) and Cross-compliance requirements for the single farm payment (SFP)

# **The Future - Short- to medium-term**

**Public consultation on new Targeted Agri-Environment Scheme**

**Representations from National Monuments Service and Heritage Council of Ireland**

**Retain the measures, use alternative funding streams (RDP Axis 3 monies) or add 'archaeological measures' to mandatory GAEC requirements**

**Professional representation at national and EU level on the reform of the CAP post 2013 and new RDP Regulations**

## **The Future - Long-term?**

**International and European-level agreements complimentary to programmes currently dependant on EU or national exchequer financial support**

# International Agreements - Forestry

## Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE)

Vienna Resolution 3 - Preserving and Enhancing the Social and Cultural Dimensions of Sustainable Forest Management in Europe

*10. Identify, assess and encourage the conservation and management of significant historical and cultural objects and sites in forests and related to forests in collaboration with relevant institutions*

Pan European Guidelines for Afforestation and Reforestation with a special focus on the provisions of the UNFCCC (2009)

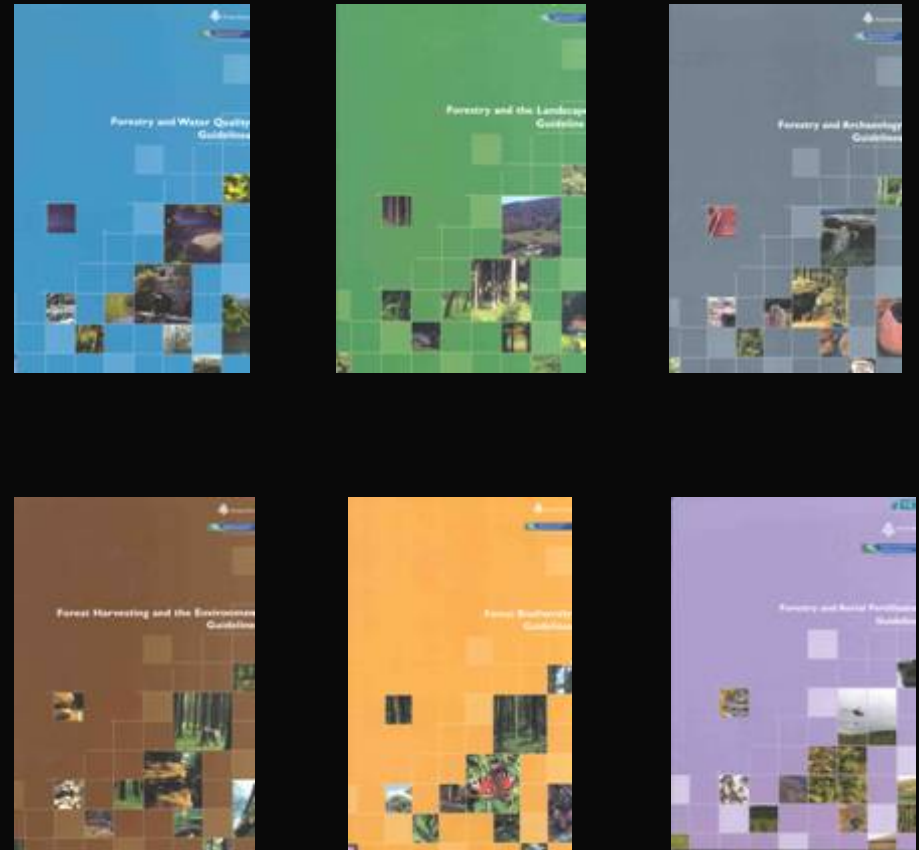
*7. Economic, environmental, social and cultural impacts of planned afforestation and reforestation programmes should be assessed, as appropriate, in accordance with the environmental impact assessment procedures and in consultation with local communities and stakeholders*

# International Agreements - Forestry

## National Forest Standard



## Environmental Guidelines



## Code of Best Forest Practice - Ireland