

YOUR GUIDE TO

TAMS 3

TARGETED AGRICULTURE
MODERNISATION SCHEME



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FOREWORD

As Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, I am pleased to introduce this publication outlining the significant opportunities available under TAMS (the Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Scheme), a key component of Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan 2023–2027.

It has been designed to support farmers across Ireland in making forward-looking investments in their farms. It reflects our shared commitment to improving productivity, enhancing sustainability, and strengthening farm safety, while also addressing the evolving challenges facing modern agriculture.

Whether your focus is on upgrading animal housing, expanding slurry storage, adopting renewable energy technologies like solar panels, or enhancing safety on your farm, it offers practical, meaningful support to help you realise those goals. The scheme also provides enhanced grant aid for young farmers, women in agriculture, and those engaged in organic production – a reflection of the diversity, ambition, and innovation that define Irish farming today.

Irish agriculture has long been characterised by resilience, ingenuity, and a deep connection to the land. In a time of rising input



costs, climate responsibilities, and shifting market demands, that spirit remains vital. These supports are about backing that spirit – enabling farmers to invest in the future of their enterprises while contributing to broader environmental and rural sustainability.

The scheme is wide-ranging in its scope, encompassing all sectors (dairy, beef, tillage, organics, and more) and includes specific supports for farm safety, which remains a central priority.

This publication aims to provide clear, accessible information on the supports available. I would like to thank CAP Network Ireland for their work in producing this guide, which will serve as a valuable resource for farmers across the



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country. I encourage you to consult your agricultural advisor and consider how the scheme can support your farm’s development and sustainability whether through modest upgrades or larger capital investments.

Farming in Ireland is more than a livelihood; it is a way of life, deeply rooted in our communities and culture. Through investments and other CAP supports, we are working with you to ensure that Irish farming remains viable, vibrant, and resilient for generations to come.

I would like to sincerely thank you for the essential work you do every day. I trust you will find this guide helpful as you plan the next steps for your farm.

**Martin Heydon T.D,
Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine**

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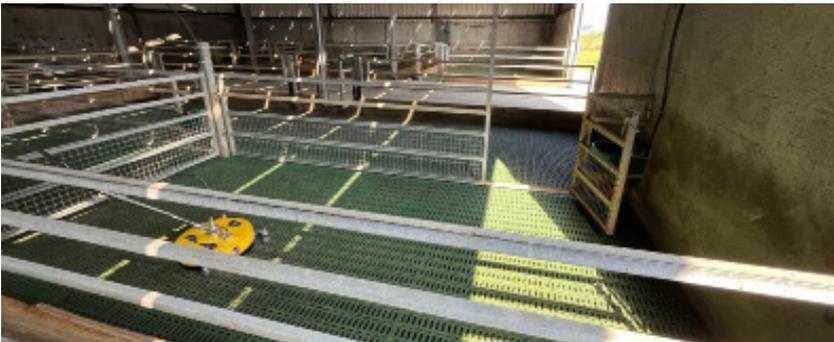
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INTRODUCTION

TAMS 3 aims to ensure the economic, environmental and social sustainability of Irish farms, now, and into the future. This is done by providing farmers with investment support for technologies, equipment, and buildings that boost efficiencies on Irish farms while also helping to protect the natural environment for future generations.

TAMS 3 aims to align with the CAP Strategic Plan goals to drive Ireland's transition to a greener, more climate-neutral agricultural sector. It enables farm resilience and economic stability by upgrading facilities for more efficient operations, reduced emissions, and improved viability of small and medium sized farms. This booklet aims to highlight the many items eligible for TAMS 3 support that you may not be aware of.



Higher supports are available to the following:

- **Organic Farmers** can receive grant aid support of 40% for licensed organic operators and 60% for farmers who are also current participants of the Organic Farming Scheme up to a ceiling of €90,000 per holding
- **Young farmers** between the ages of 18 and 41 can also avail of higher grant aid as the high costs associated with capital investment is a major barrier hindering young farmers. Young farmers will receive grant aid funding of 60% up to a ceiling of €90,000
- **Women farmers** between the ages of 18 and 67 will receive increased grant aid within the scheme to encourage new entrants and to provide recognition and gender equality within Irish agriculture. Grant funding of 60% is available up to a ceiling of €90,000



TAMS 3 consists of 11 schemes:

1. Animal Welfare, Nutrient Storage Scheme (AWNSS) a general 40% grant rate, with a €90,000 investment ceiling and for nutrient storage investments a 60% grant rate and dedicated €90,000 ceiling.
2. Tillage Capital Investment Scheme (TCIS) at 40% grant rate, with a €90,000 investment ceiling.
3. Pig and Poultry Capital Investment Scheme (PPIS) at 40% grant rate, with a €500,000 investment ceiling.
4. Dairy Equipment Scheme (DES) at 40% grant rate, with a €90,000 investment ceiling.
5. Young Farmer Capital Investment Scheme (YFCIS) a general 60% grant rate, with a €90,000 investment ceiling and for nutrient storage investments a 60% grant rate and dedicated €90,000 ceiling.
6. Women Farmer Capital Investment Scheme (WFCIS) a general 60% grant rate, with a €90,000 investment ceiling and for nutrient storage investments a 60% grant rate and dedicated €90,000 ceiling.
7. Organic Farming Capital Investment Scheme (OCIS) a general 60% grant rate, with a €90,000 investment ceiling and for nutrient storage investments a 60% grant rate and dedicated €90,000 ceiling.
8. Farm Safety Capital Investment Scheme (FCIS) at 60% grant rate, with a €90,000 investment ceiling.
9. Solar Capital Investment Scheme (SCIS) at 60% grant rate, with a €90,000 investment ceiling that is separate from other schemes.
10. Low Emission Slurry Spreading Equipment Scheme (LESS) at 60% grant rate, with a €90,000 investment ceiling that is separate from other schemes.
11. Nutrient Importation Storage Scheme at 70% grant rate, with a €90,000 investment ceiling.

Note: Registered Farm Partnerships can access a maximum of €160,000.



Your Guide to Targeted Agriculture Modernisation Schemes (TAMS 3): Animal Housing

TAMS 3 provides animal housing grants for all categories of Farmers (including Women, Young and Organic), and for most animal species (Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Goats and Pigs).

Animal Housing

Loose, slatted, and cubicle areas.

Pig and Poultry: Housing & Energy upgrades.

Bull, Calf and Isolation Pens.

Organic Pig and Poultry Housing & Fencing.

Roofing of Livestock Feed Yards.

Equine: American Barn, Loose House, In-line.

Calf Rearing Equipment.

Equine: Tack, Feed & Forage Stores.

Automatic Drafting System.

Gallops, Lunge Rings, Exercise Area, Walkers.

Rainwater Harvesting and storage.





Multiple other investments in TAMS 3, including Silage Pits, Slurry stores, Calf pens and calving equipment, Manure Pits, Bovine and Sheep Fencing, Farm Roadways and Pasture Management equipment.



Relevant Schemes and grant rate:

- Animal Welfare, Nutrient Storage Scheme (AWNSS)

40%

- Woman Farmers Capital Investment Scheme (WFCIS)

60%

- Young Farmer Capital Investment Scheme (YFCIS)

60%

- Organic Farming Capital Investment Scheme (OCIS)

60%



Your Guide to Targeted Agriculture Modernisation Schemes (TAMS 3): Dairy Calf to Beef

The ten Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Schemes (TAMS 3) currently open for applications include a wide range of investments. This leaflet highlights those that support calf rearing.

Specific Calf investments:

Calf housing – with or without penning

Automatic calf feeders

Calving pens

Calving gates

Meal Bins

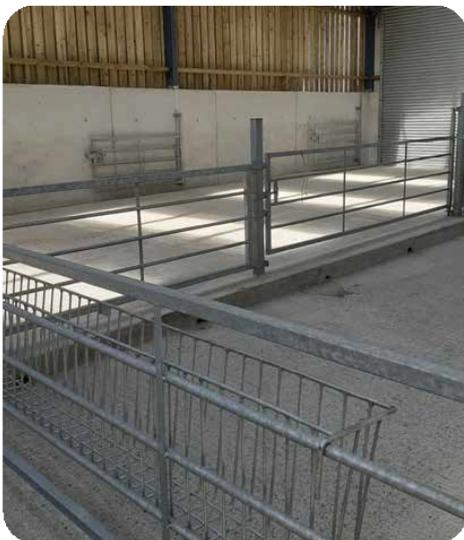
Calf creeps – for slatted houses and loose houses

Milk cart with mixer

Fertility monitors

Calf dehorning crate

Electronic Tag Readers





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- Farm Safety Capital Investment Scheme (FSS)

60%

All subject to individual ceilings of **€90,000** and **€160,000** ceiling for registered farm partnerships (RFPs).

To apply, log on to: **AgFood.ie** and select the relevant scheme.

For full details of all TAMS 3 schemes visit **www.gov.ie/TAMS**





Your Guide to Targeted Agriculture Modernisation Schemes (TAMS 3): Farm Safety Scheme

60% grant rate for all farmers for all investments.

€90,000 investment ceiling for individuals and

€160,000 investment ceiling for Registered Farm Partnerships.

TAMS 3 provides grants to farmers to improve safety around farms.

Animal Handling Equipment

Calving Pens

Cattle crush, race and enclosure

Head scoop and leg hoists

Fixed and mobile sheep handling units

Calf dehorning crates

Electronic tag reader

Bull Pens

Mobile cattle handling units

Weighing scales for sheep and cattle

Calving gates

Horse handling facilities





Manure Handling Equipment

Slurry Tank Investments for Existing tanks

Protective Fence	Replacement of damaged slats
Safety Agitation platform	Tank extension to provide external agitation point
New Tank Cover	Replacement Tank extension Cover
Removal of existing internal agitation point	

Slurry tank investments for new and existing tanks

Simple Aeration systems	Circulation pipe (6") to allow for agitation of slurry
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Other Farmyard Equipment

Retrofitting roof-light with safety cages	Wiring / Rewiring existing agricultural building
Yard Lights	Safety Rails on Silo Walls
Wheel Changing Equipment	Hydraulic Motor to substitute PTO Shaft
Livestock monitors (calving cameras)	Bale slice
Replaced sheeted gate with sliding doors	

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Your Guide to Targeted Agriculture Modernisation Schemes (TAMS 3): Grassland Management

TAMS 3 provides grants to farmers for the management, rejuvenation, and reseeded of grazed and harvested grasslands.

Grassland Management Equipment

Soil Aerators.

Bovine Fencing: Electric, Solar, Gateway.

Mounted Mulcher.

Sheep Fencing: Mesh with Wire, Gateway.

Seed Broadcasters, cultivator mounted.

Equine: Post & Rail, Tape, Mesh, Gateway.

Spring Tine Grass/Straw Harrow.

Biomass chipper and drying shed.

Precision Grass Measuring Equipment.

Organic Mowers/Conditioners.

Farm Water supply, Solar and Nose pumps.

Organic Toppers and Mulchers.

Farm Roadways.

Organic Haybob, Rakes and Tedders.





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Your Guide to Targeted Agriculture Modernisation Schemes (TAMS 3): Tillage

TAMS 3 provides grants to farmers to facilitate development of the Tillage Sector.

The Land

GPS Control and Yield Monitors.	Inter Row Cultivators.
Sprayers, with GPS.	Laser Guidance Weeder.
Fertiliser Spreaders, with GPS.	Weather station.
Minimum disturbance cultivators.	Combine Attachments.
Min-Till & Direct Drill.	Potato growing and harvesting equipment.
Cambridge rollers, Furrow Press, Mulcher.	Organic tillage equipment.





The Farmyard

Grain Store, Ventilation, and storage bins.

Handling: 1 Tonne bag filler & weigh cells

Rainwater Harvesting, storage, & treatment.

Beet cleaner.

Grain dryers: Batch & Continuous.

Fixed & Mobile Weighbridge.

Elevators and Augers.

Potato Reception and Grading.

Grain mills (roller/crimper).

Potato Storage.

Liquid & Powder treatment applicators.

Organic Produce stores.



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Your guide to Targeted Agriculture Modernisation Schemes (TAMS 3): Water Quality supports

TAMS 3 provides grants to farmers for new farm buildings and equipment.

- To increase manure and slurry storage capacity.
- To help Farmers achieve national soil, water, and air quality standards.
- To improve animal welfare and farm safety.

There are ten TAMS schemes covering over 400 grant aided items.



TAMS Supports

Up to investment ceiling of **€90,000** and **€160,000** for partnerships

At **40%** generally

At **60%** for Young Farmers, Women Farmers & Organic Farmers

At **60%** for Nutrient Storage Investments

At **70%** for storage facilities for importation of slurry onto the farm



The Farmyard

Use TAMS 3 to maximise the value of your manure by increasing storage capacity so you can choose when to spread during the open period.

TAMS 3 grant aid is available for:

- Concrete Tanks, Precast Tanks, Overground Circular Stores, Lagoons, Slurry Bags and Manure Pits.
- Covering Feed Yards and Collecting Yards to reduce soiled water and slurry storage volumes.
- Slurry Separators to improve efficiency of slurry movements by separating slurry into a solid, friable fraction and a liquid portion.
- Increases tank storage and simplifies spreading, enabling reduction in air and water pollution.
- Rainwater storage tanks.
- Silage Storage Facilities - New and Renovated.
- Safe modern Animal Handling Facilities.

The Land

TAMS 3 grant aid is available for:

- Low Emission Slurry Spreading equipment.
- Slurry flow meters - adjusts the flow of slurry to match your target rate giving you complete control of your slurry application.
- Farm Roadways.
- Cattle and Sheep Fencing (watercourses, drains, roads, Spaces for Nature).
- Solar pumps and solar fencing for out-farms as well as nose pumps.
- GPS Fertiliser and Lime Applicators as well as Sprayers.
- Re-seeding and sward rejuvenation equipment.





CAP Network Ireland is Ireland's National Network dedicated to supporting the implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy Strategic Plan (CSP) for 2023–2027. The network is managed by an independent consortium, operating under the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). These include Irish Rural Link (IRL) as coordinator, ERINN Innovation, an SME specialising in research-to-policy transfer, and Munster Technological University (MTU), bringing academic and rural innovation expertise.

CAP Network Ireland's mission is to promote stakeholder engagement, innovation, and knowledge-sharing to ensure Ireland's CSP achieves EU-level objectives on sustainable agriculture, environmental resilience, and rural vitality. We also play a central role in the Agricultural Knowledge & Innovation System (AKIS) Coordination Group.

Membership is free and open to all interested stakeholders: farmers, researchers, advisors, community groups, and all other interested parties.

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