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# Organic farming





## *Principle of* **HEALTH**

Organic Agriculture should sustain and enhance the health of soil, plant, animal, human and planet as one and indivisible.

## *Principle of* **FAIRNESS**

Organic Agriculture should build on relationships that ensure fairness with regard to the common environment and life opportunities.

## *Principle of* **ECOLOGY**

Organic Agriculture should be based on living ecological systems and cycles, work with them, emulate them and help sustain them.

## *Principle of* **CARE**

Organic Agriculture should be managed in a precautionary and responsible manner to protect the health and well-being of current and future generations and the environment.

















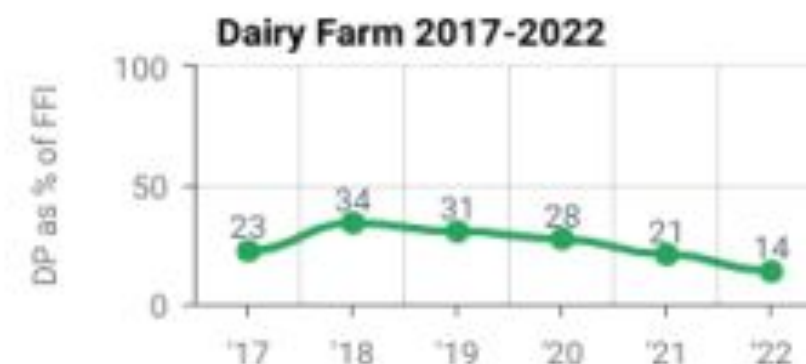
# Farm income 2022 (NFS data)



## Direct Payment as % of FFI

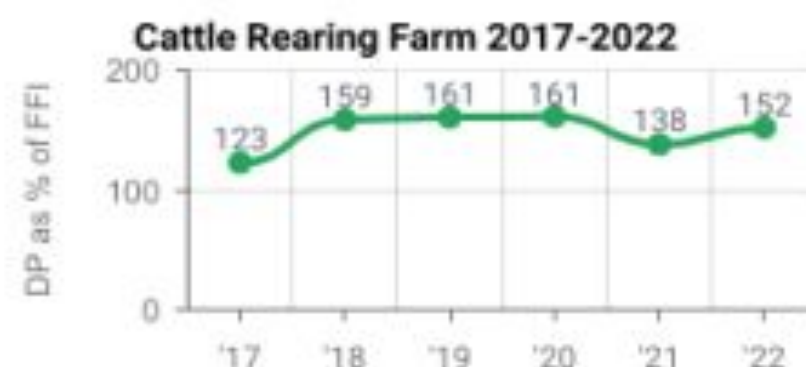
### Dairy Farm Average 2022

**14%** Direct Payment €330 per ha  
Family Farm Income (FFI) €2,332 per ha



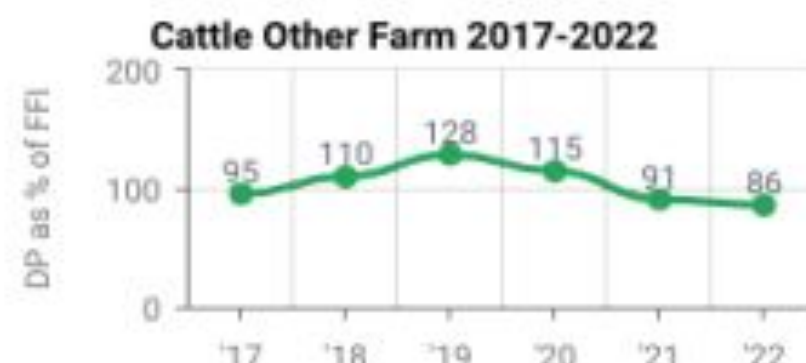
### Cattle Rearing Farm Average 2022

**152%** Direct Payment €462 per ha  
Family Farm Income (FFI) €301 per ha



### Cattle Other Farm Average 2022

**86%** Direct Payment €437 per ha  
Family Farm Income (FFI) €506 per ha



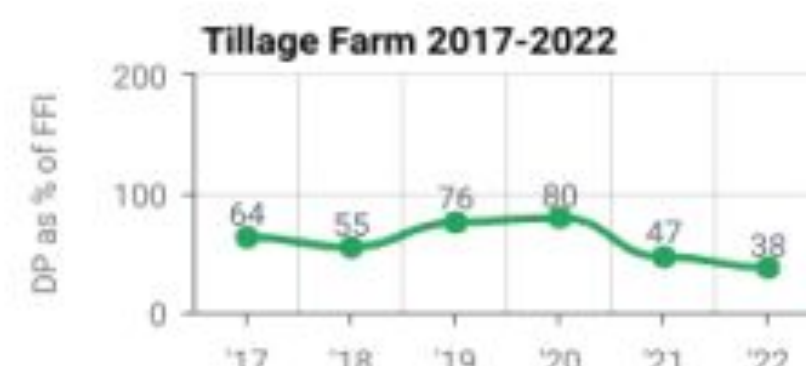
### Sheep Farm Average 2022

**110%** Direct Payment €402 per ha  
Family Farm Income (FFI) €366 per ha



### Tillage Farm Average 2022

**38%** Direct Payment €410 per ha  
Family Farm Income (FFI) €1,087 per ha

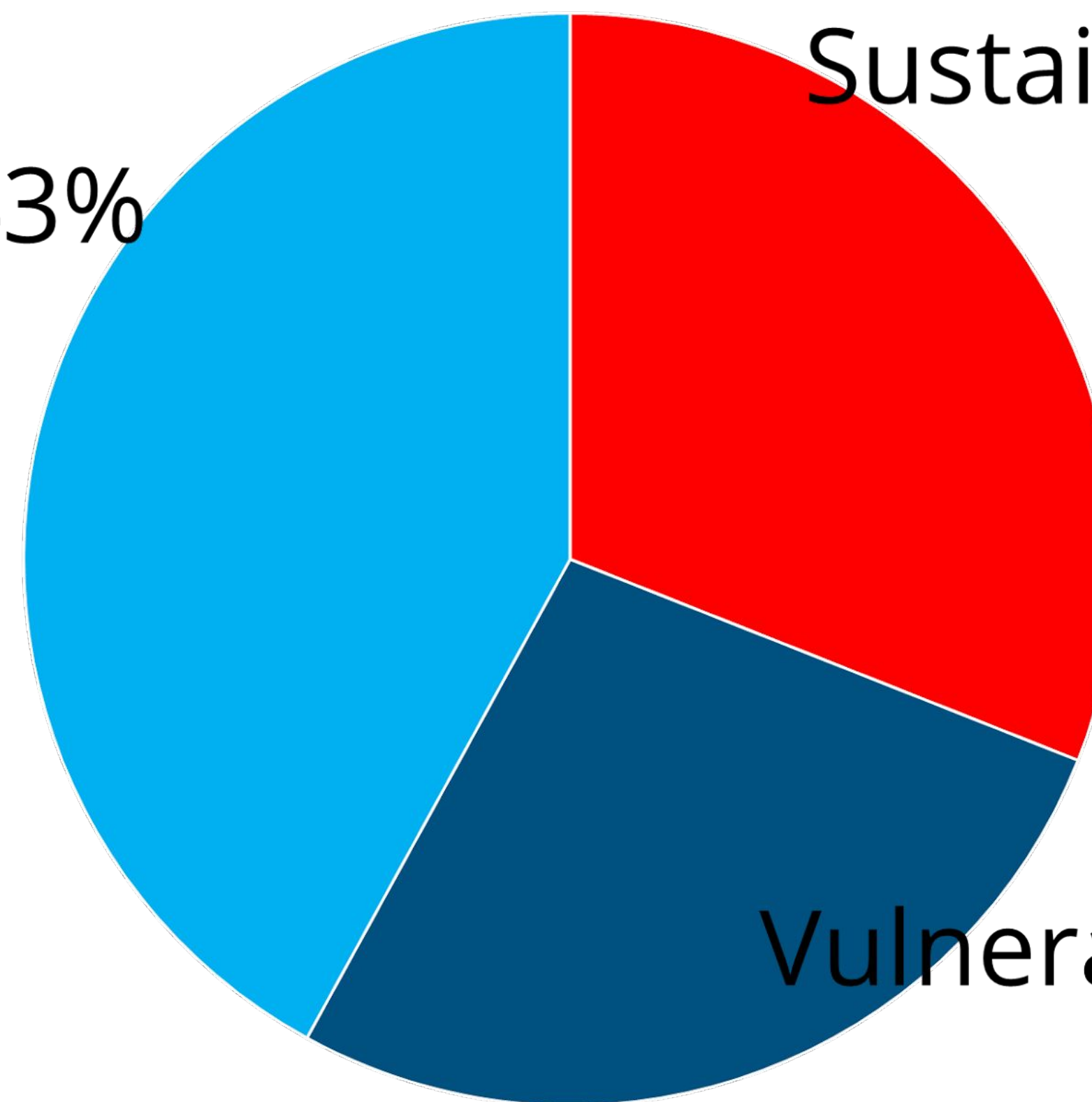


## Viability of farms

Viabile 43%

Sustainable 30%

Vulnerable 27%



# Context



Farm to Fork strategy target 25% ag land by 2030

PfG target 7.5% of land in organics

Climate Action Plan 2021

CAP funding €256m



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Government of Ireland

## Food Vision 2030

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# Organic Farming Scheme

|              | Year 1-2<br>(in conversion)<br>1 - 70 ha €/ha | Year 3 – 5<br>(fully converted)<br>1 - 70 ha €/ha |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Drystock     | €300/ha                                       | €250/ha                                           |
| Tillage      | €320/ha                                       | €270/ha                                           |
| Dairy        | €350/ha                                       | €300/ha                                           |
| Horticulture | €800/ha                                       | €600/ha                                           |

- Participation payment €2000 yr 1 of conversion
- €1400 annum thereafter
- <https://cap-calculators.apps.rhos.agriculture.gov.ie/payments>



# Organic Capital Investment Scheme



- <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/24875-terms-and-conditions-of-the-organic-capital-investment-scheme-ocis/>



# Strategy forum

- Advisory
- Green public procurement
- Organic trading hub







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# Steps to organic farming

Visit an organic farm

Attend training

Contact IOA text Organic and your e mail to 51444  
or call Organic Trust 045 882377

Assess farmyard and production, soil fertility,  
silage buffer, animal health etc





# Steps to organic farming

- Compare income/quality of life
- Prepare conversion plan
- Apply for OFS
- Farm organically

