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Organic Sector

- Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine regulates the sector in Ireland
- 5 private Organic Certification Bodies approved to certify organic operators

Supports for Organic Sector

- Organic Farming Scheme
- Scheme of Grant Aid for Development of sector
 - On Farm
 - Off Farm

Organic Farming Scheme

- OFS Application Form
 - Current Organic Licence
 - Business Plan
- Approved Training Course – FETAC Level 5 – Introduction to Organic Farming
- Closing Date – SPS Closing Date

OFS Payments

- In conversion €212/ha up to 55 ha
> 55 €30/ha
- Full Organic Status €106/ha up to 55 ha
> 55 €15/ha
- Horticulture only holdings
- In conversion €283/ha up to 55 ha
> 55 €30/ha
- Full Organic Status €142/ha up to 55 ha
> 55 €15/ha



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OFS Payments Examples

- **In conversion**
- 20 ha - €4,240
- 55 ha - €11,660

Fully organic

- 20 ha - €2,120
- 55 ha - €5,830

Capital Grant Aid

- **Scheme of Grant Aid**
 - On-Farm
 - Off-Farm
- 40% assistance, maximum on-farm €60,000; maximum off-farm €500,000

RDP 2014/20

- Mixture of old and new measures
- Agri-Environment-Climate, Organics, Natura, Areas of Natural Constraint, Forestry
- Knowledge, Training, advisory, quality measures
- Farm & business development, Cooperation
- Investments
- Risk Management
- LEADER

Art 30 - Organics

- Commission propose support per ha of UAA.
“Agricultural area” proposed by Council.
- Support will be granted to convert to or to maintain Organic farming practices and methods as defined in Reg 834/2007
- Undertaken for 5 -7 years
- Baseline for Organics is Cross Compliance plus minimum standards for fertilisers and plant protection products
- Annual payments for income forgone
- Transaction cost of up to 20% (30% for groups)

Direct Payments Proposal

- Art 29.4 of the DP proposal states that Organics will constitute greening
- This shall apply only to the units of a holding that are used for organic production in accordance with Art. 11 of Reg. 834/2007.

Questions

Thank you for your attention

Further information can be obtained from:

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