



Review of Commonage Plans

Connemara Hill Farm Meeting
Clifden 20 May 2014



Hill farmer with 30ha, 5ha holding and 25ha commonage
all designated SAC

Current Situation

Reps 4 €7,260

DAS €3,200

SFP €2,523

SG €300

2014 €13,283

2015 to 2019

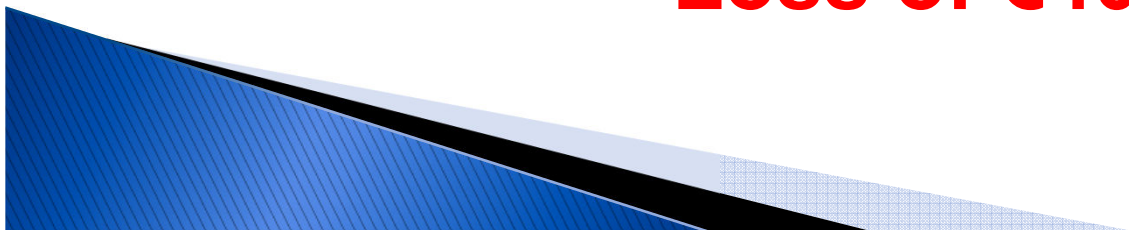
GLAS €2,250

DAS €3,200

Avg SFP+SG to 2019 €3,810

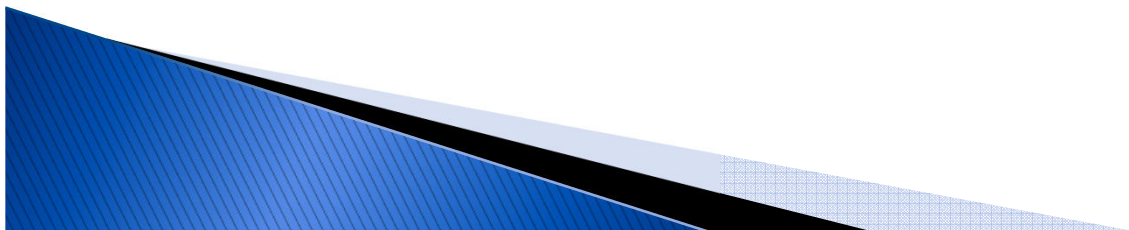
Average 2015 to 2019 €9,260

Loss of €4023 pa



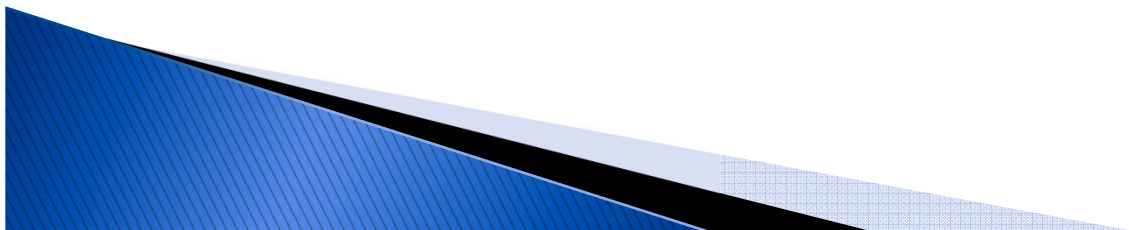


1. Setup group of relevant stakeholders
2. Independent chairman
3. GAEC from 2015 onwards
4. Allocated stocking rate is compliant with GAEC



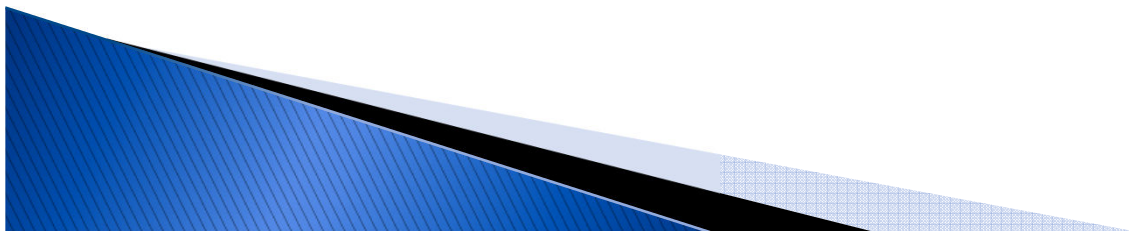


5. Availability of GLAS and GLAS Plus
6. Payment of €150/ha as agreed by the EU
7. Top up for young farmers
8. Tax free lease for family members



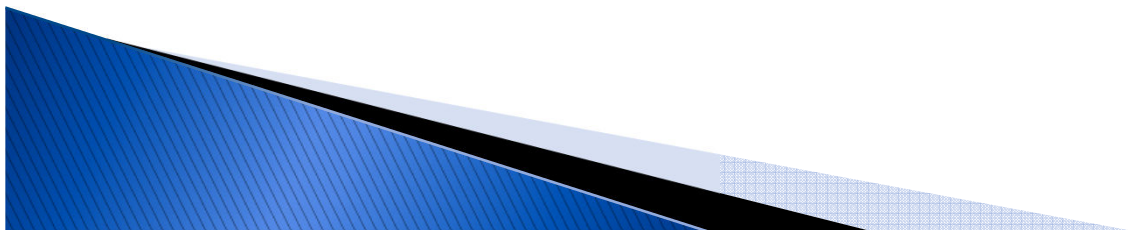


9. No restrictions on stock access to hill (stocking rate consistent for entire farm)
10. Farmers with higher stocking rate (Planned provision for this)
11. Agreement of stock numbers on commonage (All farmers will be deemed active)





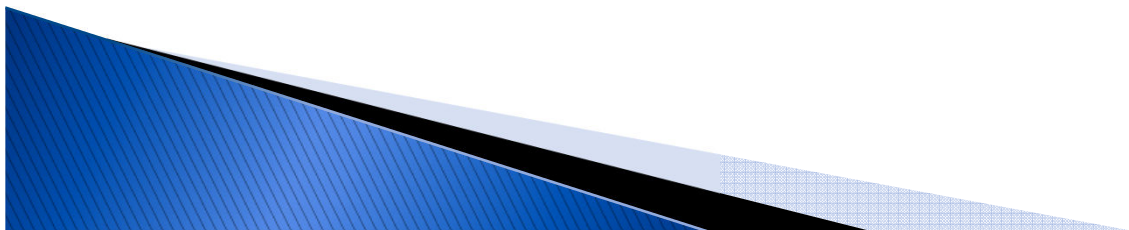
12. Stocking rates across all adjoining unfenced hills should not differ significantly
13. Cattle grazed on the commonage in the traditional manner





19. Substantial increase in stock,
> 10%pa voluntary (Teageas
figures)

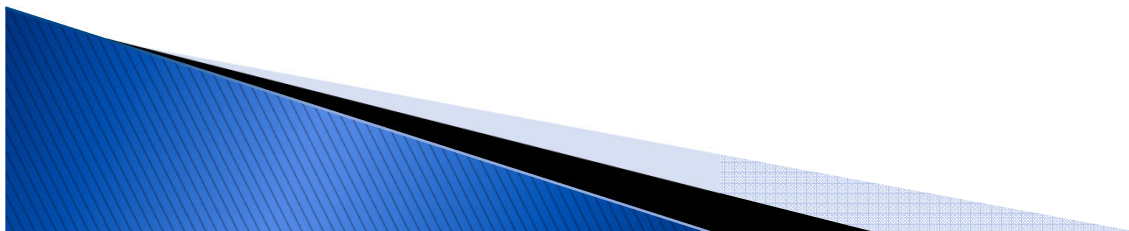
20. GLAS measures to encourage
the use of native breeds





Discussion

- How to deal with stocking of unfenced land along roadways or hazardous for grazing?
- Should planners be directly paid by the department?





The Agri. Output Scheme
Priority given to
Nephin and Connemara and
Pearl Mussel sites in the
region

