LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAMME FOR LONGFORD FARMS

PROJECT COMPLETED PROJECT

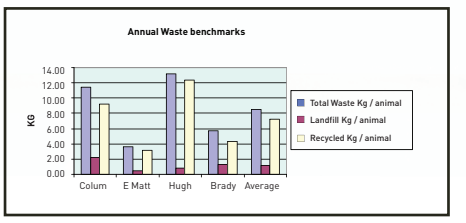
Longford County Council has carried out a comprehensive audit of energy and water consumption along with waste generation on four farms in County Longford in 2008. The programme was co-funded by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The work involved an environmental assessment of four farms in County Longford and providing one to one information and training to them on how they could reduce their waste, energy and water costs by reducing consumption. The programme also involved the production of an environmental guidance booklet for farms which was distributed to all the farmers in County Longford.

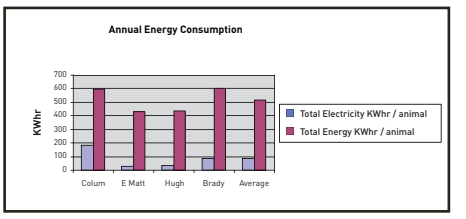
One of the key concerns facing farmers in County Longford is improving the viability of farms. This includes finding ways to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the methods of work on farms, finding ways to reduce running costs while maintaining the high quality output that we have come to expect from our farming community. There are three main areas where significant costs can be reduced in the areas of solid waste, energy consumption and water consumption – costs for both farmers and the environment alike.

Project Results

- Increased waste recycling and waste prevention on participating farms.
- Increased bulk buying on farms
- Improved water and energy use efficiency on participating farms
- Environmental benchmarks obtained for participating dairy and beef farms.
- Increased Environmental Awareness on participating farms and on farms throughout Ireland due to publication of environmental guidance booklet for farms.



Waste Benchmarks



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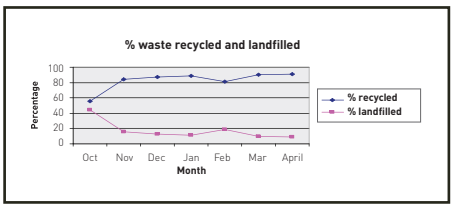

Awareness above anything else has played such a vital role in changing the farmers attitudes towards how they farm and how they deal with the waste generated on their farms on a daily basis.

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