

Pilot Farmer - Expression of Interest

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**Farm Details:**

Number of Cows: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Land Farmed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ha)

Grassland: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(ha) Forage Crops: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ha) Other Crops: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ha)

1. Please outline your farming system:

2. Do you have any other farm enterprises apart from dairying? Yes [ ] No [ ]

(If yes provide details below)

3. Please describe innovative farm practices you are currently implementing on your farm that relate to any of the following areas: Resource efficiency, animal care, biodiversity or socio-economic resilience. If possible, please quantify the benefits (monetary and non-monetary) you have seen from implementing such innovations:

4. In addition to identifying existing innovations being implemented on pilot farms, we will seek to identify new innovations wish might be implemented on Northern Ireland farms. These will be identified through farmer driven Operational Groups (which will be networked across Europe) and farmer exchange visits. What areas would you be particularly interested in exploring through these means?

5. Would you be willing to participate in Operational Groups? Yes [ ] No [ ]

6. Would you be willing to participate in farmer exchanges? Yes [ ] No [ ]

7. Are you involved in a DAERA / CAFRE Business Development Group? Yes [ ] No [ ]

8. Are you currently benchmarking your finances by any of the following means?

 (a) CAFRE Yes [ ] No [ ]

 (b) European Dairy Farmers Yes [ ] No [ ]

 (c)Other Yes [ ] No [ ]

If your answered yes to (c) then please specify which alternate financial benchmarking system(s) you currently use: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. Please outline any involvement in agricultural organisations:

10. Please give examples of how you have communicated to other farmers and agri-food sector stakeholders:

11. Any other relevant information

Please submit completed application forms by 8th August 2016 either by email: jason@agrisearch.org or by post:

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