

BioFarm 2024 – CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5TH

Jones Room

8.30am	Registration & Welcome	Tea / Coffee & Breakfast Baps served
9.00am	Opening Remarks	Welcome to BioFarm 2024
9.15am - 10.15am	Neil Fuller	Farming, food and climate change: – Can we eat our way to a brighter future?
10.15am - 11.00am	Bruce Thompson	Beetlemania! A Bar "Stool" talk on dung beetles with an expert Poo-ologist
11.00am	Coffee Break	Tea / Coffee & nibbles served
11.20am - 12.15pm	Stuart Johnson	Benefits of Transitioning to a Regenerative Model - Reflections from the UK Soil Farmer of the Year
12.15pm - 1.00pm	Tommy Tierney	Arable Farming from a Biological Perspective - Discussion with Ireland's Soil Farmer of the Year
1.00pm	Lunch	Buffet lunch with organic options
2.00pm - 2.40pm	John Hogan	Field-Scale Organic Horticulture: Opportunities & Challenges in an Irish Context
2.40pm - 3.20pm	Angus Woods	From Conventional to Organic: A Farmer's Perspective
3.20pm	Coffee Break	Tea / Coffee & nibbles served
3.40pm - 4.20pm	Jim Cronin	Living Labs - Green Manures / Cover Crop Trials Part 1: An Interesting Outcome
4.20pm - 5.00pm	Panel Session on Market Opportunities	John Purcell (Good Herdsmen) James Flahavan (Flahavan's) Emmet Doyle (Bord Bia)

Conference Hosts:

- Ella McSweeney
- Rob Coleman
- Hannah Quinn-Mulligan



Special
"Yoga for Farmers"
Sessions
throughout the day
in the Leitrim Room

Zimmer Room

Grace Maher & Stuart Rogers	Living Labs - Heritage & modern wheat varieties grown under organic & biodynamic conditions
Piluca Garcia (Homeopathy)	Living Labs - Homeopathy in Farm Animals: Farmer Feedback & Coincidences
Lunch	Buffet lunch with organic options
David Wallis	DANÚ Farming Group EIP: Transition to Biological Farming - Final Report & Conclusions
Piluca Garcia (Johnson-Su)	Living Labs - Johnson-Su Bioreactor - In farm trials: Does it work in Ireland? Trial results revealed
Coffee Break	Tea / Coffee & nibbles served
Andrew Chilton	NOTS' Organic & Biological Programme (Green Cert) Looking ahead to 2025

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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

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8.30am	Registration & Welcome	Tea / Coffee & Breakfast Baps served
9.00am	Q&A Recap from Day 1	Interactive session with speakers recapping on Day 1 themes and topics
9.15am - 10.15am	Nikki Yoxall 	Grazing & Grass-Fed Beef: Suitable Breeds & Diverse Swards
10.15am - 11.00am	Tim May 	Enjoying Abundantly Profitable, Ecologically Thriving Farming
11.00am	Coffee Break 	Tea / Coffee & nibbles served
11.20am - 12.15pm	Clive Bright 	My Journey implementing Agroforestry in an Organic Direct Selling Beef System
12.15am - 1.00pm	Anne Pender, Paula Pender & Robbie Byrne   	The Future of the Organic Seed Production System in Ireland
1.00pm	Lunch 	Buffet lunch with organic options
2.00pm - 2.40pm	Dr Lindsay Whistance 	Trees on farms for supporting system resilience and promoting good animal welfare
2.40pm - 3.20pm	Richard Gantlett 	Farming for carbon, climate and biodiversity.
3.20pm	Coffee Break 	Tea / Coffee & nibbles served
3.40pm - 4.40pm	Tim May 	10 Years of Organic Mixed Farming
4.40pm - 5.00pm	Wrap Up Session & Closing Remarks	Interactive final session & looking forward to 2025 in organic and biological agriculture

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Dr Bridget Little 	Direct selling combi crops, grain, & organic feed - Requirements in an Organic System
Coffee Break 	Tea / Coffee & nibbles served
Jim Cronin 	Living Labs - Green Manures / Cover Crop Trials Part 2: Unlocking their true potential in an Irish context
Neil Fuller 	Soil Safari: Interactive Soils Workshop with microscopy demonstrations
Lunch 	Buffet lunch with organic options
Grace Maher & Stuart Rogers  	Living Labs - Heritage & modern wheat varieties grown under organic & biodynamic conditions
Klaus Laitenberger 	Cultivated Tree Plantations & Fruit Juice Mixes - New Perspectives from Europe

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