



Cooley Flood Damage Relief Measure Application Form and Terms and Conditions

Background

The 2023 Flood Damage Relief Measure is being implemented in response to damage to agricultural areas in the Cooley Peninsula, between 29th October – 4th November 2023.

The damage was the culmination of back-to-back storms occurring during late October 2023, resulting in additional heavy rainfall on already saturated ground and exceptionally high river levels.

The measure aims to provide financial assistance to farmers in approved cases for the direct costs arising from instances of:

- restoration of agricultural land,
- repair/replacement to damaged fencing/ gateways.
- loss/damage to fodder / fertiliser

In all these categories, compensation is only payable in cases where the cost to the applicant has been caused by the floods during the period 29th October – 4th November 2023.

Applicant Details (to be completed by applicant)

Name	
Address	
Eir Code	
Mobile/Contact Number	
BISS 2023 Applicant	Yes / No
Livestock	Yes / No



Terms and Conditions

1. The Measure is only open to applicants with agricultural lands in the Cooley Peninsula, which were impacted by flooding in the specified period.
 2. Financial aid will only be paid in instances where genuine financial loss has been incurred by an applicant in relation to:
 - a) clean-up and restoration of damaged agricultural lands
 - b) loss/damage of stored fodder and fertiliser,
 - c) repairs to damaged fencing and gateways.
 3. All such losses must clearly and demonstrably have arisen as a direct consequence of the flooding between 29th October – 4th November 2023.
 4. Where financial aid is received in respect of repairs to fencing/gateways, that length of fencing will not be eligible for similar support under any other DAFM capital investment scheme for a period of 5 years from the date of payment of aid.
 5. All applications may be subject to on-farm verification by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. This verification will include an assessment of the details of losses caused by flooding outlined on this application form.
 6. The details provided on this form will also be subject to verification via administrative checks by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (for example, in relation to animal records).
 7. The calculation of financial aid due under any of the claimed headings will be based on the Department's standard costing data, including replacement fodder costs and aid in excess of the standard cost ceilings will not be approved.
 8. In the event of eligible applications in excess of the total budget available for the Scheme being received, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine will reserve the right to implement reduced payments as appropriate.
 9. No aid will be payable in respect of applications where the total claim is less than €100.
 10. The maximum payment will be €30,000.
 11. Application of the Terms and Conditions are at the discretion of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
 12. This scheme falls under State Aid in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 2472/2022 of 14 December 2022 declaring certain categories of aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
 13. Applications must be submitted by **31st July 2024**.
 14. Unsuccessful applicants under the scheme will be provided the option to
 - a. seek an internal review of the decision reached and/or
 - b. seek a review by the Independent Agricultural Appeals Office
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Details of losses incurred as a direct consequence of flooding (please provide details of loss under the relevant category - more than one can be completed.)

Category 1 – Clean-up and restoration of damaged agricultural lands

Please provide the following land parcel details:

Townland name, LPIS number, total hectares within the land parcel and affected hectares within land parcel,

Townland	LPIS Number	Total Area	Affected Area	Declared on BISS 2023
<i>Ravensdale park</i>	<i>O13008000015</i>	<i>15.90 ha</i>	<i>5.90 ha</i>	

Please also outline the nature of the clean-up required e.g. removal of debris or other material, reinstatement of land and hedging and the total cost associated and a detailed breakdown of costs.

Detailed Breakdown	Total Cost
<i>Digger hire for xx hours, Dumper trailer for xx hours, Replacement hedging (xx metres), Topsoil (xx tonne or xx meter)</i>	<i>€10,000</i>

Category 2 – Repairs to fencing and gateways.

Please state the length of fencing (metres) for which repair work is required and number of gateways One gateway per field division including hanger and closer

LPIS Number	Length of Fencing	Number of gateways
<i>O13008000015</i>	<i>50 meters</i>	<i>1</i>



Category 3 – Loss of/damage to fodder/fertiliser

Please provide details including the number and type of bales of hay or silage lost or damaged and volume of fertiliser.

Fodder Type	Qty	
Silage / Maize In Pit		Tonnes
Baled Silage /Hay / Straw		Bales and type (<u>pl indicate if square or round</u>)
Concentrates		Tonnes

Fertiliser Quantity (Tonnes)	
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The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine reserves the right to carry out the relevant administrative checks required to ensure compliance in this regard.

Declaration

I agree to fully comply with the terms and conditions of the Measure. I certify that to the best of my knowledge the details provided by me on this form are true and complete and that the damages claimed for are not covered by my insurance.

The damage I am claiming for was incurred in the period 29th October – 4th November 2023.

Signature:..... Date.....

Completed applications must be received by **31st July 2024** at the address below:

**Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine,
Direct Payments Unit (Cooley Flood Damage Relief Measure),
Government Offices,
Old Abbeyleix Road,
Portlaoise,
Co Laois.**

Queries can be directed to:
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