



IRISH TILLAGE AND LAND USE SOCIETY

Spring workshop 2025

Crop nutrition and canopy management in winter cereals

Thursday 20 February

Meeting point – Monasterboice Inn, Drogheda, Co Louth (A92 A59E)

8.45 am **Registration and refreshments**

*Following registration at the Monasterboice Inn we will carpool to a trial site made available by kind permission of Drummonds. Cars will depart by **9.20am** sharp.*

9:45 am **President's welcome and introduction**

Liz Glynn, Honorary President ITLUS.

10.00 am **Drummonds trial farm – overview of ongoing trial work**

Brian Reilly, Agronomist at Drummonds, will discuss the ongoing work being carried out on the trial site, with an emphasis on crop nutrition and Plant Growth Regulator (PGR) to help with decision making this season.

10.45am **Soil nutrition**

John O'Loughlin, Group Head of Sustainability at Grassland Agro will discuss soil nutrition and nutrient dynamics for high yield potential crops.

11.15am **Review of the National Fertiliser Database**

Maria Destefanis, Agricultural Inspector in the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine will provide an overview of the National Fertiliser Database (NFD) since its launch in September 2023. She will outline its purpose, review the legislative background and obligations arising. Maria will provide high level metrics for the last fertiliser year, outline ways to submit and view NFD data through AgFood.ie, and answer some frequently asked questions about the NFD.

11.45am **Managing advanced winter crops in Spring 2025**

Shay Phelan, Crops Specialist with Teagasc, Peadar Whyte, mixed tillage farmer from the Naul, and Denis Dunne, Trials Manager with Seedtech will lead an open discussion on managing advanced winter crops this Spring.

1.30 pm **Lunch (Monasterboice Inn (A92 A59E))**

Please note: Numbers are limited so pre-booking is essential – email itlussec50@gmail.com by 5pm on Thursday 13 February. Fee payable on the day (by cash, card or cheque) is €40 for members (student members are free) and €60 for non-members (student non-members €20).