



# **FARM SAFETY CONFERENCE 2010**

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**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August**  
9.00am - 1.00pm

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**Clanard Court Hotel,  
Athy, Co. Kildare**

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While the Agriculture sector in Ireland employs about 6% of the national workforce, it continues to have a poor safety and ill health record. On average about 30% of workplace deaths take place in the sector, but in 2010 this figure has risen to over 50%. Farm injuries and ill health cause pain, suffering and tragedy. This leads to economic loss which can jeopardize the livelihood of farm families. At this national conference farm leaders, health and safety specialists and farmers will consider strategies to improve the health and safety record of the farming sector.



**Who Should Attend:** This Conference is particularly relevant to farmers, agricultural contractors, trainers and advisers and anyone with an interest in health and safety in Agriculture.

**Admission:** Admission is Free but a booking should be made with Teagasc Naas Co Kildare (045 879203).

**Sponsorship:** The Conference is kindly sponsored by FBD Insurance, plc.

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Conference Chairperson: Mr. John Bryan President, IFA.

9.00 - 9.30 *Registration, Tea/Coffee.*

9.30 - 10.00 **Opening Address:**

Mr. Dara Calleary, T.D. Minister for Labour Affairs and for Public Service Transformation, introduced by Mr. Martin O'Halloran Chief Executive Officer of the Health and Safety Authority followed by presentation of Teagasc FETAC Certificates by the Minister

10.00 - 10.20 **The Importance of Research and Knowledge Transfer in Improving the Occupational Health and Safety Record in Farming.** Professor Gerry Boyle, Director, Teagasc

10.20 - 10.40 **Outcomes of Current Research on Occupational Health and Safety in Agriculture in Ireland.** Aoife Osborne, Teagasc, Rural Economy Research Centre / UCD Walsh Fellow

10.40 - 11.00 **The Approach to Farm Health and Safety in Northern Ireland.**  
Mr. Malcolm Downey, Principal Inspector, Agriculture, HSENI

11.00 - 11.20 *Tea/Coffee*

11.20 - 11.40 **Trauma Associated with Power Shaft Injuries in Ireland and Preventative Strategies.**  
Dr Anne Collins, Specialist Plastic Surgery Registrar

11.40 - 12.00 **Suicides and Agricultural Change - a Case Study.**  
Ms Maria Feeney, Teagasc, Rural Economy Research Centre / UCD Walsh Fellow

12.00 - 12.20 **Men's Health Issues in Farming.**  
Dr Noel Richardson, HSE / Centre for Men's Health, Institute of Technology Carlow

12.20 - 12.40 **A Young Farmers View of Health and Safety Issues in Farming.**  
Mr. Brian Daniels, former Young Farmer of the Year

12.40 - 1.00 **Key Messages from the Seminar and Open Forum.** Chairperson Michael Gowing, President, Macra na Feirme with Mr Jackie Cahill, President, ICMSA and Mr John Bryan, IFA President

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