



SAI Platform Seminar & General Assembly - Field Trips¹, 12th April 2016

Beef



- 8:30am** **Depart Hotel**
- 9am – 11:30am:** **[Teagasc Grange Research Centre, Dunsany, Co. Meath](#)**
Teagasc is the National Agricultural Research, Farm Advisory and Education agency. It is proposed to arrange in field demonstrations on the following sustainability aspects to reflect work currently ongoing within Teagasc and how research findings are being applied through its farm advisory services.
- Animal Welfare
 - Genetics
 - Grassland management
 - GHG Mitigation
 - Biodiversity
 - Water Quality
- 12:30pm – 2pm:** **Visit to Beef Farm that supplies ABP Group.**
Sean Murphy, Gillardstown House, Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath
- 2pm – 3pm:** **Lunch on route**
- 4pm – 5:30pm:** **[Visit to McDonalds Flagship farm that supplies Dawn Meats](#)**
Ray Dempsey, Roscrea, Co. Offaly.
- 7pm – 8:30pm:** **Informal dinner on route.**
- 9pm:** **Return to hotel**

¹ All field trips are kindly organized by





Dairy



- 8:30am** **Depart Hotel**
- 10am – 12pm:** [Glanbia Ingredients Ireland Ltd.](#)
Briefing by GILL on their Open Source Sustainability programme at the Orchard Centre, Tinahely, Co. Wicklow. The programme is in the advanced stages of being rolled out to all 4,500 of GILL's farmer suppliers. Glanbia is also a member of the Dairy Sustainability Framework.
- 12pm – 1pm:** **Lunch at [The Orchard Centre](#)**
- 1pm – 2:30pm:** **Visit the dairy farm of Joe Hayden in Tinahely, Co. Wicklow.** Joe, owner of The Orchard Centre is also a Glanbia supplier. His milk is used to supply cream to Diageo for the production of Bailey's Cream Liqueur. Diageo and Glanbia have a long standing relationship in place, which in recent years has led to an increased focus on sustainable production.
- 3:30pm – 5:30pm** **Visit to Kerry Groups Global Technology & Innovation Centre, Naas, Co. Kildare.**
A tour of the groups new Technology & Innovation Centre which employs 900 research, product commercialisation, business development and business support staff. This will be followed by a presentation from Kerry Group on their sustainability strategy.
- 6:30pm – 8pm** **Informal dinner on route back to hotel**
- 8:30pm** **Return to hotel**



Crops/Vegetables



- 8:30am** **Depart Hotel**
- 9:30am - 11am:** **Visit Boortmalt Malting Barley facility in Athy, Co. Kildare.**
Boortmalt handles more than 100,000 tonnes of malting barley annually and purchases from almost 500 farmers. Boortmalt commenced rolling out the SAI Platform Crop FSA in 2014 and is currently undertaking the assessment across all of their growers.
- 12pm – 1:30pm:** **Visit the farm of Boortmalt supplier** that provides an excellent example of an Irish farmer operating intensively in a sustainable manner.
Michael Gabbett, Ballytobin, Kilkenny
- 1:30pm – 2:30pm** **Lunch on route**
- 3:30pm – 5pm** **[Teagasc Crops Research Centre, Oakpark, Co. Carlow](#).** (TBC)
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- Plant genetics
 - Soil Health
 - Crop Management
- 6pm – 7:30pm** **Informal dinner on route back to hotel**
- 8:00pm** **Return to hotel**



Fruit



- 8:30am** **Depart Hotel**
- 9:30am – 11:30am:** [Visit Clarkes Fresh Fruit in Stamullen, Co. Meath.](#)
Clarkes grow 50 acres of strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and blueberries on the family farm and supply a number of the multiple retailers in Ireland.
- 12pm – 1:30pm:** [Visit Keelings in Swords, Co. Dublin.](#) (TBC)
Keelings is a family owned Irish company that has been growing fruits and salads since the 1930's. Today Keelings is the largest fruit supplier on the Irish market.
- 1:30pm – 2:30pm:** **Lunch on route.**
- 3pm – 5pm** [Visit Country Crest near Swords, Co. Dublin.](#)
Country Crest is one of Ireland's leading prepared vegetable producers and in recent years it has developed a range of prepared ready meals. This has seen them developed a relationship with one of Ireland' leading poultry companies whereby Country Crest supply the wheat for poultry feed and in return they get poultry manure for their farm and chicken for their ready meals!
- 5:30pm – 7:30pm** **Informal dinner on route back to hotel**
- 8pm** **Return to hotel**

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