



Preventing Farm Packaging

LOCAL AUTHORITY PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME

Nine farmers are working with Monaghan Co Co to find savings in costs, amounts of non-organic waste generated, and in the amount of water and energy they use. The LAPD team is currently reviewing waste generation by carrying out waste characterisation audits on each farm. The methodology being used will be part of a prevention tool kit that will be distributed to farmers at the end of the project.



The team has discovered that non-organic waste is not generally recognized as a problem on farms, perhaps because farmers traditionally hold on to materials that might prove useful at a later date and they have space to do this. The team is now investigating opportunities for preventing packaging waste through the encouragement of suppliers such as cooperatives to increase the number of products supplied for bulk-purchase.

Intensive agricultural enterprises are a significant economic activity in Co Monaghan that provides the food-manufacturing sector with their raw materials and are responsible for the generation of significant amounts of non-organic waste, the prevention of which is the focus of this initiative.

Monaghan Co Co's initiative "Farm Waste Minimisation Project" is a 30-month project that began in July 2006. It is one of a programme entitled "Working Together to Prevent Waste in Co Monaghan". The programme has received €421,127 under phase 1 of the Local Authority Prevention Demonstration Programme.



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