

## Annex – Calendar of Events for 2017: Year of Sustainable Grassland



Quarter	Event	Lead Agency/ Organisation
First Quarter	Grass Masterclass, Moorepark	ASA
	Launch of Teagasc 'Grass 10T' programme	Teagasc
	Launch of Pasturebase Ireland - go live national grassland database	Teagasc
	Irish Grassland Association – Dairy Conference Kilkenny. Focus of sustainability of increased production	IGA
	Launch of Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) Recommended List of Grasses 2017 & Pasture Profit Index (PPI)	DAFM
	Fertiliser Association of Ireland – Spring Conference; focus on soil fertility and health	Fertiliser Association of Ireland
Second Quarter	Workshop - Sustainable Use of Pesticides in Grassland	DAFM (Pesticide Divn) /Teagasc
	Grass Reseeding farm demonstration	Seed Industry
	Publication of grass reseedling booklet	Teagasc/DAFM/Industry
	Road Map for Grass Breeding - Workshop	Teagasc/DAFM/Seed Industry/Breeders/Farmers
	Visit to Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine official grass trials Ballyderown Farm as part of Workshop	
	Bloom, Phoenix Park, Dublin	An Bord Bia
	Bloom Farmyard Feature – underline the importance of a grass-based diet	

	Athenry Clover Workshop/Athenry sheep demo farm clover study	Teagasc
	Grass event in Athenry – alternative grass species (Festulolium trials / EUCARPIA project)	DAFM
Third Quarter	Moorepark national dairy open day – emphasis on grass/clover/Pasture profit index	Teagasc
	Irish Grassland Association – Dairy Summer Tour. Focus on improved utilisation of existing grass production	IGA
	Visit to Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Herbage Evaluation Trials, Tops, Raphoe, Co. Donegal - Cross-border grass initiative with AFBI NI, visit commercial farms linked to Pasturebase Ireland	DAFM AFBI support
	Carbery carbon project – Skibbereen Bord Bia Workshop – competitive advantage of grass as a carbon efficient sustainable feed	An Bord Bia
	National Ploughing Championships Grassland demonstration plots	Teagasc
Fourth Quarter	National Ploughing Championships Origin Green stand – highlighting the benefits of grass produced dairy, beef & lamb	An Bord Bia
	Soil Fertility Workshop – Grassland focus	Teagasc/DAFM
	Irish Grassland Association Student Conference	IGA
	Grassland Farmer of the Year Award	Teagasc/ DAFM
	Launch of the 2018 European Grassland Federation (EGF) Conference, Cork	Teagasc/DAFM
	Review of the Year's Activities	DAFM