

Dairy-4-Future Project - Pilot Farmer Application Form

An integral aspect of the Dairy-4-Future project is the analysis of sustainability on 100 pilot dairy farms across the eight countries involved. It is essential these pilot farms are family farms typical of the region, i.e. above-average dairy farms in terms of technical and economic performance, while at the same time being relevant to other farmers in the region in terms of farm size and cow numbers. The average number of cows per farm range between 31 in the Azores to 182 in Scotland, with a mean of 82 cows per farm in the Atlantic Area.

Name				
Address				
Telephone				
Mobile				
Email address				
Milk processor				
Herd size				
Specialist dairy farm?	Yes		No	

Please demonstrate how you meet the Dairy-4-Future Pilot Farmer selection criteria by answering the following six questions:

1. **Top 10% for economic performance** - how can you demonstrate your dairy herd is in the top 10% by profit per cow in N. Ireland for economic performance?

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2. **Technical and environmental performances (N balance, Carbon Footprint)** - how can you demonstrate efficient technical and environmental performance?

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3. **Motivated individuals, prepared to travel to pilot farm visits in other regions** – are you prepared to travel and what is your motivation to improve dairy farm sustainability?

4. **Prepared to host farm visits both locally and from other project regions** – what could you show visitors to your farm?

5. **Innovative dairy farms, that are testing novel dairy systems or working in close collaboration with research and development** – what collaboration or testing work has or is being conducted on your farm?

6. **Dairy Farming Ambassador Role** – describe how you would be prepared to act as a dairy farming ambassador

Applications will be scored by a CAFRE panel. Top 10% economic performance in one of last 3 years is a pre-requisite. All other questions assessed equally.

Please email your completed application forms to: martin.mulholland@daera-ni.gov.uk by **Friday 30th March 2018**.