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New member tickets, group tickets and student deals also available. Contact us to discuss 087 9626483.

We look forward to hearing from our super line-up of speakers on driving excellence and innovation in dairy farming. **Grow More Grass. Graze Better. Profit More.** We look forward to seeing you there!



**Irish Grassland Association**

**DAIRY CONFERENCE & SOCIAL NIGHT**

*Growing Profit from the Ground Up*

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**8th & 9th January 2026  
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## IGA SOCIAL NIGHT & GALA DINNER

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
7.30pm sharp (Book with hotel)

**Paul Hyland, IGA Past President & dairy farmer will be hosting our after-dinner chat**

**Michael Ward** is a civil engineer by profession and now farmer. He owns one third of the 'Ward and Burke Group' that will construct €500m worth of municipal infrastructure in Canada, USA, England and Ireland in 2024. They employ over 1,600 skilled people, hiring and training mainly young graduates and apprentices from farming backgrounds. He owns Kilbegnet House Farm in Creggs County Roscommon where he operates a 500 cow dairy herd with his share farming partner, Andrew Clarke. He grew up on a mixed dairy, beef and sheep farm which he inherited with his brother aged 16. After completing his leaving cert he farmed for two years before going onto study at UCG. After graduating he rented his farm and emigrated to England to work as a contractor. For the past 35 years he has lived between England and Ireland and in the past 4 years has resumed farming.



**B&B €60pp double / €110pp single  
Dinner €55pp. Table of 10 only €500**

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Professional photos can be taken of groups  
Book with the hotel direct **063 33700**

## IGA Dairy Conference Friday 9th January 2026 Growing Profit from the Ground Up

At the heart of our dairy systems, grass is the foundation of a profitable, resilient, and sustainable business. That's why this year's **Dairy Conference** is all about unlocking the full potential of your pastures to power productivity and profitability.

Join us for a day packed with **practical insights, research-backed strategies, and inspiring stories** — all focused on making **simple, grass-based systems work harder for your bottom line.**

### What we'll cover:

Taking stock and moving forward: Review of 2025 & Industry challenges for the year ahead.

- Getting back to growing 14-15T/DM/Ha : Teagasc experts will focus on maximizing pasture growth as the foundation for profitable, sustainable dairy systems..
- Farmer-led talks sharing real experiences and lessons from successful grass-based dairy farming.
- Panel Discussions led by Financial Expert to include career start-ups, preparing for investments and financing opportunities.

### Farmer-Led Sessions

At the heart of the conference is a line-up of forward-thinking dairy farmers who've built profitable careers by focusing on grass. Hear their journeys — from the challenges of starting out to the lessons that made the biggest differences on their farms.

Expect open, honest conversations around:

- Embarking on a dairy career
- Making grass the most valuable crop on the farm
- Balancing simplicity with scale
- Lessons learned in managing people, land, and profitability

**These sessions are about real farmers, real numbers, and real systems that work.**