

Module Title:	Farm Business and Agri Food Law
Language of Instruction:	English
Credits:	10
NFQ Level:	8
Module Delivered In	2 programme(s)
Teaching & Learning Strategies:	Lectures Independent learning – reading materials (conventional and e-learning); Class discussion/debate; and Project work/problem solving.
Module Aim:	The aim of the module is to give learners an introduction to the operation of the Irish Legal System in a farming context, explore aspects of Business Law, Probate Law, Succession Law, Land Law and Regulatory Issues, and extract the provisions of Irish and International Law which impact upon Farmers.

Learning Outcomes	
On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:	
LO1	Critically evaluate the key principles of the law relevant to farm businesses.
LO2	Analyse problems and propose solutions by applying the law to specific situations.
LO3	Effectively communicate the legal principles relevant to farm businesses both orally and in writing.
LO4	Demonstrate knowledge of legislation at primary producer level
LO5	Examine the legislative structures that apply to the agri-food industry

Pre-requisite learning
Module Recommendations <i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.</i>
No recommendations listed
Incompatible Modules <i>These are modules which have learning outcomes that are too similar to the learning outcomes of this module.</i>
No incompatible modules listed
Co-requisite Modules
No Co-requisite modules listed
Requirements <i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is mandatory before enrolment in this module is allowed.</i>
No requirements listed

Module Content & Assessment

Indicative Content

Irish Legal System and Legal Principles

Difference between criminal law and civil law; sources of law relevant to farming (Constitution/legislation/EU/international law); Principles of contract law.

Introduction to Land Law

Land Lease, Occupier's Liability and Adverse Possession.

Structuring Your Farm Business

Sole Trader, Registered Farm Partnership, Succession Farm Partnership, Limited Liability Company, Collaborative Farming, and the legal concepts of separate legal personality and limited liability.

Introduction to Succession and Probate

Formal requirements of a valid will, rules governing intestacy, legal avenues to challenge a will, and enduring powers of attorney; Rules relating to CAT, Stamp Duty and Capital Gains Tax, and the reliefs available in respect thereof in a farming context.

Employment Law

Legal Obligations of Farmers who are Employers.

Assessment Breakdown

	%
Continuous Assessment	20.00%
Project	50.00%
End of Module Formal Examination	30.00%

Continuous Assessment

Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Project	Law Project (as prescribed)	1,2,3	50.00	n/a
Examination	In-class examination assessing students knowledge of Learning Outcomes 4 and 5	4,5	20.00	n/a

No Project

No Practical

End of Module Formal Examination

Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Formal Exam	Terminal Exam	4,5	30.00	End-of-Semester

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Module Workload

Workload: Full Time		
<i>Workload Type</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i>
Lecture	12 Weeks per Stage	6.00
Independent Learning	15 Weeks per Stage	11.87
Total Hours		250.00

Module Delivered In

Programme Code	Programme	Semester	Delivery
CW_SWOAG_B	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Organic Agriculture	7	Mandatory
CW_SWSFM_B	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Sustainable Farm Management and Agribusiness	7	Mandatory