



PRESIDENT'S REPORT
UFU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2015

Since our Executive meeting last month the Union has been involved in a wide range of activities.

AGRIFOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

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SECTORAL ISSUES

- **Beef & Lamb**
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- **Dairy**
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• **Cereals**

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• **Potatoes**

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• **Vegetables**

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• **Poultry**

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• **Apples**

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• **Basic Payment Scheme**

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• **Cross Compliance**

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• **Rural Development**

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LAND MOBILITY SCHEME

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YOUNG DRIVERS

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UK REFERENDUM ON EU MEMBERSHIP (Brexit)

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ENVIRONMENT

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

- **Future of ROCs**
- The Union has recently responded to the DETI consultation on the closure of the NIRO for onshore wind generation from the end of March 2016, a year earlier than planned.
- We have estimated that this could cost the local farming industry at least £20 million and have called on DETI to defer the eligibility date for small scale onshore wind 'non-cluster connections' to the end of March 2016 and to then allow a two-year grace period for connections.
- A meeting was also held recently with several NI MPs on this issue and meetings with the local Enterprise Minister and the responsible UK Environment and Climate Change Minister are now urgently being sought.

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- **Electricity Infrastructure**
 - The Union met with both SONI (System Operator NI) and EirGrid recently to discuss the development of two of these specific infrastructure projects in the west of the Province and an update on the North/South Interconnector was also obtained.
- **On-farm Renewables Event**
 - The Union is involved in this practical event which is taking place at Greenmount, CAFRE tomorrow and will cover all aspects of renewables with seminars, tours, and trade stands.

LAND VESTING

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REVIEW OF NON-DOMESTIC RATES

- Irrelevant Information redacted by the RHI Inquiry

'GAS TO THE WEST' PROJECT

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RURAL CRIME

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NORTH AMERICAN/EU AGRICULTURAL CONGRESS

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