

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
UFU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
31 OCTOBER 2012**



In the 5 weeks since our last Executive meeting, while there have been no major new issues, there have been developments on several other existing ones.

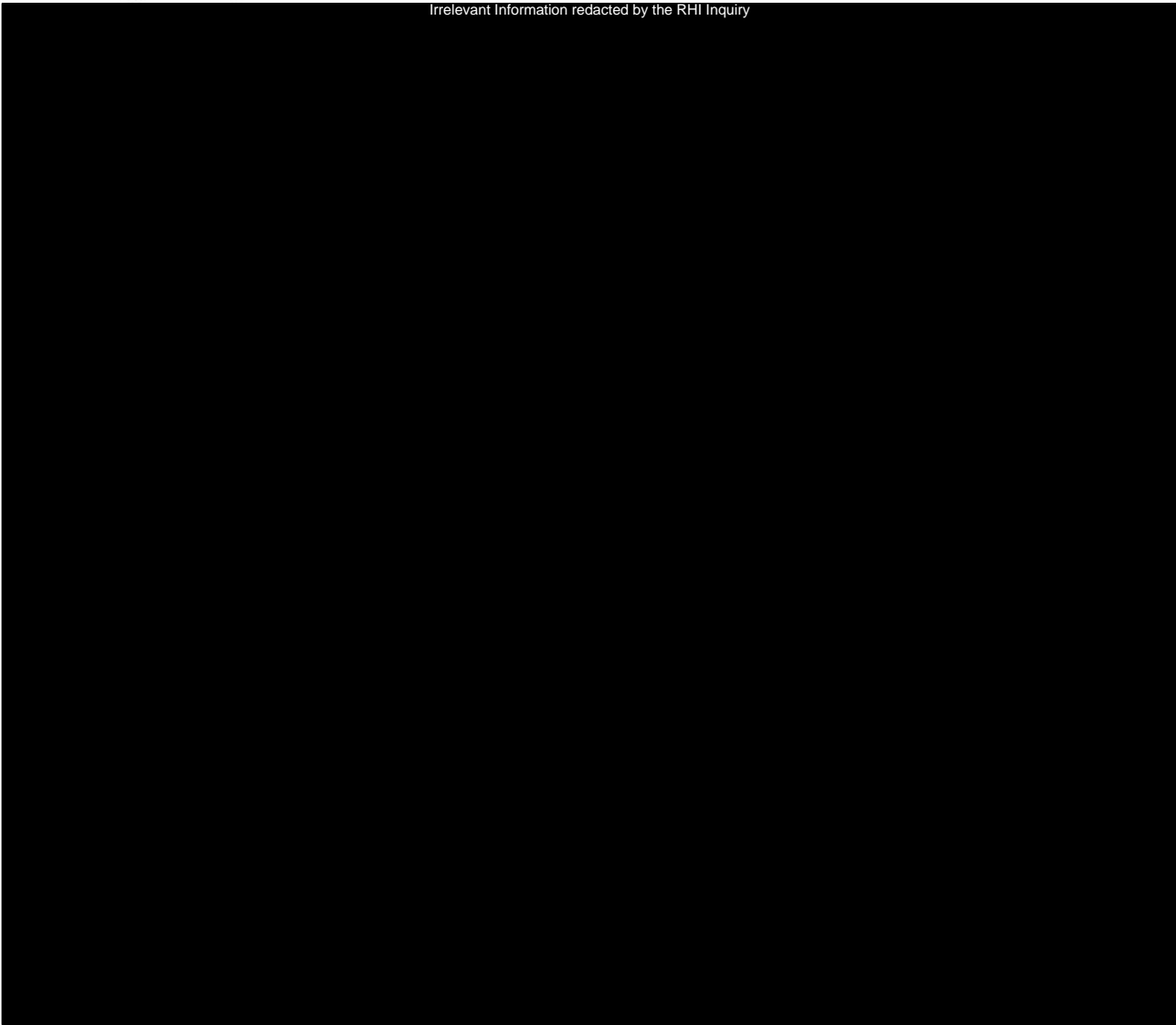
PRODUCER MARGINS

- **General**

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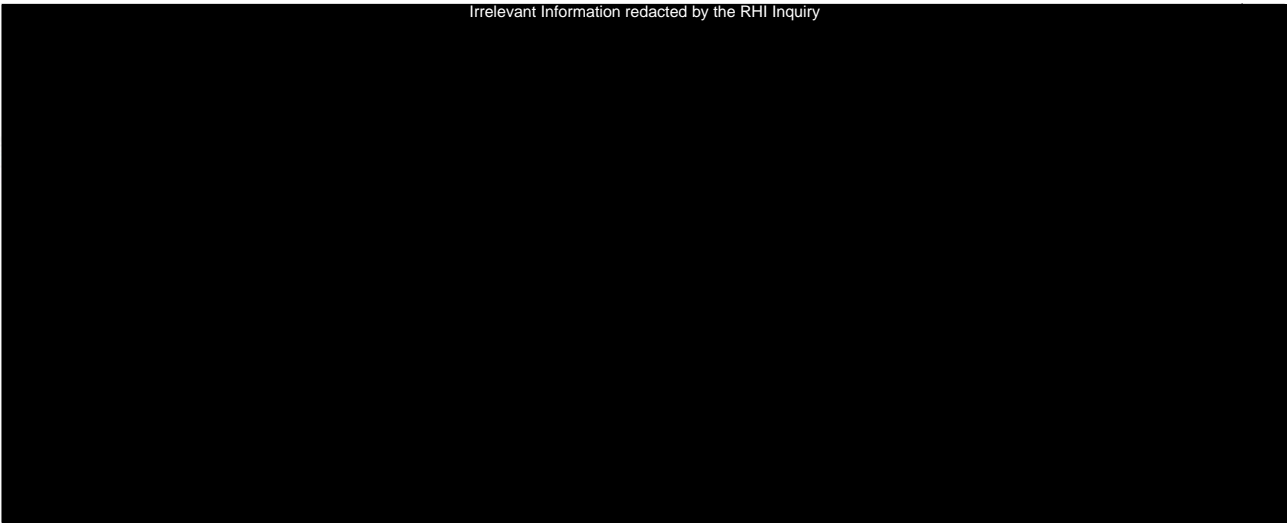
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CAP

- **Single Farm Payment (SFP)**

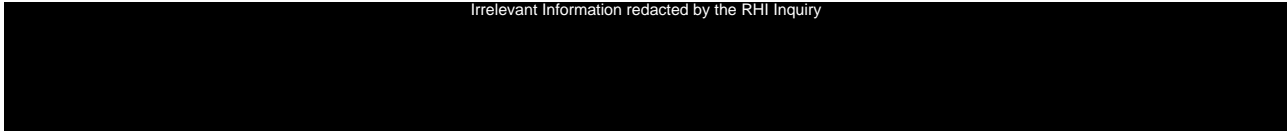
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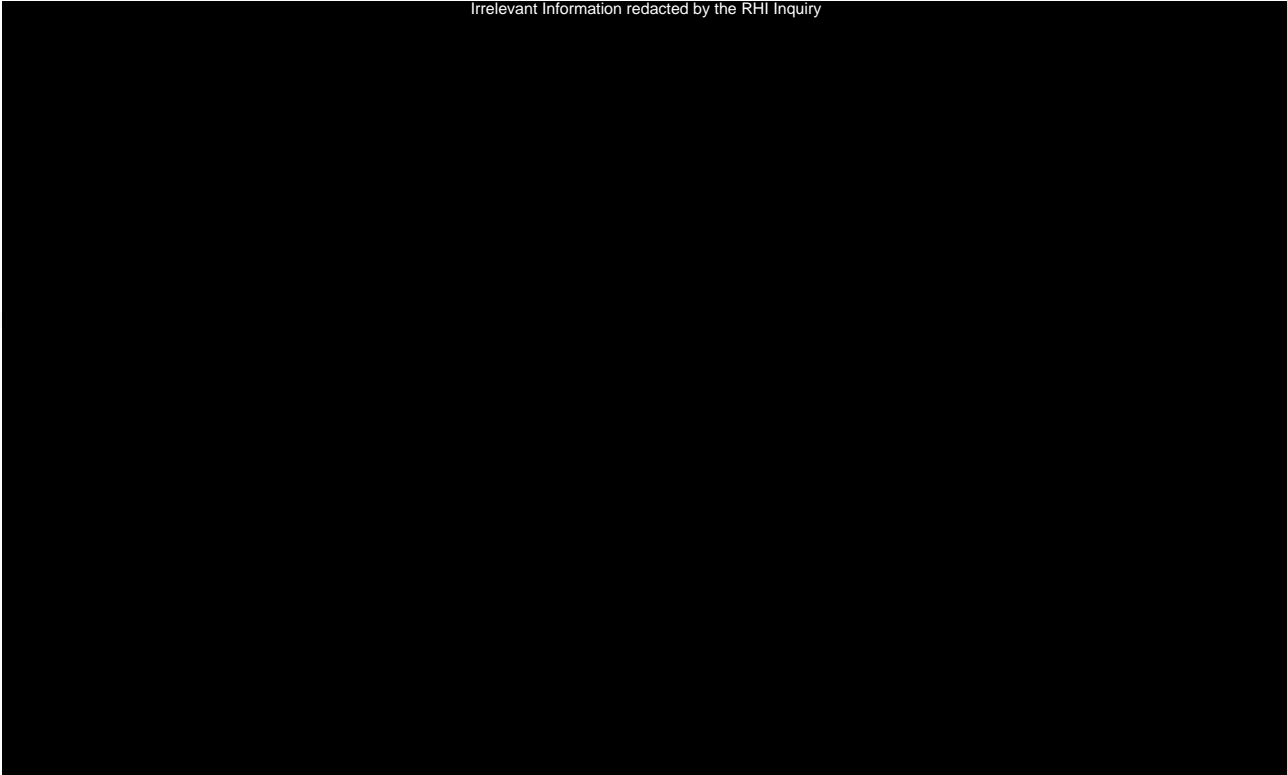
- **New Farm Maps (Land Parcel Identification System LPIS)**

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- **CAP Post-2013**

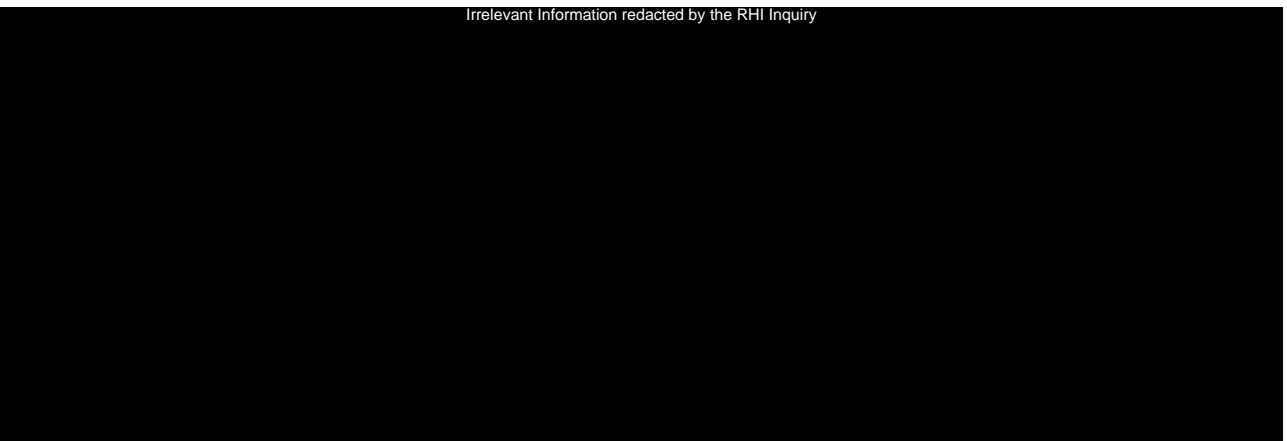
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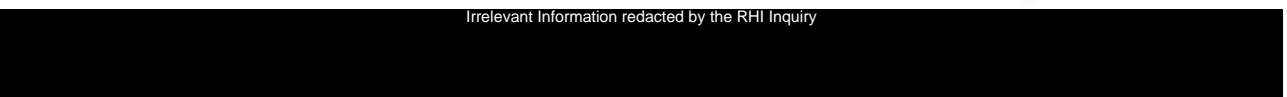
- **Slurry Spreading Closed Period**

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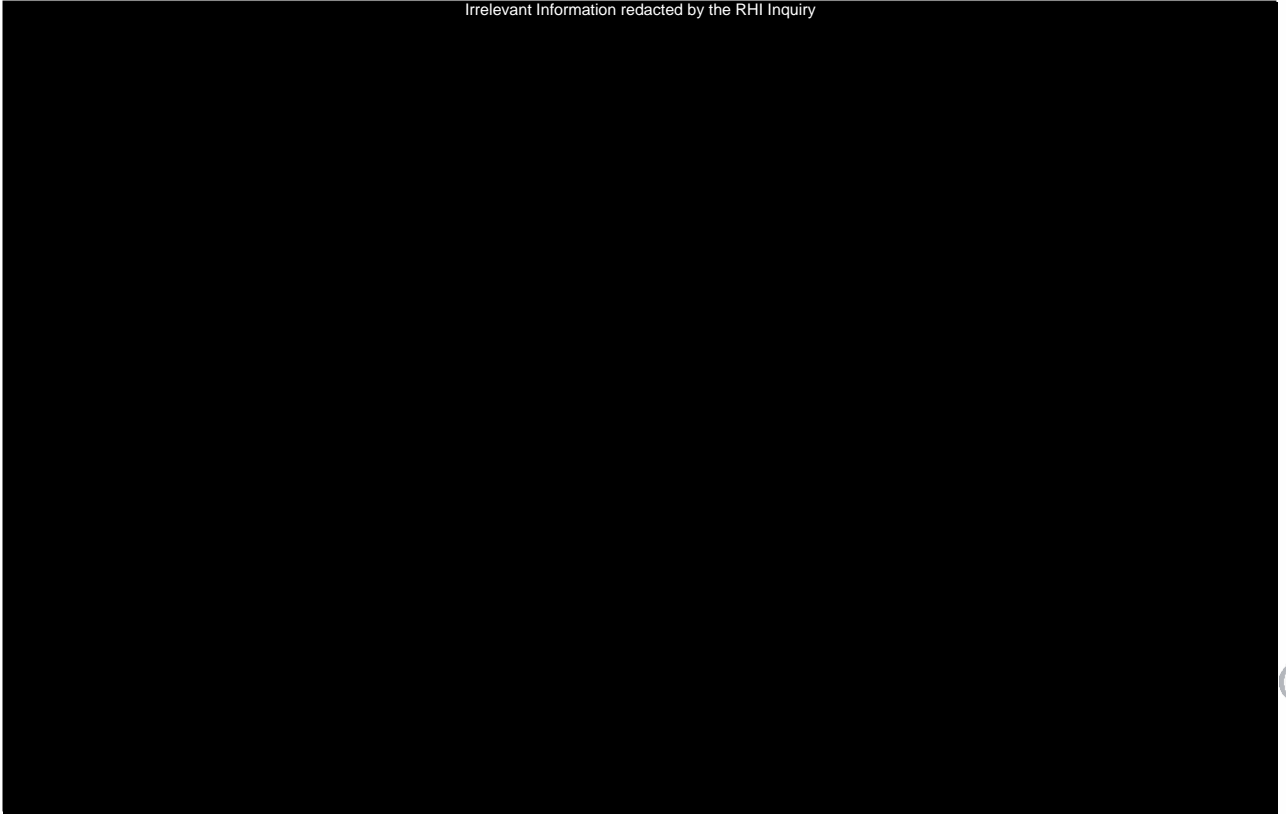


- **National Parks**

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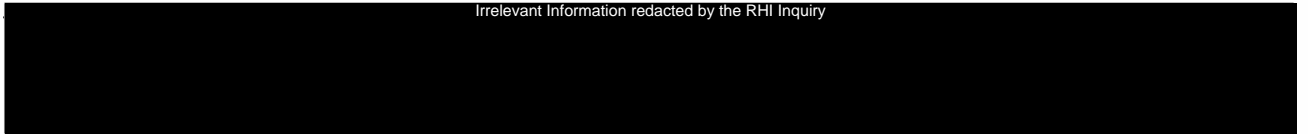


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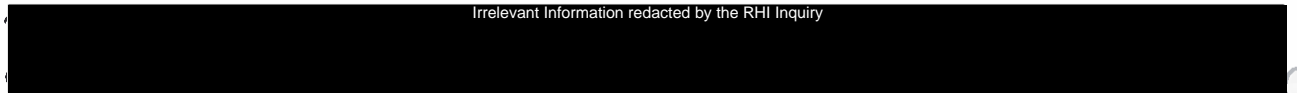
- **NI Environment Agency (NIEA) Inspections**

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- **Future Agri-Environment Schemes**

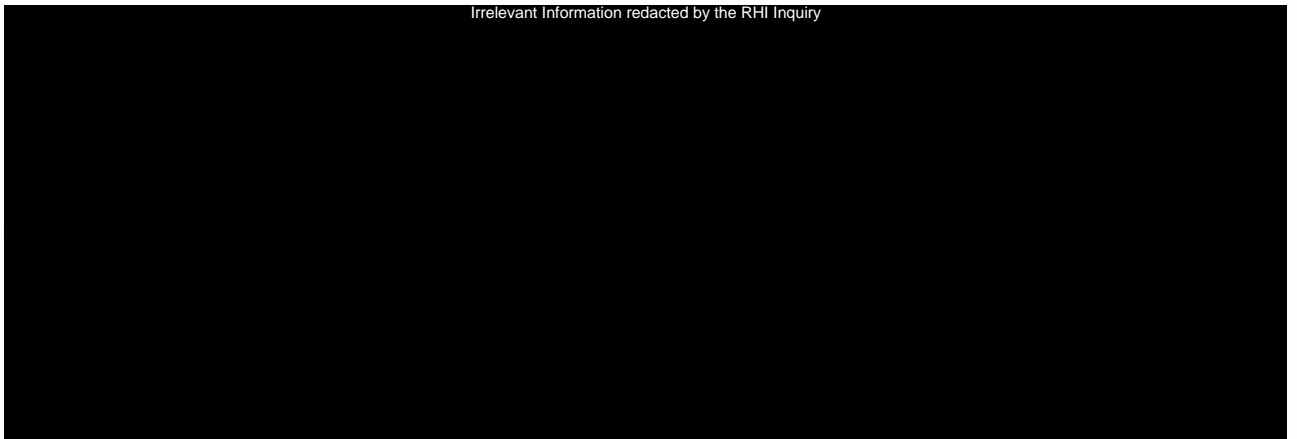
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ANIMAL/PLANT HEALTH

- **Schmallenberg Virus**

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- **Aujeszky's Disease**

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- **Bovine TB/Badgers**

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- **UFU/IFA Meeting with NI Agriculture Minister**

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- **Ash Dieback Disease**

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FARM SAFETY

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NI WATER/LOUGH NEAGH

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FARM MODERNISATION PROGRAMME

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AGRISEARCH/RURAL SUPPORT

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

- The Union were **critical of the Utility Regulator's decision to increase charges for connecting to the electricity grid or increasing capacity** by removing the existing subsidies available which will undoubtedly hold back the roll-out of small-scale on-farm renewables
- The Union has however welcomed the announcement made by the NI Agriculture Minister to **re-open the EU co-financed Biomass Processing Challenge Fund (BPCF) for a second Tranche** which will provide up to 40% of the cost of an eligible project (the application period closes on 30 November).

BOARD REPORT

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