

Crop Nutrition Club East Ireland



NUTRI-CHECK NET
OPTIMISING CROP NUTRITION

Region: County Wexford

Members: 6 farms (183ha-612ha)

Crops: Wheat, barley, osr, beans, oats and potatoes

Livestock: Cattle

Nutrient Management Challenges:

- The wet weather this year has proven to be very tough for farmers to travel on ground. A lot of winter crops struggled to germinate in the wet autumn leaving very thin crops on the ground. The wet spring has meant that many fields were sown in sub-optimal conditions with all the nitrogen being placed with the seed instead of split timings which in a normal year is considered best practice. On top of this the crops were sown very late (mid-May). This could lead to a yield penalty or worse still a late harvest in difficult weather similar to last year.
- Another challenge identified by this CNC is quantifying soil health. A number of the farmers want to know if soil health can be quantified in terms of nutrient supply, yield and quality gains and ease of travel and workability in terms of diesel consumption and time.