

# Crop Nutrition Club North Ireland



**NUTRI-CHECK NET**  
OPTIMISING CROP NUTRITION

**Region: North County Dublin**

**Members: 4 farms (134-612ha)**

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

**Livestock: Beef Cattle**

## **Nutrient Management Challenges:**

- A wet autumn meant that many of the winter crops sown struggled to germinate although not to the same extent as the growers further south. Spring crops were also sown relatively late but again not to the same extent as further south. The potato growers in this club really struggled with some only finishing on the 20th of May.
- Some of the growers in this club use leaf analysis but they feel that sometimes the results are returned too late for them to actually correct the problem whether it be a deficiency or a saving to be made from reducing the rate of nutrient applied.
- A few farmers are being pushed to use bio-stimulants or other products claiming to increase the yield, health and quality of their crops. However they feel there is not enough independent research completed on these and they often discern that more education and awareness is needed on these products coming from independent research organisations and institutes.