

Farm Forestry

Forestry is now recognised as a legitimate part of the farm enterprise. It is actively promoted by the Irish Farmers Association as a means for farmers to get stable long term income from premiums. In addition to the annual income the farmer has an asset that increases in value year on year. Here are a few reasons why farmers should consider planting.



- Forestry provides a real alternative to other farm enterprises on marginal sites.
- Farmers can get up to €499 per ha for 20 years.
- Forest premiums are tax free
- Forest premiums provide a stable form of income
- For part time farmers it allows for downsizing of other farm enterprises while increasing overall income
- Under CAP reform farmers can plant up to 50% of their land without losing entitlements. This can provide for an increase in annual farm income while also providing for pension planning through the growing asset.

Thinking of planting

Forest Enterprises Limited offers a full establishment service which includes:

- Site assessment
- Submission of application for approval
- Plantation establishment
- Maintenance for 4 years
- Annual meetings with client
- Fire and Public Liability insurance for 4 years.
- Administration



Forest Enterprises Limited offers this service as part of a 4 year contract based upon that developed by the IFA/ITGA. In this contract Forest Enterprises Limited will establish the plantation and maintain it for 4 years. Our payment will be the afforestation and maintenance grants which are only payable once the plantation has achieved standards set down by the Forest Service.

Already planted



Having invested in forestry it is important to plan to protect your investment. We offer the following services with this in mind:

- Grant applications

Apart from the afforestation scheme there are a host of other schemes which may be of benefit to your plantation. These include the High Pruning Scheme, Shaping of Broadleaves Scheme, Forest Roding Scheme and Reconstitution Scheme.



- Management planning

As plantations approach thinning stage it is necessary to plan for the rest of the rotation. Our management plans give details of the present growing stock, a operational plan for a set period and a timber production forecast.

- Forest Roding

Many of the plantations planted in the late 1980s are nearing thinning stage. In order for them to be thinned it is necessary to construct a road network that will optimise extraction from the plantation.



- Harvesting and Timber Sales

Harvesting is a vital part of the management of a plantation and it is important that it is carried out on time. Thinning provides intermediate income and periods of 3-5 years apart. Many plantations are approaching the most critical harvesting operation - First Thinning. This operation is low value (In many cases loss making) but essential to the future production potential of the entire crop. It is important to clients that the cost of the operation is minimised and that is why it is important to hire Forest Enterprises Limited. Forest Enterprises Limited will undertake to minimise cost through combining operations into one and handling both the sale and supervision of the harvesting operation.



- Management contracts

Management contracts are designed to provide piece of mind to the farmer. Our management contracts include the compilation and implementation of a management plan, an annual report and annual meetings. For an annual fee per acre you have the piece of mind of know your forest is being managed professionally.

Buying or selling plantations



Forest Enterprises Limited is Ireland's leading purchaser of semi-mature and mature plantations. We are currently looking for plantations of all ages to satisfy investor demand. Contact us if you have a plantation you want to sell.

