

Farm Forestry Integration

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Position to end of May 2021

- Only 6 Agroforestry cases submitted since the start of the FGS
- Last 6 months significant interest in wide spaced trees on farms
- Proposals range from 0.25ha to 15ha and on all land types
- Significant increase as well in the Woodland grazing option



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Moving forwards

- Currently revising options and guidance
- Considering a challenge fund approach where applicants submit total cost for the project and be awarded on best value for money
- Considering alternative protection methods that would allow for early grazing by cattle (next slide)
- Considering a pro-active approach with older WGS schemes where Ash is a key component but is now dying. Remove the Ash and allow grazing and encourage establishment of an alternative area on the property
- The above approach is currently being piloted on the farm we visited in 2019 as part of the annual conference



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