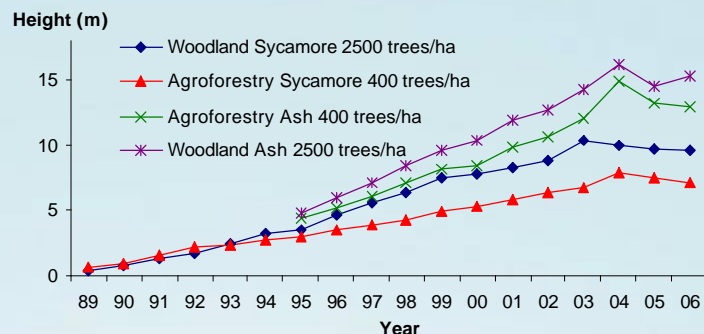


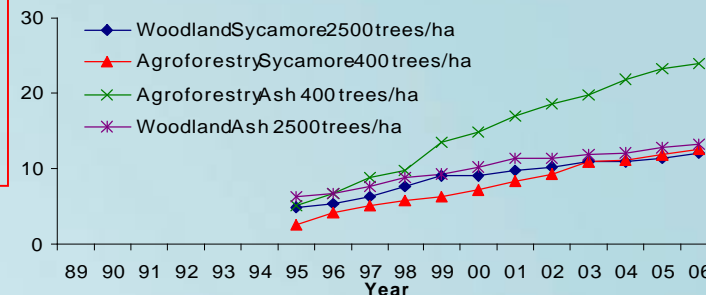
Life in AFBI after the National Network Silvopastoral Experiment (NNE) - Some good news -



Previous Research on Agroforestry

- 2 NNE sites (lowland and upland)
- Participated in EU programme (FAIR)
- Silvoarable trial area established
- Active membership of Farm Woodland Forum
- Three on farm demonstration sites

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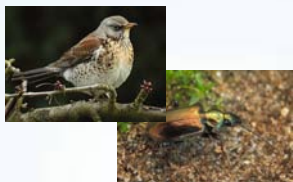
DARD has agreed to fund (through AFBI) a 3 year project to follow on the back of the successful agroforestry research programme carried in Northern Ireland since 1989.

Sustainability of Trees in Woodland and Farm Ecosystems

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Biodiversity assessment and animal welfare.



Promotion and Technology transfer using farm focus groups, open days and conferences.



New tree development potential as energy crops.



Economic, social and ecological sustainability of trees.



Soil chemistry assessment to investigate agroforestry as a means of reducing nutrient runoff from slurry.



The granting of this project will enable us to continue to use the resources developed at AFBI Loughgall