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TOPIC: “Going for Growth? Agricultural and climate change policy in Ireland towards 2030”

Over the last 20 years the Irish Government together with Industry stakeholders have every 5 years developed 10 year forward looking Irish agri-sector development strategies. The most recent version of these strategies (FoodWise 2025) has set targets for dynamic growth in agricultural sector output - largely based on growth in Irish milk output. Increasing the output of the Irish agricultural sector will, if associated with increased levels of agricultural activity, lead to growth in Irish agriculture’s greenhouse gas emissions. Growth in greenhouse gas emissions from Irish agriculture, given its importance in Ireland’s total GHG, is likely to lead to conflicts between Irish commitments as a member of the EU to reduce its total level of GHG emissions. In this paper we explore whether or not it will be possible to resolve the conflict between an agricultural policy that seeks to increase the value and volume of output and climate change policy that is required to deliver reductions in GHG emissions. While Irish agriculture accounts in an EU context for an unusually large share of total GHG emissions the conflict between growing the volume of agricultural output and reducing agriculture’s GHG emissions is one faced at EU and Global levels.

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TOPIC: „Agriculture towards a more sustainable development: the case of Wallonia (South of Belgium)“

The new Common Agricultural Policy defined in 2013 and implemented since 2015 created the so-called “green payment” and also supports organic farming and origin-labelled products in order to produce more sustainable agricultural activities. This paper analyses the impact of the green payment on Walloon agriculture in 2015 and the evolution of organic farming and origin-labelled products in the South of Belgium.