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Major IFA Campaigns Autumn 2011

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| BUDGET 2012 | Protecting Farm Schemes such as REPS, AEOS, Disadvantaged Areas and Suckler Cow |
| CAP 2013 | Securing SFP, CAP and Rural Development funding post 2013 |
| MERCOSUR & WTO | Resisting damaging South American imports |
| LAND IMPROVEMENT | Resisting environmental restrictions on ongoing necessary improvement works |
| TAXATION | Retaining essential incentives and reliefs for investment/restructuring. Ensuring equity for farmers |
| CREDIT | Assisting farmers with cashflow and banking difficulties |
| PRICES | Maximising producer prices across all sectors – Beef, Dairy, Grain, Lamb, Pigmear & Poultry |
| COSTS | Improving competitiveness by campaigning to reduce input costs and red tape. Pursuing Dairy Industry consolidation and efficiency |
| RETAILERS | Government must deliver 'Fair Play' by securing equity for farmers in the food supply chain |
| PAYMENTS | Pressing for prompt pay-out of SFP, Disadvantaged Areas, REPS/AEOS, Suckler Cow, Sheep Grassland and Forestry payments |
| INSPECTIONS | Fair regime with proper notice, right of appeal, reasonable tolerances and reduced penalties |
| REWARDING | Quality, increasing market returns and access through better & more focused marketing, QPS, live exports etc |
| ALTERNATIVES | Developing alternative profitable enterprises including forestry and renewable energy |
| FARM SAFETY | Major awareness campaign: THINK SAFETY – FARM SAFELY |



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IFA – Delivering Real Returns for Farmers

| Progress in Farm Price Campaigns* | |
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| Beef Prices: Finished cattle up €160/head Weanlings/Stores up €170/head | Grain: Up to 30% of 2011 harvest forward sold at premium prices |
| Milk Price: Up 4c/l in 2011 | Lamb Price: Up €11/head |

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| Importance of farming | Agri-food sector re-established as a key economic driver | Farmer creditors assisted | Payment deals negotiated with banks on Superquinn and Groomes |
| Live exports strongly defended | Reaching 340,000 head for 2010, EU restrictions averted | Farm women | Pensions restored |
| Input costs challenged | Regular IFA price surveys on fertiliser, fuel and feed ingredients benefit farmers by maximising competition and reducing costs | Property/Site Valuation Tax | Commitment from new Govt that productive assets including farmland will not be taxed |
| On-farm inspections | Land eligibility down 18%. Cattle ID down 40% | EPA | Negotiations yielding results for pigs and poultry |
| Separate herd numbers | Issue resolved | Farm Assist | Assessment on current year basis; increased numbers to 11,500 |
| Rights of way | New low cost system of registering existing rights of way | Turfcutters | Compensation of €1,000 annually for 15 years achieved; higher payment sought |
| Discussion Groups' support | €6m/year EU scheme pays each participant €1,000/year for 3 years | €1.78bn Direct Payments paid | Single Farm Payment and Disadvantaged Area payments |
| €22.5m/year Animal Health savings | Delivered including Brucellosis and TB testing | AEOS 1 | 8,600 farmers receiving up to €5,000/year for 5 years |
| BSE testing age | Extended from over 48 to over 72 months, worth €1.7m/year | New AEOS 2 for 2011 | 7,000 farmers will receive up to €4,000/year |
| NPWS Sheep Destocking Payment | Increased by 50% | €18m/year Sheep Package paid | Worth up to €10 per ewe |
| Malting Barley | Price mechanism for 2011 harvest will deliver close to €200/t | Farm Investment Grants | 2,000 farmers in TAMs including Pig & Poultry Welfare, Dairy Equipment, Sheep Handling & Fencing and Water Harvesting |
| Farm-to-farm trading | Increased margins for growers and feeders | €120 FWM final tranche paid | Benefitting 17,400 farmers plus €12m interest top-up |
| Climate Change | Bill stopped | Forestry budget 2011 | Allocation will allow 7,000 ha planting |

*Price increases during 2011 up to 14th August