

Pathways to Pollinator-Biodiversity

Processors' Supply Chains

This flyer is a suggested step-by-step guide through which Processors' supply chains can begin to:

- **Identify and learn more about pollinator-biodiversity on their farm/land/sites.**
- **Understand and deliver simple, evidence-based actions to support pollinator-biodiversity.**
- **Measure/record what's happening to pollinator-biodiversity on their farm/land/sites.**

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan (AIPP)

One third of the island's 100+ wild bee species is threatened with extinction because we have drastically reduced the amount of food and safe nesting sites that support them. The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is a shared plan of action, a framework, bringing together different sectors across the island of Ireland, including farming/agri-business, to create a landscape where pollinators can survive and thrive. It is implemented by the **National Biodiversity Data Centre**.

Maintaining Pollinator Habitats at Farm Level

65% of Ireland's landscape is farmland and farm suppliers and growers play a vital role in supporting pollinators on their land. We know that as we take evidence-based actions for pollinators we impact on wider biodiversity.

Scoring for Farmland Pollinators

From 2019-2023 the National Biodiversity Data Centre worked on a European Innovation Partnership (EIP) project entitled **Protecting Farmland Pollinators**. Through collaborating with a pilot group of farmers of different types and intensity levels, the project developed an evidence-based whole-farm pollinator scoring system, based on simple land management changes that will not impact the farm business. It enhances the actions highlighted within the AIPP guidelines **Farmland: actions to help pollinators** and creates a transparent accountability mechanism for pollinator-biodiversity friendly farms.



Origin Green

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan (AIPP) has been included within the Origin Green Charter as an optional biodiversity target for member companies. Origin Green provides part-funding for the AIPP Agri-business officer.

Farm suppliers and growers, actions for pollinator-biodiversity might include:



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- 1 Follow and deliver specific, evidence-based actions** per **Farmland: actions to help pollinators** guidelines
 - Maintain native flowering hedgerows.
 - Allow native wildflowers to grow around the farm.
 - Provide nesting places for wild bees.
 - Minimise artificial fertiliser.
 - Reduce pesticide use.
- 2 Complete free online pollinator-biodiversity courses**
 - **Bord Bia Farm Sustainability Learning Hub**
 - Free **online courses** - Bumblebees, Farmland Hoverflies etc.
- 3 Participate in recording via Biodiversity on Your Farm**
 - A simple **recording initiative** (online).
 - No experience necessary.

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Key Events

Increase engagement by aligning with key events:

- Festival of Farmland Biodiversity (online - month of May)
- World Bee Day (20 May)
- Biodiversity Week (May)
- Pollinator Week (June)
- Or external events such as Ploughing Championships (September)

AIPP Marketing collateral:

- AIPP monthly [newsletter](#).

AIPP Social Media

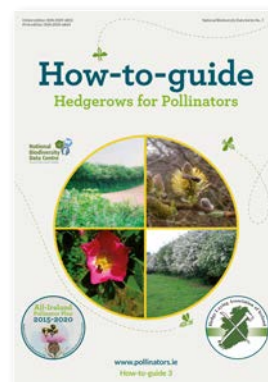
- Follow AIPP:

✉ @PollinatorPlan

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Resources:

Processors can direct farm suppliers and growers to the AIPP evidence-based [resources for farmland](#).



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