

Farming Working Report for March 2024.

The awful weather continues with sodden fields, consistently running drains and flooding. But we hope for better things now that the days are getting longer and warmer. At least the spring flowers are on time and perhaps a bit early due to the lack of any real cold, frosty weather this winter. At least no frozen water pipes to contend with.

On many farms straw for bedding and feeding is a real problem and prices show this with a large square bale fetching around £70.00 each delivered in. It is also in very short supply and will be even in shorter supply this autumn due to the rather pathetic looking crops of winter wheat around the area, with many fields showing signs of distress and large bare patches which will not return and may need to be sown with spring barley. This will then only be useful for bedding or feeding cattle. Many farmers are going to replant another crop where winter wheat or grass seed has failed due to the constant wet weather.

I was listening to a very interesting You Tube video this week, called ... Can agriculture save the planet ? This was done by an independent company ABP Prism, ABP owns several abattoirs in the country and I believe is Irish. Have a listen as it is very informative.

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