# Chairman's Award for Good Environmental Practice on the farm for 2020

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| **Q1 Describe your farm – tillage, dairy mixed, etc. (max 200 words)** |
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| **Q2 Describe your nutrient management, including protection of watercourses, streams, wells etc. (max 200 words)** |
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| Q3 How do you manage waste on the farm? e.g. animal waste, plastic waste, recycling. (max 200 words) |
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| Q4 Describe how you care for and enhance hedgerows on the farm? (max 200 words) |
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| Q5 Describe how you encourage and protect biodiversity on the farm? (max 200 words) |
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| Q6 Describe how you look after built heritage? E.g. old piers / gates, buildings, masonry arch bridges, vintage machinery (max 200 words) |
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| **Q7 Describe any changes you have made to any practices on the farm in relation to climate change e.g. fuel usage or energy usage reduction? (max 200 words)** |
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| **Q8 Please give details of any addition information in support of your application. E.g. Do you participate in any other environmental accredited schemes? Do you take any action to mitigate against damaging effects of climate change? (max 200 words)** |
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*I acknowledge that this data will be used by the Environment Section of Laois County Council in connection with the administration of this initiative and will also be shared with a panel of judges appointed by the Council for the purposes of adjudicating entries submitted. In addition, details of the winning entries will also be shared with the Accounts Payable Section of Laois County Council for the purpose of paying the prize money. It will not be shared with any other parties. The data will only be stored for as long as is necessary under current legislation. If you require any further information regarding this collection of this data, please e-mail dataprotection@laoiscoco.ie or contact the Data Protection Officer at Laois County Council, County Hall, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. R32EHP9*

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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**Note to Applicants:**

This is an annual agricultural competition to recognize farmers for the excellent work and good environmental practices that they carry out on a daily basis on their farms.

The competition is open to all managers / owners / workers / farmers of farms based in Co. Laois.

The farm must be located in Co. Laois.

**Application Process:**

- Only applications completed on the relevant form will be accepted.
- Applications will be accepted from Monday 24th Feb to Thurs 9th April (4pm), either by post or by email to chairmansaward@laoiscoco.ie.
- Photographs should be submitted in support of the application, (max of 6).
- Applications will be judged and shortlisted in April by an independent judging panel, based on submissions received, followed by short visit to the farm for the finalists in late April 2020.
- Winners will be invited to attend Laois County Council meeting on 25th May 2020 for announcement of final placements and prize giving.
- Judges decision is final.

**Prize fund**:

First prize: €1,500 and trophy and Runner up prize of €500.

**Enquiries:**

Any questions / queries on the above may be directed through the contact details below.


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