



ACRES Circular No. 8/2022

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**Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES)
Conservation of Rare Breeds Action in ACRES**

Dear Advisor

As stated in the Specifications for ACRES General, the following have been designated as Eligible Livestock Species for the Conservation of Rare Breeds action in ACRES:

Cattle	Horses and Ponies	Sheep & Goats
Kerry	Connemara Pony	Galway
Dexter	Irish Draught	Old Irish Goat
Irish Maol (or Moiled)	Kerry Bog Pony	
Droimeann		

As stated in the Terms and Conditions of ACRES, if an applicant selects Conservation of Rare Breeds action ('the action') and shows proof of membership of breed society at the time of application, he/she may be eligible for Tier 1 priority entry to the ACRES General approach.

The specification for the action also states that, to be eligible for that action, participants must be a member of the relevant recognised breed society for the duration of the contract, with registration of animals also required.

Please be advised that the relevant Breed Societies for the eligible livestock species are as follows:

Cattle	
<u>Kerry:</u> Kerry Cattle Society Ltd G.R. Hilliard (Secretary) Cahernane Killarney Co Kerry Email: secretary@kerrycattle.ie Web: www.kerrycattle.ie	<u>Dexter:</u> Irish Dexter Cattle Association CLG Ballyhasty Cloughjordan Co Tipperary E53 HX85 Phone: 087 – 6381199 Email: office@dextercattlesociety.ie Web: https://dextercattlesociety.ie



<p><u>Irish Maol (or Moiled):</u> Seamus Holmes (Secretary) Irish Moiled Cattle Society c/o Clonarl Killygordan Co Donegal F93 D53V Email: secretary@irishmoiledcattlesociety.com Web: www.irishmoiledcattlesociety.com</p>	<p><u>Droimeann:</u> Droimeann Cattle Society Ltd Church Cross Skibbereen Co Cork Phone: 087 – 2571330 Phone: 071 – 9620406 email: jamesanthonycasey@eircom.net Web: www.droimeanncattlesociety.com</p>
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<p>Horses and Ponies</p>	
<p><u>Connemara Pony:</u> Connemara Pony Breeders Society Secretary CPBS Offices The Showgrounds Clifden Co Galway Tel: 095 – 21863 Email: enquiries@cpbs.ie Web: www.cpbs.ie</p>	<p><u>Irish Draught:</u> Horse Sport Ireland Beech House Millennium Park Naas Co Kildare Phone: 045 - 850800 Email: info@horsesportireland.ie Web: www.horsesportireland.ie</p>
<p><u>Kerry Bog Pony:</u> The Kerry Bog Pony Co-Operative Society Rosetown Lodge Newbridge Co Kildare Email: mary@marymcgrath.ie Web: www.kerrybogpony.ie</p>	



Sheep and Goats	
<u>Galway:</u> Galway Sheep Breeders Mr Tom Murphy Shrilea, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co Galway Tel: 090 9644233 Email: info@galwayssheep.ie Web: www.galwayssheep.ie	<u>Old Irish Goat:</u> The Old Irish Goat Visitor Centre Murrevagh Mulranny Co Mayo F28 X213 Phone: 087 – 2071641 Email: info@oldirishgoatsociety.com Web: www.oldirishgoatsociety.com

Please find attached a link to the Department’s Animal Breeding webpage:

[gov.ie - Animal Breeding \(www.gov.ie\)](http://www.gov.ie)

which provides contact details of all breed societies recognised by the Department (which includes those for the rare breeds). This list is kept updated as the Department is notified of changes.

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