

For the last few years, the Forest Groups have met up in a formal workshop setting. This year, the Forest Owner Group Workshop was held on **Thursday December 1st 2016** in Tullamore.

This is an occasion where producer Groups discuss and seek solutions to common issues, such as funding, sustainability, communications, etc.

Carl Coggins, from the Forest Service, addressed this year's meeting, where the proposed Pilots on Certification and Knowledge Transfer were discussed.

Insurance for Chainsaw Operators was of common concern and this issue is being pursued by A. Kelly.

Of particular interest was a presentation by Frank Barrett, on a new G.I.S. Portal, dealing with Timber Forecasting. This portal is available at-

<https://publicapps.agriculture.gov.ie/gispublic/rpfms/pages/workspace/public.jsp>

Enter your County or DED, to view forestry plots.

Volume Forecasts are available on a 5 km radius of a point selected within any DED.

Individual Plantations/fields can be printed off.

	Year	Size	Species	Harvest	Volume C/Ms	
Private	2027	Tip - 7 cm	Spruce	Thinning	15	
Private	2023	14cm - 19 cm	Spruce	Thinning	298	
Private	2023	14cm - 19 cm	Other Conifer	Thinning	36	
Private	2020	7 cm - 13 cm	Spruce	Thinning	71	
Private	2029	Tip - 7 cm	Other Conifer	Thinning	1	
Private	2019	14cm - 19 cm	Other Conifer	Thinning	1	
Private	2033	14cm - 19 cm	Spruce	Thinning	128	
Private	2032	7 cm - 13 cm	Spruce	Clearfell	1748	
Private	2035	14cm - 19 cm	Spruce	Thinning	866	
Private	2031	7 cm - 13 cm	Spruce	Thinning	742	
Private	2018	>= 20 cm	Spruce	Thinning	2	
Private	2018	7 cm - 13 cm	Broadleaf	Thinning	70	
Private	2023	14cm - 19 cm	Broadleaf	Thinning	8	
Private	2031	7 cm - 13 cm	Broadleaf	Thinning	50	
Private	2028	7 cm - 13 cm	Other Conifer	Thinning	51	
Private	2024	Tip - 7 cm	Spruce	Thinning	5	