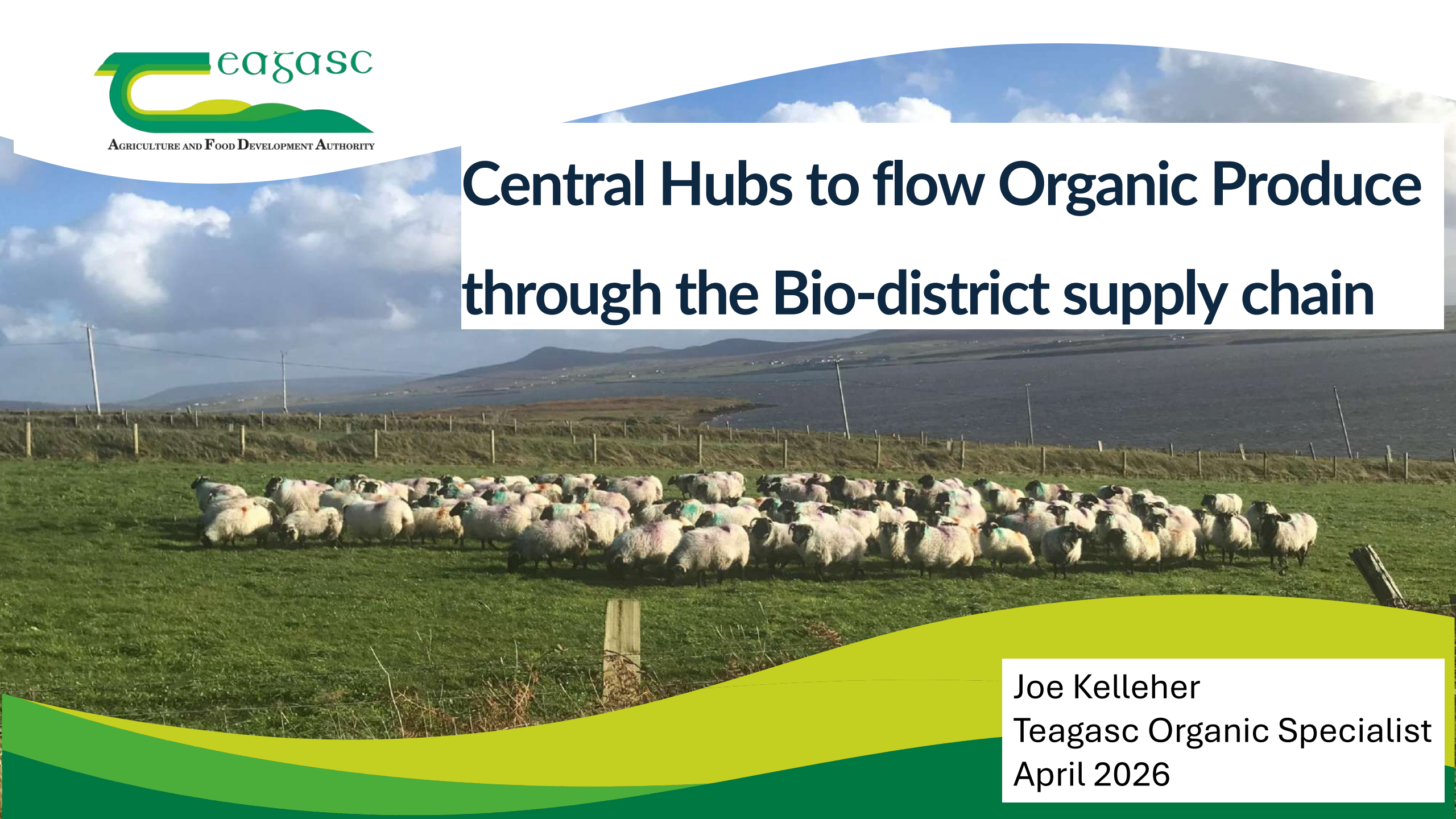


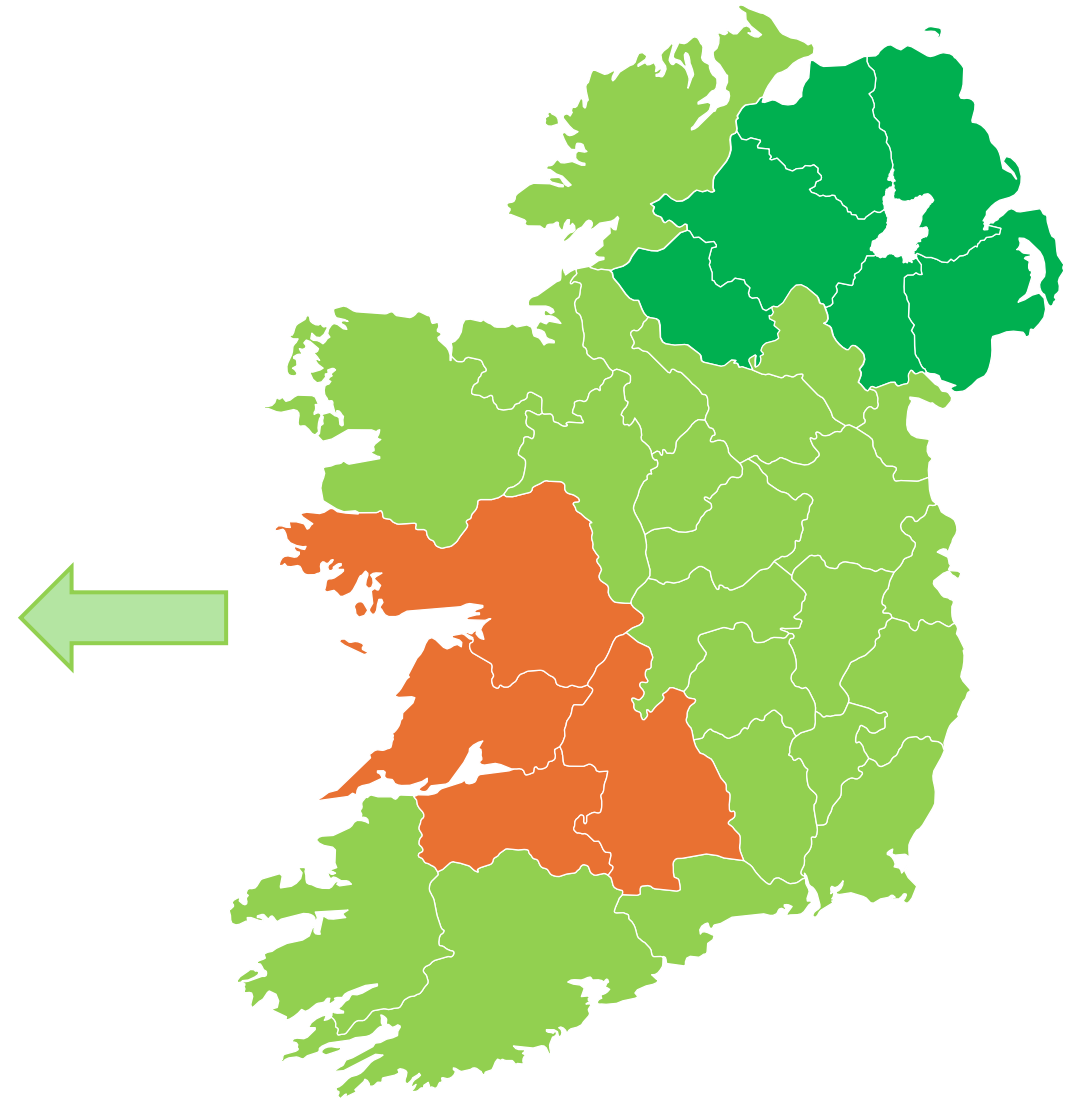
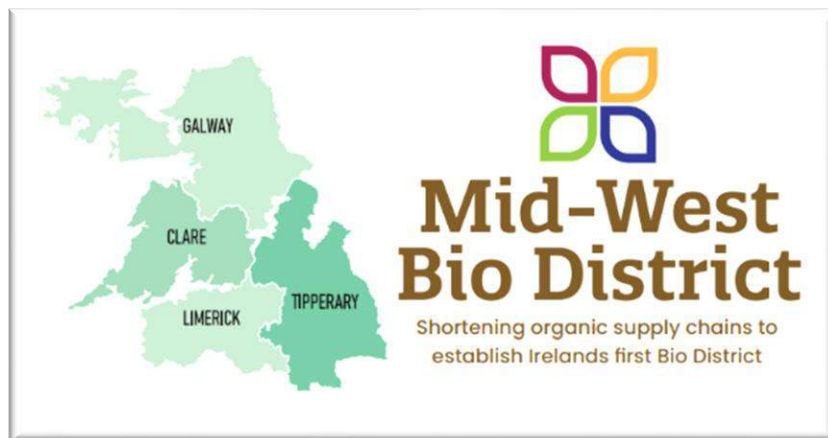
Central Hubs to flow Organic Produce through the Bio-district supply chain



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Key Facts;

- Consists of 4 counties; Clare, Galway, Limerick & Tipperary
- Home to 1,198 organic farmers
- Total Population = 783,000



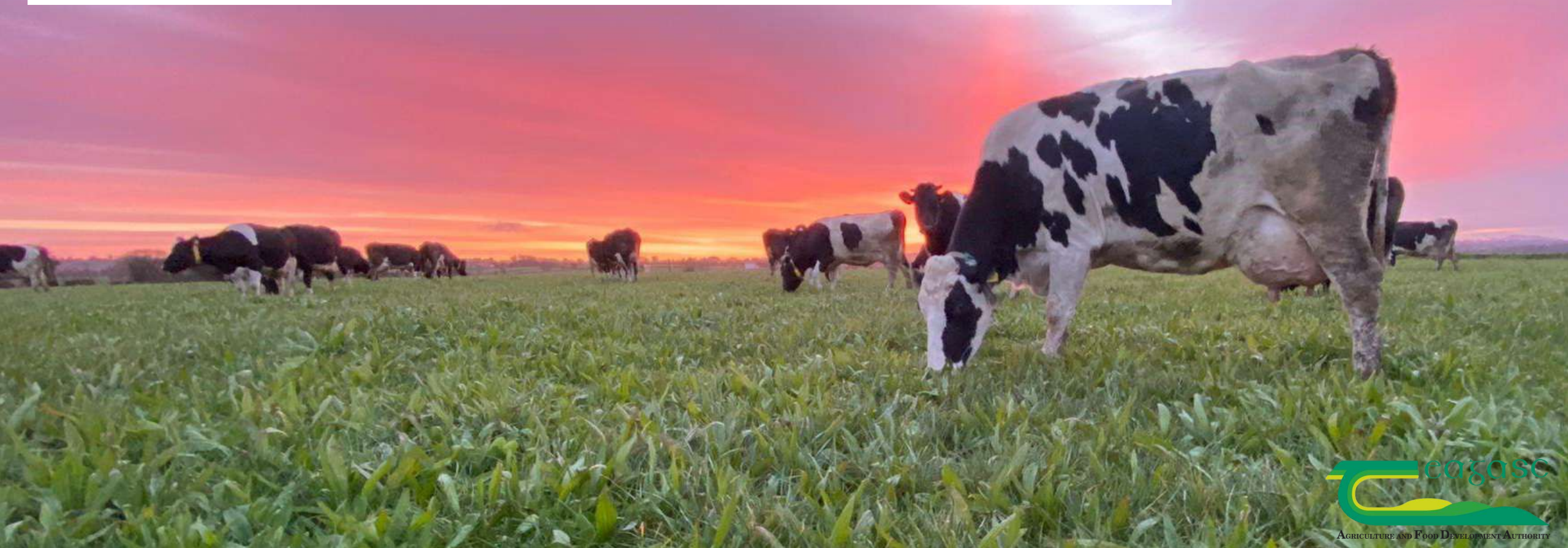
What are the challenges we faced?

- High numbers of livestock farmers with live animals to sell
- Often small holdings located a long distance from processor
- Limited number of local processing options
- Leakage of organic product into conventional supply chain



Possible Solutions?

- **Stimulate local market demand & find new routes to market**
- **Assist those interested in short supply chains**
- **Develop new hubs or identify existing hubs**
- **Learn from our horticultural colleagues**



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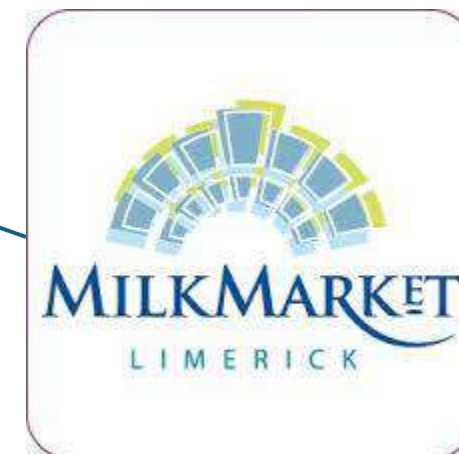
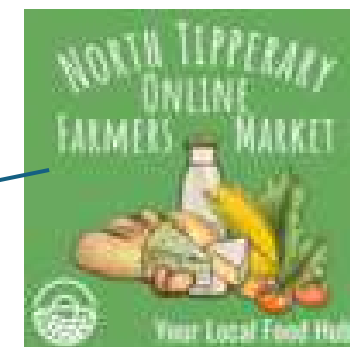
The definition of a Short Food Supply Chain (SFSC) that we use

- (EIP-AGRI) **Maximum one intermediary** between producer and consumer
- or
- (EU) “a supply chain involving a limited number of economic operators, committed to cooperation, local economic development, and close geographical and social relations between producers, processors and consumers”
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Our definition of a Food Hub

A centralised organization or physical/virtual space that manages the aggregation, storage, processing, and distribution of locally produced food from multiple small-scale producers to consumers.'





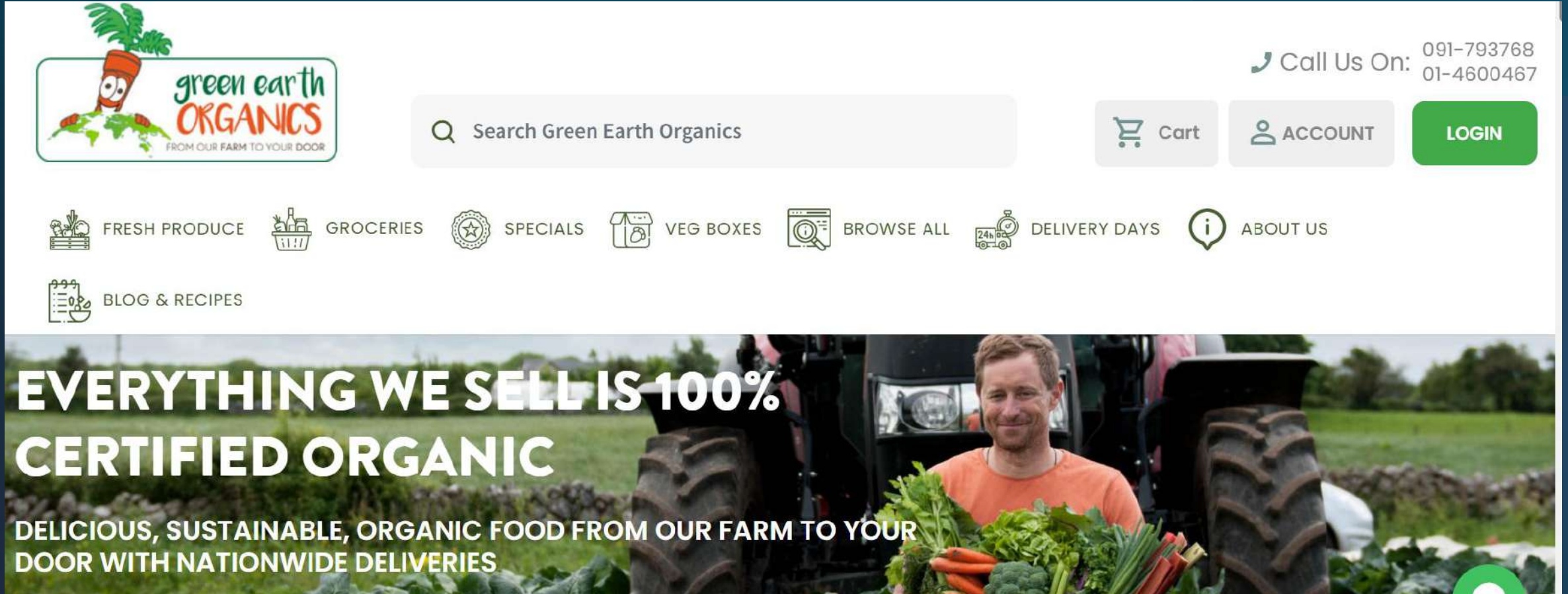
Categories of Food Hubs

Direct-to-consumer

Farm-to-business



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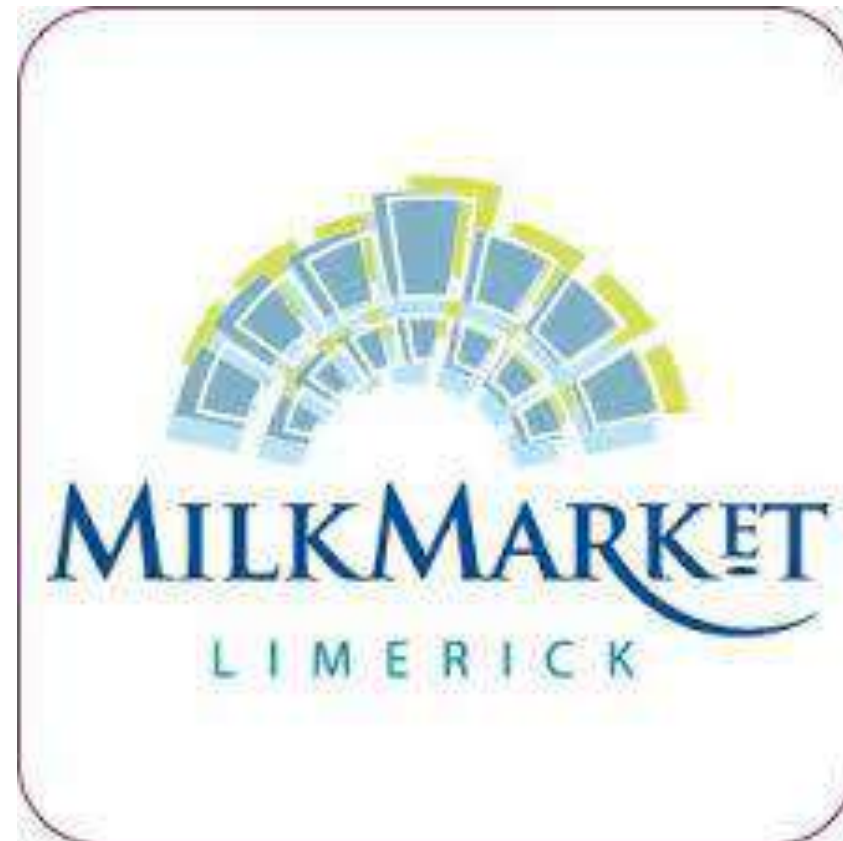
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Summary



Food Hubs within the Mid West Bio-district are key to enabling the flow of organic produce from farmers and growers to the consumer



Varying lengths of SFSCs involved



A combination of Direct to Consumer and Business to Business models enable maximum reach



Our livestock sectors can learn from their horticultural colleagues