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2024 Forestry Yearbook reflects ongoing changes in Irish forestry and highlights new Forestry Programme

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Minister with responsibility for Forestry at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Senator Pippa Hackett, today launched the **2024 ITGA Forestry and Timber Yearbook**. In welcoming the Yearbook publication, it's 35th edition, the Minister stated, ***“The 2024 ITGA Forestry and Timber Yearbook is an excellent resource for everyone involved in forestry. This year’s edition has in-depth information and advice on establishing new forests and support for sustainable forest management through the new afforestation scheme. The new Forestry Programme is a great opportunity for people to get the best value from our forests. It pays to plant trees.”***

The Irish Timber Growers Association (ITGA) Chairman, Brendan Lacey, thanked the Minister and said, *‘The 2024 Yearbook reflects the ongoing changes in Irish forestry and outlines the various measures in the new Forestry Programme, additional schemes to be introduced over the coming months, and any changes in woodland taxation and in recent timber prices paid to growers reflecting market conditions’*. He also outlined that the Yearbook highlights the many attributes of forestry including its economic, environmental and social importance through the articles and statistical information in the publication.

Donal Whelan of the Irish Timber Growers Association said, *‘the 2024 Yearbook is one of the most important sources of information for the sector and it highlights the sector’s profile nationally. The new Forestry Programme will be particularly important for timber growers and landowners.’* The Yearbook contains 208 pages of invaluable information for timber growers, forestry professionals, the timber industry and the general public.

Brendan Lacey also thanked the Yearbook sponsors Coillte, the Murray Timber Group, Bord na Mona and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and the various companies, organisations and individuals who continue to support the yearbook publication.

Yearbooks can be ordered online at www.forestryyearbook.ie or by contacting ITGA at 17 Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin; email info@itga.ie

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