Minister Launches 2026 Forestry & Timber Yearbook as

Sector Navigates Storm Recovery and Change

The Minister with responsibility for Forestry, Michael Healy-Rae TD, has launched the 2026 ITGA Forestry and Timber Yearbook, the 37th edition of the industry's definitive annual reference, highlighting its role in supporting forest owners, contractors and the wider forestry sector at a pivotal time.

Welcoming the launch, the Minister highlighted the Yearbook's practical value to the sector, stating:

"I am delighted to launch the ITGA Yearbook for 2026 which provides an excellent source of information for forest owners and contractors. When you are managing your forests, you need to know who to contact, who can provide the services you need and what are the current prices for timber. This year's directory answers those questions and will be a valuable source of information to all our forestry stakeholders to assist them in the good work that they do in managing their forests."

Chairman of the Irish Timber Growers Association (ITGA), Brendan Lacey, thanked the Minister for launching the publication and underlined the Yearbook's relevance at a critical time for the sector:

'The 2026 Yearbook reflects the ongoing work of the Association in providing information and representation for forest owners, which is so important now more than ever, particularly following Storm Eowyn and the ongoing salvage of storm damaged timber. The Forestry sector has shown its ability to innovate in the past when faced with such challenges, and in this regard the 2026 Yearbook provides valuable information for growers on forest certification, woodland taxation, timber harvesting and prices, in addition to details on current forestry programme support measures'.

Mr Lacey also noted that the Yearbook showcases the economic, environmental and social importance of forestry, supported by in-depth articles and up-to-date statistical information.

Donal Whelan of the Irish Timber Growers Association emphasised the Yearbook's standing within the sector, stating:

'The Yearbook is one of the most important sources of information for the forestry and timber sector and highlights the industry's profile nationally. The Yearbook contains 208 pages of invaluable information for timber growers, forestry professionals, the timber industry and the general public.'

Mr Lacey also expressed appreciation to the Yearbook's sponsors — Coillte, the Murray Timber Group, the Irish Timber Council and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine — along with the many companies, organisations and individuals who continue to support the ITGA Yearbook.

The **2026 Forestry & Timber Yearbook** can be ordered online at **www.forestryyearbook.ie** or by contacting ITGA at **info@itga.ie**.

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Pictured at the launch of the 2026 ITGA Forestry & Timber Yearbook (L to R) Mechteld Schuller, ITGA; Patrick Murray, Murray Timber Group - Yearbook sponsors (Coillte and the Irish Timber Council also sponsors - not in photo); Minister of State for Forestry, Michael Healy-Rae TD; Brendan Lacey, Chair ITGA.

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