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Business Resilience Toolkit for Dairy Farmers

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Aim: Provide guidance and support to dairy farmers in NI to address and adapt to the current and projected impacts of climate change.



Introduction

Lakeland Dairies, a dairy cooperative society whose members produce approximately 30% of all Northern Irish milk, worked with Climate NI to adapt a Farm Business Resilience Toolkit produced by Environment Agency and National Farmers Union (NFU) in England, for use in NI. The adapted toolkit enables farmers to assess the risks facing the continuity of their business, including risks posed by climate change.

Key Research Findings

- Created a focused version of the English based toolkit which worked within the context of Northern Irish law and regulatory bodies. Both online and hardcopy methods were provided.

- Piloted initial version with a small number of farmers and used findings to adapt tool for a wider pilot study.
- Finalised tool for pilot study shared with Lakeland Dairies farmers across NI in September 2018.

Outcomes

Lakeland Dairies NI will monitor the number of farmers using the tool and gather information about the usability of the tool.

An action outlining next steps for use of the tool has been outlined in the 'Private Sector proposed activities' section, see page 44 for further details.

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