

Cork County Committee of Agriculture

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Descriptive List

Cork City and County Archives

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Identity Statement Area

Reference Code:	IE CCCA/CC/CM/AG
Title:	Cork County Committee of Agriculture
Dates:	1901 – 1980
Level of Description:	Fonds
Extent:	37 items

Context

Creator

Cork County Committee of Agriculture

Archival History

Donated to Archives in 2009 by Teagasc, Farranlea Road, Cork.

Administrative History/Biographical History

Cork County Committee of Agriculture was established and appointed by Cork County Council in December 1901, with full powers delegated to it, under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Act 1899. Local authorities were given the power to levy rates on agricultural land for investment in the development of agriculture and rural industries. Financed by this levy, the county committees of agriculture were tasked with providing technical instruction to farmers and stimulating rural industry, under the general auspices of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in Dublin.

From about 1904, the Committee administered an agricultural education scheme for the benefit of farmers and small holders in Cork, employing 5 instructors to advise on all matters connected with stock-keeping, crop-raising, purchase of manures and feeding stuffs. In the winter, lectures were delivered and classes provided. An additional 4 itinerant instructors were employed for horticulture and beekeeping, and instruction on poultry keeping and dairying was provided by a number of trained female instructors, who as well as lecturing and giving demonstrations, visited farms on request.

In 1906, the Committee consisted of all the members of Cork County Council, plus 28 other appointees including landowners such as George Culturist and R. Bench Jones.

With the creation of the Irish Free State in 1922, key functions of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction were retained, including the County Committees of Agriculture. Legislation over the years impacted on the work of the Committees, such as the Agricultural Act 1931, which strengthened their position, requiring them to administer local agricultural schemes. The 1931 Act also reduced the size of committees, which were not to exceed 32 members. Each electoral area was to have no more than 3 or 4 representatives on the committee. From this time, each county committee was given the responsibility to establish a farm advisory service.

In 1935, the Committee consisted of about 24 County Councillors plus 8 other appointees including Professor C. Boyle, U.C.C, and E. J. Cussed, Secretary of the Farmers Union.

In later years a Chief Agricultural Officer (CAO) with an advisory staff had responsibility for implementing the farm advisory programme in each county. The CAO reported to the County Agricultural Committee at monthly meetings. All staff were employed by the Committees of Agriculture. The cost of the service was split between the County Council and Dept of Agriculture. Staff numbers, qualifications and appointments were all subject to the approval of the Minister of Agriculture. Recruitment and promotions were processed by the Local Appointments Commission up to 2004.

The Committee provided scholarships to the Munster Dairy School and Agricultural Institute, Model Farm Road, Cork, where pupils obtained qualifications in fields such as poultry keeping and butter making, qualifications which enabled them to seek employment as county agricultural instructors under the schemes administered by the County Committee. The Committee was also tasked with providing subsidies to agricultural shows held within the county.

In 1977, the objectives of the Committee were described in the minutes as working for better farming, leading to better incomes, and better living standards, for farmers in the county.

1980 saw the establishment of An Chomhairle Oiliúna Talmhaíochta (ACOT) (the Agricultural Training Council) and a reduction in the responsibilities of County Committees of Agriculture. Their new role involved monitoring the work of ACOT at local level, and organising educational and advisory programmes within their counties, programmes which were to be approved by ACOT. In 1988 ACOT was amalgamated with An Foras Talúntais (AFT) (the Agricultural Research Institute, a body

established in 1958 to conduct agricultural research). This resulted in the formation of a new organisation, Teagasc, which remains in operation today. The formation of Teagasc saw the disestablishment of Ireland's County Committees of Agriculture for which there was no longer a role. Teagasc provides advice, education, training and research services to the agriculture and food industry.

Content and Structure

Scope and Content

The archives of the Cork County Committee of Agriculture consist of minute books, attendance registers, and financial records.

Registers of attendance at committee meetings, September 1953 –January 1978.

Minute books, recording the proceedings of meetings and decisions made, 1901 to 1980. These records are a valuable source for social and economic history, and the local history of Cork County. The records help to document the impact of various events on Cork's agricultural industry including the First World War, the establishment of the Irish Free State, the impact of trade agreements, the Economic War, the Second World War and Ireland's entry into the E.E.C.

Financial records, 1902 to 1968. The largest series of financial records are the financial statements of expenditure books (books containing records of the funds spent), comprising of seven volumes, 1902 to 1953. There are six volumes of financial minutes (official records of monetary actions), 1939 - 1950 and two receipt books (books containing a record of money received), 1921-1937. Also found are an Inspector's Travel Log, 1956 – 1958 and Salary Sheets, 1954 - 1956.

Both the minute books and financial records provide an insight into the schemes which were operated by the County Committee with the approval of the Department of Agriculture, including agricultural and horticultural instruction, poultry keeping, butter making, bee keeping, a fruit tree scheme, fox eradication, rabbit extermination, tillage, shelter belt and lime and sea sand subsidy schemes, breeding schemes for cattle, horses, pigs and sheep. References are also made to agricultural colleges including the Albert College at Glasnevin and the Munster Institute.

Arrangement

A. Attendance Registers 1953 – 1978 (2 items)

B. Minute Books 1901 -1980 (13 items)

C: Financial Records 1902 - 1963 (22 items)

Conditions of Access and Use

Access: Open for research by appointment for those holding a current readers ticket

Language: English, some Irish

Finding Aids: Descriptive List

Related Material

CCCA:

CC Archives of Cork County Council (Minute Books, and County Secretary Files)

U619 Munster Dairy School and Agricultural Institute

PR4/2/18 Letter from Terence MacSwiney re: timber in Ballyvourney Woods

B609 Bennett's of Ballinacurra

CP/CO/M Cork City Council Minute Books

BG - various Board of Guardian records for Cork County

SM649 Industrial and Agricultural Fair, Cork, 1932

Elsewhere:

UCC Library:

Annual Reports of Cork County Committee of Agriculture, 1968 – 1969, 1979

Agriculture and the County Cork: report 1981, programme 1982 / ACOT and Cork County Committee of Agriculture

Agriculture and the County Cork: report 1982, programme 1983 / ACOT and Cork County Committee of Agriculture

Agriculture in the County Cork: report 1983 -1984, programme 1985 /ACOT and the County Cork Committee of Agriculture

National Archives of Ireland:

Archives of the Department of Agriculture

References

Daily, Mary E. (2002). *The First Department: A History of the Department of Agriculture*. Dublin: The Institute of Public Administration.

Hector, D. (1971). *The Departments Story: A History of the Department of Agriculture*. Dublin: Institute of Public Administration.

Cork Chamber of Commerce (1919.) *Cork, Its Trade and Commerce, Handbook*.

Purcell's Cork Almanac and Directory (1906)

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List of Items and Descriptions

A. Attendance Registers 1953 – 1978 (2 items)

CC/CM/AG/1 Attendance Registers

Scope and Content:

Record of attendance of members of Cork County Committee of Agriculture at committee meetings. Information recorded includes the names and signatures of committee members, and the date of committee meetings attended.

Dates: 22 September 1953 – 12 January 1978

Level of Description: series

Extent: 2 volumes

1. 22 September 1953 – 3 May 1966, (200 pp)
2. 7 June 1966 – 12 January 1978, (118 pp)

B. Minute Books 1901 -1980 (13 items)

CC/CM/AG/2 Minute Books

Scope and Content:

Minute Books of the County Cork Committee of Agriculture, including the minutes of special meetings, financial meetings, monthly meetings and the minutes of sub-committees. The minute's record the names of committee members in attendance, votes of sympathy, correspondence between Cork County Committee of Agriculture and agricultural societies and associations, and the Department of Agriculture, resolutions from both the Cork County Committee of Agriculture and the other Irish County Committees of Agriculture. Details of committee elections including the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, estimated costs for the forthcoming year and auditor's reports. Also recorded are details of selected applicants for subsidies and schemes administered by the Cork County Committee of Agriculture including scholarships, applicants selected to house premium boars and bulls and applicants selected by the committee to hold poultry stations. Information concerning the recruitment and employment of agricultural and horticultural

instructors and inspectors are also recorded in the minutes. Addresses to the committee by department officials including Ministers for Agriculture are noted. The committee's minutes provide an insight into market prices and industries reliant on agriculture such as the bacon industry, milk, and sugar industries. Reference is made to creameries, mills and distilleries. Agendas for forthcoming meetings are included in the later minute books.

Dates: 10 October 1901 - 29 November 1980

Level of Description: series

Extent: 13 volumes

1. **10 October 1901 – 3 October 1908, (127 pp)**

Includes :

Live stock scheme for 1902 (2 January 1902)

The committee advertise for a secretary (2 January 1902)

Seeking open shows for the farming community (23 January 1902)

Prize scheme for the Cork Agriculture Society Spring Show (30 January 1902)

Framing of a scheme for itinerant instructors and a poultry scheme for Cork (12 April 1902)

The committee disapprove of the establishment of factory to utilise separated milk (5 July 1902)

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction suggests that the committee's secretary should visit markets in England and Scotland (4 February 1905)

2. **5 December 1908 - 31 October 1914, (176 pp)**

Includes:

The committee seek examination papers for Winter Agriculture Classes from the Department of Agriculture (6 February 1909, p.84)

Fruit trees are sent to the wrong man, he refuses to give them back (6 February 1909, p.84)

Resolution from Mallow District Council calling for Mr Williamson to give up fields he has taken for potato growing on the farm on the Webb estate, from which Mrs Kelleher was evicted. (3 April 1909, p96)

Reference is made to instructor's expenses in the minutes of the finance committees meeting (30 April 1910)

Funds are sought to employ teachers to give instruction in elementary arithmetic (2 July 1910, p165)

The committee highlight the need to prevent the spread of American Gooseberry Mildew in County Cork (6 August 1910, p.169)

A subcommittee is formed to frame the Tillage Prize Scheme for 1911 (4 February 1911, p. 193)

Revisions to the Tillage Prize Scheme for the years 1911 to 1914 are outlined (14 February 1911, pp 196 -197)

Reference is made to agriculture instruction at National Schools (1 July 1911, p. 212)

Resolution from the County Dublin Farmers Association who are concerned about a fall in the numbers of Irish Butter Exports (1 September 1911, pp. 218 - 219)

The finance committee recommend that the horticulture instructors supply artificial manure to fruit trees when they are heavily set with fruit (25 May 1912, p. 260)

The committee protest against the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries in England with regards to retaining a twelve hour detention of cattle, sheep and pigs exported from Ireland (3 May 1913, p. 316)

The necessity for the artificial feeding of bees when food is scarce (28 June 1913, p.320)

Visit of American farmers studying the organisation of agricultural licences in Europe (5 July 1913, p. 322)

Application received from Bandon Agricultural Society seeking a grant for their autumn show (6 September 1913, p. 329)

List of fruits, vegetable and trees supplied for the committees work by Messrs Saunders (25 October 1913, p. 335)

Outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease at Naas (31 January 1914, p. 348)

Enclosure:

Envelope addressed to Mr M. Finn, M.C.C, 31 Pierce Street Clonakilty (p.308)

3. **28 November 1914 – 12 December 1925, (240 pp)**

Includes:

Bringing farmers into contact with the military (28 November 1914)

Horticulture instruction for Drishane Convent (28 November 1914)

The danger of mares becoming exhausted due to war (5 December 1914)

Communication between the war office and farmers (2 January 1915)

Sub Committee Meeting, War Food Supply (9 January 1915)

Special meeting with reference to food production committee (31 July 1915)

Experiment, feeding dairy cows with cake (7 August 1915)

The Gentlemen's Volunteer Patrol at Mill Cove, Rosscarbery (7 August 1915)

Committee meeting to consider live stock and agriculture schemes for 1916 - 1917 (15 May 1916)

Death of Mr Carroll, Secretary of the Cork County Committee of Agriculture (19 August 1916)

Complaints by butter buyers (2 December 1916)

Alarm at the shortage of potato crop in Ireland (2 December 1916)

Permission sought for Roman Catholics to work on Sundays (3 March 1917)

The linking of the Cork and Bandon and Cork and Macroom Railways (4 August 1917)

The butter making industry in Ireland (6 October 1917)

The question of home production of sugar in light of the sugar famine (3 November 1917)

A lecture of agricultural subjects to be provided to soldier patients at the Fermoy Military Hospital (6 April 1918)

Shortage of milk in the United Kingdom (25 May 1918)

The committee call for the provision of sufficient numbers of ships for the Port of Cork, ships to replace port owned ships lost at sea (1 June 1918)

The import of Irish Cured Mackerel by the United States Government (3 August 1918)

Division of County Cork into districts for the instruction of horticulture and beekeeping (19 October 1918)

Recognition of Dáil Eireann as the duly elected government of the Irish people (3 July 1920)

Adjournment of committee meeting in protest of the inhumane treatment of the Lord Mayor of Cork and other Irish republican prisoners (11 September 1920)

Grant to the University College Cork (9 October 1920)

Consideration of the counties food supplies (4 December 1920)

The celebration of Arbour week (12 November 1921)

A warning to farmers against breeding bacon pigs from black boars (2 February 1922)

The scarcity of woods in County Cork (13 May 1922)

Damage and destruction caused by the National Army at Castletownbere (12 May 1923)

Classes at the Muster Agricultural Society's Summer Show (11 August 1923)

Proposed establishment of a reference library (12 April 1924)

Death of the Bishop of Ross (14 June 1924)

Call from the Port Laois Committee of Agriculture for the government to press against the case of a higher price for Irish grown barley to Messrs Guinness & Co. (12 July 1924)

Proposal to turn the unemployed, receiving the dole in county towns and rural areas to such productive work as lime burning (13 August 1924)

Loans for the improvement of farm horses (14 March 1925)

Establishment of a sugar beet factory (11 April 1925)

Continuation education for those that have to live on the land (18 August 1925)

Conference report on prices of home grown grain (12 September 1925)

4. **9 January 1926 – 4 December 1937, (200 pp)**

Includes:

Proposed cattle market for Cork (8 May 1926)

Distribution of land at Ballincollig Barracks (8 May 1926)

Record of flood damage and call for the drainage of the River Awbeg (12 June 1926)

Criticism of the cost of shipping freights of cattle to England (13 March 1927)

Call for the establishment of a sugar beet factory in the county of Cork (9 July 1927)

Call for the government to prohibit the importation of maize products and foreign meats (14 May 1928)

Call for legislation to ensure that bacon is labelled with its county of origin (10 September 1928)

Proposed prizes suggested by the Cork branch of the Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders Society (8 December 1928)

The committee agree to support a propaganda movement to encourage improvement in poultry and egg production (9 February 1929)

Exclusion of beef from the Irish Free State by the British War Office (11 May 1929)

Proposed grant for farmers to purchase artificial manure due to shortage of fodder arising from bad weather (8 November 1930)

Should the Irish language be included in scholarships? (12 April 1930)

Proposal to establish co-operative jam and canning factories (13 June 1931)

Request to send an investigator to Cork from Dublin to investigate the claim that Cork men have discovered a cure for the successful treatment of fruit and forest trees (13 August 1932)

The selection of contestants for the National Ploughing Contest (13 January 1934)

Proposal for the establishment of a credit system for pig farmers (1 January 1935)

Call for a better method of distributing licences under the British Import Quota (8 December 1934)

The committee adjourns their meeting due to the imprisonment of colleagues (2 May 1936)

The committee protest against increases to official salaries (2 May 1936)

The impact of the Economic War (16 January 1937)

Call for the minister of agriculture to abolish cattle export licences (4 December 1937)

5. **5 February 1938 – 10 December 1949, (200 pp)**

Includes:

Potato growing in Schull (5 February 1938, p.2)

Scholarships to the Albert Agricultural College (5 March 1938, p.2)

Decline in the value of cattle, pigs, poultry, eggs and butter in comparison with prices before the Economic War (2 April 1938, p2)

Request from the prices commission concerning the cost of artificial fertilisers (6 August 1938, p.2)

Details of estimated cost of agricultural schemes 1939 -1940 (17 September 1938, pp. 2-3)

Approval of Mallow for the centre of the county ploughing championship match (5 November 1938, p.2)

Discussion with hunt masters concerning damage caused by foxes (3 December 1938, p.1)

Resolution from the Douglas Farmers Union in relation to the Daylight Saving Act (4 March 1939, p2)

The committee recommend the abolishment of the Dole System (25 March 1938, p. 1)

Higher prices of flour and taxation in Eire in comparison to Northern Ireland and England (6 January 1940, p. 2)

Profitable market of course wool in the USA (3 August 1940, p.1)

Awarding a grant to the Barryroe Creamery (5 October 1940, p1)

The committee agrees to cooperate with the "Grow More Food Campaign" (25 January 1941, p.1)

The committee protest against an increase in bus fees (5 April 1941, p2)

The committee request that the minister of agriculture controls the price of barley and oats under the Emergency Powers Act (5 July 1941, p2)

Letter from the Department of Supplies in relation to limited supplies of Kerosene (7 February 1942)

Address to the committee by Mr J O'Sullivan, Honorary Secretary of the Cork Pig Dealers and Exporters Association (3 October 1942, pp.2-4)

Scarcity of water on Irish farms (2 October 1933, p.1)

Taoiseach Mr de Valera addresses a meeting of the Cork County Committee of Agriculture on the subject of the need for increased food production (7

December 1943)

Depression in milk yields (13 January 1945)

Securing sugar for bees (14 April 1945, p1)

Call for the construction of a pier at Durrus (8 March 1947, p.2)

Call for agriculturalists to be included on the commission appointed to enquire into rural emigration (10 April 1948, p.2)

Memorandum of evidence for the commission on emigration and other population problems (26 June 1948)

Division of county Cork into districts for the work of poultry instructresses (10 October 1948)

Cooperation between the County Cork Committee of Agriculture and the Cork Vocational Education Committee (28 October 1949)

Enclosure:

Information leaflet outlying the terms and conditions of the Sea Sand Subsidy Scheme for 1949, includes quotations for boat owners

6. **14 January 1950 – 8 November 1952, (202 pp)**

Includes:

Request for the Dairy Disposal Board to make a stopping point t the eastern end of Skull (13 May 1950, p. 18)

Report of Mr D.A. Feely, Agricultural Instructor, on sea sand analysis (10 June 1950, pp.20-21)

Applications for subsidies towards ploughing completions (9 December 1950, p.48)

Call for the ending of strikes (13 January 1951, p. 52)

The limited income of residents living on islands around the Cork coast (10 March 1951, p. 62)

Lecture at University College Cork on the subject of the artificial insemination of cattle (9 June 1951, p.76)

Minutes of a special meeting to discuss the damage caused to crops by midge attack (4 August 1951, p.83)

The need for bulls in the Dunmanway area (13 October 1951, p88)

Letter from the Department of Agriculture on the subject of sending committee members to the USA to study the organisation and operation of the Agricultural Advisory Services in the United States (12 January 1952, p.112)

Minutes of meeting held on the occasion of the visit of the Minister of Agriculture. The purpose of this visit was to stress the need for increased food production. (16 February 1952, p. 127)

Call for an increase in the price of milk sent to creameries (6 May 1952, p.144)

Educational tour for horticultural instructors in South East Ireland (2 September 1952, p.165)

Local Government Auditor's report for the years ending 31 March 1951 and 31 March 1952 (p.188)

Enclosures:

Note of thanks from Mr S.E. Kavanagh to J. Scott, Secretary (p.30)

Letter dated 29 September 1949, concerning pensions from the Secretary of Local Government

Envelope addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture from the County Cork Committee of Agriculture (p.60)

Memorandum from the Department of Agriculture concerning national egg laying contest for the year 1951/1952 (p.72)

7. **2 December 1952 - 3 February 1959, (248 pp)**

Includes:

Call for the Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Cork to intervene in the milk strike (3 February 1953, p. 10)

Response from Dr Lucey, Bishop of Cork dated 7 February 1963 regarding the milk strike (3 March 1953, p.11)

Tenders for the Sea Sand Subside Scheme (7 April 1953, p.17)

World Ploughing Championships in Killarney (5 October 1954, p.75)

Deplorable condition of grain drying in county Cork (2 November 1954, p.78)

Letter from the city manager of Cork Corporation in relation to growing vegetables in the vicinity of Cork (7 June 1955, p.98)

Outbreaks of anthrax in county Cork (7 February 1954, p.98)

Memorandum from the National Farmers Association regarding the provision of advisory services (6 March 1956, p.130)

Resolution from the Offaly Committee of Agriculture regarding the need for suitable dwelling houses for small farmers (14 March 1956, p.133)

Lecture on "The Economic Production of Milk from Grassland "to be delivered by Professor Kay at University College Cork on Tuesday 2 April 1957 (13 March 1957, p. 176)

Letter from Irish Fruit Juices Association Ltd. Informing the committee of their desire to have soft fruit grown in County Cork (18 September 1957, p.191)

Death of Senator Moylan, former Minister of Agriculture (3 December 1957, p.204)

Report from the Cork County Agricultural Services Advisory Committee (4 February 1958, p.210)

The Bovine Veterinary Tuberculosis Order 1926 (31 March 1958, p.215)

Commission rates and transport costs with regards to exporting early potatoes from county Cork (7 October 1958, p 144)

Minutes of the sub-committee dealing with the marketing of early potatoes (16 January 1959, p.248)

Enclosures:

Bye laws and standing orders for the Regulations of Business of the County Cork Committee of Agriculture (p.251)

Envelope from the County Cork Committee of Agriculture, 18 Liberty Street Cork to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merion Street Dublin (p.251)

8. **3 March 1959 – 2 October 1962, (401 pp)**

Includes:

Fish farming demonstrations, Araglin River, Fermoy (3 March 1959, p.2)

Creamery facilities in West Cork (30 April 1949, p. 2)

Minutes of the sub-committee on marketing early potatoes (8 May 1959, pp. 24-26)

Call for a review of trade agreements (7 July 1959, p.44)

Marketing of the 1959 barley crop (4 August 1949, p.48)

The growing of early potatoes in the Gaeltacht areas of county Cork (1 December 1959, p. 96)

List of applicants selected to hold horticultural plots (2 February 1960, pp. 120-121)

Tidy Towns Competition (1 March 1960, p.129)

Call for the establishment of additional sugar beet factory, west of Cork City (1 March 1960, p.133)

Letters from the Department of the Taoiseach dated 26 March 1960 and from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 13 April 1960 regarding the establishment of an additional sugar beet factory in County Cork (3 May 1960, pp.142-143)

T.B. eradication scheme (5 July 1960, p.162)

List of centres selected by the committee to hold Winter Agricultural Classes (4 October 1960, p.184)

Closing of the railway line to West Cork (4 October 1960, p.180), (31 October 1960, p 196) (6 December 1960, pp.209 -210)

Visits to the Cork Mental Hospital Farm (31 October 1960, p.198)

Minutes of a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture Patrick Smith, the Committee of Agriculture and the T.B. Eradication Advisory Committee (17 April 1961, pp. 244-249)

Campbell Soups Ltd., trial plots in West Cork (2 May 1961, p.259)

Visit of Agricultural Instructors to More Park Research Centre (5 June 1962, p.367)

Climate advantages of West Cork for horticultural development (3 July 1962, p.379)

Address to the County Cork Committee of Agriculture from Dr T Walsh, Director of the Agricultural Institute, on the results of a survey carried out in West Cork by the Agricultural Institute (3 July 1962, pp.380 -381)

9. 2 October 1962 – 19 March 1966, (340 pp)

Includes:

Consideration of the establishment of vegetable processing factories in West Cork (10 January 1963, p.36)

Conditions for scholarships (20 March 1963, p. 54)

National Grass Production Completion (7 May 1963, p.66)

Daffodil growing in West Cork (7 May 1963, p.67), (3 March 1964, p.164)

Scarcity of the foundation stock of Potatoes (22 May 1963, p.73)

Adjournment of committee meeting due to the death of Pope John XXIII (4 June 1963, p.75)

Inspection of malting barley crops (2 July 1963, p. 86)

Irish leather industry in danger due to the introduction of substitutes from America (2 July 1963, p. 83)

The West Cork Resource Survey (13 August 1963, pp.95 -96)

The development of the fishing industry in the Castletownbere area (29 August 1963, p.99)

Increase in financial assistance for Western Counties (1 October 1963, p.116)

Closure of the Shannonvale Mills (9 October 1963, p.125)

Acquisitions of land by the Irish Land Commission (22 January 1964, p. 154)

The Broiler Industry in County Cork (7 April 1964, p.1780)

Land acquisition by the Forestry Division (5 May 1964, p. 185)

Haulage of agricultural produce and live stock (7 July 1964)

The Minister of Agriculture addresses the committee (9 September 1964, p.225)

Report on blackcurrant growing (6 October 1964, pp .244 – 255)

Closure of the Kilcoleman Branch Creamery (1 December 1964, p.360), (6 July 1965, pp.315-316)

Tenders for the supply of meat to district and county hospitals (4 May 1965, p. 300)

Drainage problems at Garryvoe (3 August 1965, p.324)

Report on the relative merits of the large white and landrace breeds of pigs in Ireland (pp.339 -340)

Department letter outlining changes made to the livestock scheme for 1966 (7 December 1965, p.364)

Fixing a guaranteed price for turkeys (7 January 1966, p. 372)

Residential agricultural schools in the county (1 February 1966, p.383)

Increased tax on farmers cars (19 March 1966, p. 338)

10. **5 April 1966 – 2 June 1970, (404 pp)**

Includes:

Proposed laboratory at Cork (5 April 1966, p.2)

Establishment of an agricultural college at Cork (5 April 1966, p 3)

Lord Doneraile's estate (5 April 1966, p.4)

Call for an improvement of farm income (3 May 1966, p.14)

Closure of the Mallow to Dungarvan railway line (3 May 1966, p. 14)

Sugar Beet and vegetable growing (7 June 1966, p. 16)

Marketing facilities for mutton and lamb (7 June 1966, p. 16)

The establishment and extension of milk processing plants in the county (5 July 1966, pp.28-29)

Creamery strike (2 August 1966, p. 35)

Minutes of the county shows committee (22 October 1966, p.69)

Report of poultry instructors on the Christmas turkey market (p. 78)

Scarcity of winter feed for cattle (6 December 1966, pp.83-84)

Closing of the Cappaphaudeen Creamery, a branch of the Mount Collins

Cooperative (3 January 1967,)

Flour millers dispute (3 January 1967, p. 89)

Address by Mr Connolly, Director of the Land Project (7 January 1966, pp. 98-99)

Proposed federation of agricultural organisations (7 March 1967, p. 103)

Restoration of driving licences to farmers (7 March 1967, p. 104)

Setback for the pig industry (4 April 1967, pp. 115 - 116)

Horticultural advisory service for extended city area (6 June 1967, p.126)

Thanks to emigrants for their cooperation during the Foot and Mouth Crisis (2 January 1968, pp. 182 -183)

Grants for farm road works (6 February 1968, p.186)

Encouraging use of the Irish Language (2 April 1969, p. 205)

Proposed agricultural seminars, courses and conferences for 1968 (p.207)

County Cork Committee of Agriculture report on pilot areas of Drimoleague and Caheragh, Drimnagh, Durrus and Kilcrohane (3 September 1968, p. 237)

Milk and butter prices (2 September 1969, p. 335)

Land forestry in the Beara Peninsula (7 October 1969, p. 353)

The effect of Ireland's entry into the E.E.C. on the Dairy Industry (7 January 1970, pp, 372-373)

Proposal to build a smelter plant at Little Island (2 May 1970, pp. 400 -401)

Enclosure:

Card written in Irish from 45 O'Connell Street Dublin, addressed to The Secretary, County Cork Committee of Agriculture

11. **7 July 1970 – 4 January 1974, (230 pp)**

Includes:

Regional veterinary laboratory in Cork (7 July 1970, p.1)

An agricultural and farm house museum for Upton (4 August 1970, p. 2)

Vote of sympathy for Jamie Moynihan and Con Meaney (6 October 1970, pp.1-2)

Committee members visit to the South Western Cattle Breeding Station at Bandon (1 December 1970, p. 5)

Making the services of horticultural instructors available in urban areas in light of the Tidy Towns Completion and National Gardens Competition (5 January 1971, p. 4)

Farm guest houses (5 February 1971, pp. 2-3)

Vote of sympathy for Mr T.T. O'Sullivan (6 April 1971, p.1)

Ferriery apprenticeships (1 June 1971, pp. 1-2)

Protection of Ireland's territorial waters under E.E.C. conditions (6 July 1971, pp. 6-7)

The future role of the county committees of agriculture (30 August 1971, pp. 1-3)

Irish labels on foreign foods (7 December 1941, p.6)

Closing of the Castletownbere Creamery (4 January 1972, p.5)

Adjournment of meeting as mark of respect to the victims of Derry Shootings (1 February 1972, pp.1-2)

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The improvement of mountain lands (9 April 1980, p.4)

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Financial Statement –Books of Expenditure

Scope and Content:

County Cork Committee of Agriculture Financial Statement-Books of Expenditure recording the date, name of person paid, particulars of the payment, the number of the paying order, date when paid by the treasurer, orders outstanding at close of half year, the amount of paying order.

Dates: 17 May 1902 – 13 January 1953

Level of Description: series

Extent: 7 volumes

1. 17 May 1902 – 1 November 1913, (249 pp)

Enclosures:

5 September 1906. Memorandum to the secretary of the County Cork Committee of Agriculture from the Agricultural Branch of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction. (p.18)

5 February 1910. Paying order from the Cork County Committee of Agriculture to the Governors of the Munster Institute (p.143)

March 1913. Treasurers Authority for making payments. (p.153)

5 July 1913. Paying order addressed to Cornelius Donovan Esq. from the Munster and Leinster Bank, treasurers of the County Cork Committee of Agriculture for the sum of five shillings, travelling expenses (p. 228)

3 October 1913. Paying order addressed to the Goleen Industrial Show Society from the Munster and Leinster Bank, treasurer of the County Cork Committee of Agriculture for the sum of ten pounds, grant for show (p. 238)

Cork County Committee of Agriculture abstract of accounts for the half year ended 30 Day September 1930.

2. **6 December 1913 – 9 October 1920, (250 pp)**

Enclosures:

Financial minutes, form 70, County Cork Committee of Agriculture (P.17)
29 May 1916. Memorandum, certificate of payment from the Munster and
Leinster Bank

3. **13 November 1920 – 10 November 1928, (207 pp)**

Enclosures:

Horse Breeding Scheme 1945 Entry Form (p.71)

Postal Order (p.103)

4. **8 December 1928 – 13 October 1934, (220 pp)**

Enclosures:

Envelope addressed to the secretary of the Department of Agriculture from
County Cork Committee of Agriculture (p.64)

List of expenses (p.115)

Uncompleted form for the 1937 County Cork Committee of Agriculture
Limestone Subsidy Scheme. (p.187)

5. **10 November 1934 - 4 September 1940, (208 pp)**

Enclosure:

16 May 1940. Letter from E. Corcoran Secretary, County Cork Committee of
Agriculture addressed to the secretary of each show society concerning a live
stock judging completion.

6. **5 October 1940 – 9 March 1946, (205 pp)**

7. **9 March 1946 – 8 January 1949,(203 pp)**

Enclosures:

Letter from Gerald Coffey, Fitzgerald's Hotel, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork

regarding his appointment as temporary agricultural instructor.

1 January 1950. Letter from John Holmes to the Secretary of Cork County Council requesting forms for applicants of the destruction of fox's scheme.

31 May 1950. Letter addressed to the secretary of Cork County Committee of Agriculture from [S Breathnach] concerning the Farm Building Scheme.

1 December 1946. Letter addressed to each committee member from E. Corcoran, Secretary of the County Cork Committee of Agriculture concerning claims for travel expenses (p.106)

County Cork Committee of Agriculture Monthly Statement of Salary Bonus, Locomotion and Incidental Expenses of Instructor. (p.106)

8. **January 1949 – January 1951, (202 pp)**

Enclosures:

23 May 1950. Memorandum from the Department of Agriculture addressed to each instructor of agriculture and each instructor of horticulture and bee keeping with regarding labelling demonstration plots and trials

9. **13 January 1951 – 2 May 1953, (200 pp)**

Enclosure:

Cork County Committee of Agriculture Compliments Slip

4 July 1952. Notification of charge from Mr P.J. McDermott, Chief Agricultural Officer and Accountant of the County Cork Committee of Agriculture arising from a deficiency of £37.5.9 on 31 March 1952 from J. P. Moran, Local Government Auditor

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Financial Statement- Books of Receipts

Scope and Content:

County Cork Committee of Agriculture Financial Statement – Book of Receipts recording the date when the receipt was lodged with the committees treasurer, from whom it was received, particulars of the receipt, the receipt number, receipts received from the county council, receipts received from the department, receipts from other sources, the total amount of receipts, certificate of confirmation by the committee and the certificate of the secretary to the committee.

Dates: 13 May 1921 – 3 December 1937

Level of Description: series

Extent: 2 volumes

1. 13 May 1921 – 31 July 1929, (73 pp)
2. 31 December 1931 – 3 December 1937, (197 pp)

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Financial Minute Books/Accounts

Scope and Content:

Form 70, Financial Minutes/Accounts of the County Cork Committee of Agriculture. Information recorded includes the source of receipts, whether the purpose of the receipts relates to agriculture, live stock or general administration and the total summary and reconciliation. Also recorded are details of payments of agricultural and live stock schemes, the sub heading of the scheme, the number letters from the department authorising payment, to whom the payment is made, the purpose of the payment, the number of the paying order, amount of the paying order, total of each subhead and total of each scheme.

Dates: 1 April 1939 – 13 May 1950

Level of Description: series

Extent: 6 volumes

1. **1 April 1939 – 2 August 1941, (134 pp)**

Enclosures:

County Cork Committee of Agriculture return of sittings of hen and duck eggs and day old chicks distributed during the seasons 1936/1937 and 1937/1938
Agenda for the monthly meeting of the County Cork Committee of Agriculture to be held on the 5 July 1941

2. **6 September 1941 – 6 November 1943, (141 pp)**

Enclosure:

- Envelope addressed to Mr E. Corcoran Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, 21 Grand Parade, Cork
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3. **5 January 1944 -10 November 1945, (118 pp)**

4. **8 December 1945 -11 October 1947, (130 pp)**

5. **8 November 1947 – 10 September 1949, (120 pp)**

Enclosures:

Twenty six pages of calculations

A two list recording names and dairy type

Four copies of a notification sent to farmers from the Cork County Committee of Agriculture. The note informs them that they have not been selected to keep a premium bull.

Form dated 1948, to be completed by boat owners to be submitted when claiming subsidy relating to the delivery of sea sand.

Three lists [c. 1946] of authorised payments which record the name of the payee, their postal address, amount paid and the date when paid.

Three copies of the terms and conditions of County Cork Committee of Agriculture Scholarships, tenable at Rural Domestic Economy schools.

Two notifications from E. Corcoran Secretary of the County Cork Committee of Agriculture, announcing a meeting of the Poultry Sub Committee.

6. **12 November 1949 – 13 May 1950**

Enclosures:

Correspondence between the Department of Agriculture and acting secretary of the County Committee of Agriculture concerning a form for pedigree breeding stations for the year 1950/1951.

Draft letter concerning the employment of temporary instructors in poultry keeping and the reiteration of a resolution.

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Agriculture Instructor's Travel Log

Scope and Content:

A bound volume recording the mileage per week covered by the Cork County Committee of Agriculture, Agricultural Instructors, their car registration, the type of car insurance held by the instructor, the type of car which they drove, the date on which the instructor's car insurance was to be renewed, the H.P. of the car driven by the instructor and the amount of travel expense.

Dates: 1 April 1956 - 31 March 1958

Level of Description: item

Extent: 141 pp

Enclosure:

General Council of Committees of Agriculture Claim Form for the refund of travelling expenses and maintenance allowances.

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Agriculture Sundry Schemes Ledger

Scope and Content:

Ledger recording the name and address of farmers, the type of payment made and numbers of boars, bulls, rams, potato farmers, cottiers, apple tree schemes, sundries, department grants, recoupment's, Co. Council, commercial vegetable and small fruit plots, seed potato development

scheme, deposits apple tree scheme, deposits vegetable and small fruit plots, deposits on live stock schemes, Community vegetable plots, and particulars of remittance.

Dates: January 1952 – March 1957

Level of Description: item

Extent: 170 pp

Agriculture Pig Breeding Ledger

Scope and Content:

A County Cork Committee of Agriculture Pig Breeding Ledger containing an index of pig breeders and a record of paying orders numbers, costs, carriage, breeds.

Dates: June 1962 –December 1963

Level of Description: item

Extent: 167 pp

Enclosures:

Lists dated 9 November 1962 and 14 March 1963 of pedigrees and owners of boars approved for the purpose of the Department of Agriculture's Accredited Herd and Premium Boar Scheme.

A list dated 30 November 1963 of fully tested boars

A list of pig breeders whose herds were included in the register of accredited pig herds on 1 July 1963

Copy of a letter from the Department of Agriculture containing a list of pig breeders who have qualified for registration under the departments pig accreditation scheme for the year ended 1 October 1961

Pig Breeders whose herds were included in the register of accredited pig herds on 1 October 1962

Schemes Schedule

Scope and Content:

Schedule of payments made under the schemes administered by the County Cork Committee of Agriculture. Payments are recorded for the shelter belt scheme, horse breeding scheme, sheep breeding scheme, livestock scheme, and poultry development scheme, for instruction in poultry keeping and for poultry stations. Payments for the purpose of the cottage prize scheme, encouraging improvement in breeds of cattle, the pig breeding scheme, instruction in agriculture, winter agriculture classes, instruction in horticulture, scholarships, the seed potato development scheme, the potato silage scheme, administration, subsidies to shows, subsidies to agricultural societies, instruction in butter making, for special apple trees, a potato steaming unit, scientific journals, film equipment, the scheme to encourage improvement in pig breeding and for the model cottage.

Details recorded in relation to these payments may include the name and address of the payee, date when the payment was authorised, amount of payment, the number of the paying order, date when the payment was cashed, the purpose of payment, amounts carried forward and the certificate including signature of the chief agricultural officer.

Also included in this volume is a letter from the department of agriculture dated the 18 September 1952 concerning the 1952 dairy cattle price scheme, a list of awards awarded under the dairy cattle prize scheme for 1952 recording the name of the heifer shown, date of birth of the heifer, tattoo marks, registration number, order of awards, a letter from the Department of Agriculture dated 4 December 1952 approving payments under the poultry development scheme, a letter dated 19 December 1952, approving payments under the 1952/1953 poultry development scheme,

Dates: 5 August 1952 – 24 March 1959

Level of Description: item

Extent: 900 pp

Enclosures:
Till receipts
Notes

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Salary Sheets

Scope and Content:

Salary Sheets, tax forms and overtime records of employees of County Cork Committee of Agriculture. Information recorded includes, the name of the agriculture officer, their address, details of salary, the date they entered the service and the date they left the service.

Dates: April 1954 – March 1968

Level of Description: item

Extent: 420 pp