

3rd February 2010Managing agent for the Northern Ireland Rural
Development Programme 2007-13 Axis 1 Measures.
Together with it's sub-contractors:

Dear Stakeholder,

Countryside Agri Rural Partnership NIRDP Axis 1 Information Evenings

The Countryside Agri-Rural Partnership (a consortium led by Countryside Services Ltd, working with Ai Services Ltd and the Northern Ireland Rural Development Council) is currently delivering a number of initiatives under the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2007-2013, funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. These are: Farm Family Options, Farm Modernisation, Focus Farms, Benchmarking and Supply Chain Development (Please see further details attached).

As part of our marketing and communications strategy we held a series of six Information Evenings throughout the province in late November / early December 2009, to inform farmers and farm family members of the funding opportunities on offer. Following the success of these evenings, we propose to host a further six events over the following dates:

Monday 15th February	Marine Hotel, Ballycastle
Wednesday 17th February	Armagh City Hotel, Armagh
Tuesday 23rd February	Walsh's Hotel, Maghera,
Thursday 25th February	Valley Hotel, Fivemiletown
Monday 1st March	Denvers Hotel, Downpatrick
Wednesday 3rd March	Mellon Country Inn, Omagh

All sessions will run from 7.00pm until 10.30pm.

Again we look forward to your support by way of representation of your organisation at one or more of these events. Organisations are requested to bring along a promotional stand and literature for distribution. One table per organisation will be made available at no charge. The events will again be marketed as drop-in Information Evenings, with a series of advertisements being placed in the local farming press over the forthcoming weeks.

If you wish your organisation to be represented at an event, please complete the Reply Slip attached and return to Countryside Agri-Rural Partnership by **4.30pm on Monday 8th February 2010**. **Places are limited and you MUST return the Reply Slip to confirm your organisation's attendance.**

Countryside Agri Rural Partnership appreciates your support and contribution in terms of promoting the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme to support the local rural/farming community.

If you require further information, please contact Lynsay Alcorn on 028 87788206 or email lynsay.alcorn@countrysideservices.com.

Yours sincerely,

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Farm Family Options

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Farm Modernisation

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Focus Farms

0845 026 7536

Benchmarking

0845 026 7537

Supply Chain

0845 026 7538