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Paud Evans is a Principal Officer in the Dept. of Agriculture, Food and Marine. He is head of the Single Farm Payment unit.

Larry O Reilly is a tillage farmer from Ballyragget, Co Kilkenny. He is farming approx 450 ha of arable crops, mainly continuous winter wheat but with some oilseed rape and barley. He has been successfully operating a minimum tillage system since the 1990's. He is currently chairman of the Teagasc Tillage Stakeholder Group that advises Teagasc on its Tillage Crops research and advisory programs. He initiated and chaired the recently published Tillage Stakeholder Development Plan 2012 whose purpose was "to identify profitable opportunities for increased markets that exist for the tillage sector".

Tim O Donovan is a tillage crops specialist in Teagasc since 2005. He was previously a Teagasc advisor in counties Laois, Tipperary and Cork. He completed a Master's degree in Crop Science in University College Dublin in 1998. His main roles in Teagasc include: providing technical support to Teagasc tillage advisors and the wider tillage industry, compiling the Teagasc Tillage Crops Report and Teagasc Crops Costs & Returns as well as speaking at farmer's tillage information events.

Mark Holohan tillage farms in conjunction with his father Sammy at Rathangan, Co.Kildare. They grow predominantly winter wheat and winter barley with some spring cropping. The Holohans farm approximately 1100 acres made up of owned land, conacre, share farming and some contract farming. All grain is dried and stored. The Holohan home farm has been under continuous tillage for the past 70 years.