



# IRISH TILLAGE AND LAND USE SOCIETY

Summer Field Day – East Cork - 4 June 2026

## Seed to Still - Agenda

- 8.30 am**      **Registration and refreshments, kindly hosted by Goldcrop (T45 F685)**
- 9.15 am**      **President's introduction**  
*Craig England*, Honorary President ITLUS
- 9.30 am**      **Tour of Goldcrop (T45 F685)**  
  
Goldcrop is a Cork-based family-owned business operating as a leading seed producer, importer, distributor and processor of all species of agricultural and horticultural crops for the Irish market. It is also one of the leading distributors of crop protection and plant nutrition products. **Donal Fitzgerald and Dave Barry** will showcase some of the quality control procedures in place for seed products, focusing on cereal seed and cover crop seed. **Scott Lovell** will discuss some of the crop protection products that Goldcrop and Croplink offer and the challenges presented by the declining number of new actives being introduced. The visit will include an opportunity to view new amenity grass trial plots, the cereal and grass seed production plants and the product warehouse.
- 10.30 am**      **Presentation by the Malting Company of Ireland (MCI)**  
  
The MCI, an Irish owned malting company, has been producing malted grains since 1858. **Paul McGillicuddy, Chief Executive Officer**, will give a presentation about the company, its plans for expansion and his views on the medium to long-term outlook for malting barley in a global context.
- 11.30 am**      **R&R Farms Ltd (P25 F951)**  
  
**Ricky and Robin Forrest** farm over 2,000 acres in partnership They grow Spring and Winter barley, beans, forage maize, Spring and Winter oats and Winter wheat – using organic manures where possible and a min-till system. They also run a plant hire business. The tour will include discussion on the current challenges in the industry and the increasing emphasis on sustainable practices, soil health and carbon sequestration.
- 13.00 pm**      **Lunch – Fork and Wheel (P25 DP60)**
- 3.00 pm**      **Irish Distillers sustainability programmes for barley growers (Midleton Distillery - P25 Y394)**  
  
**Ciara Egan, Sustainability and Responsibility Specialist, Irish Distillers** will provide an update on the Irish Distillers sustainability programmes for barley growers which are aimed at supporting the long-term viability of the spring barley sector in Ireland by incentivising and rewarding growers for delivering environmental and biodiversity initiatives on their farm. The update will be followed by a tour of the Old Midleton Distillery
- 5.00 pm**      **Event ends**

To book your place email [itlussec50@gmail.com](mailto:itlussec50@gmail.com) by no later than 5pm on 28 May 2026.

Entry fees: Members €55 (student members free), Non-members €85 (student non-members €30)

Late cancellations (after 1 June 2026) will incur a charge.