

PRESS RELEASE

ACA Appoint Breian Carroll as General Secretary

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Roscommon native, Breian Carroll has been appointed to the position of General Secretary of the Agricultural Consultants Association (ACA). He is a former President of ACA and is Managing Director of Carroll Consultancy, an Agricultural Advisory firm based in Swinford, Co. Mayo.

Owen O'Driscoll President of ACA said he was delighted to inform the members of ACA about this appointment. 'We are entering a very challenging and critical stage for our members and our farmer clients' O'Driscoll stated. He added 'Private advisors and consultants are the largest farm advisory body in Ireland. We are entering a phase in the agricultural sector with challenges such as climate change, water quality, biodiversity, nitrates regulations and continued income pressures and our farmer clients will need our help to guide them. Breian's appointment is a fundamental part of our long term plan and ACA members and our national council are enthusiastic with this development and our future as advisors'.

Speaking on his appointment, Breian Carroll said 'I am looking forward tremendously to working with all stakeholders across the industry. The members of ACA are a very important communication channel to farmers and their families and we will need support to bring all the latest information and research to our clients'. He concluded by stating 'My appointment to the position of General Secretary in ACA is an acknowledgement and commitment by our Association and its members that we want to be part of and contribute to the future direction of the farm advisory service in this country'.

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Note to Editors:

**Pictured at the official launch of Breian Carroll as ACA General Secretary were 1 to r:
Tom Canning, Vice President ACA, Breian Carroll and Owen O'Driscoll President ACA
outside Agriculture House, DAFM Headquarters in Dublin.**

The Agricultural Consultants Association (ACA) are the sole representative body for private agricultural consultants and advisors in Ireland. Currently the ACA have 158 member offices across all of Ireland and employ 248 Agricultural and Environmental graduates, 17 Forestry Consultants and 120 employed as either administration or technical staff. Members of ACA advise in the region of 55,000 Irish farmers, confirming the private advisory service as the largest in Ireland.