

Women in Agriculture, Killarney

How many women do you represent?

We have 32 members. We hold monthly meetings from September to May of the following year. Our members are all now in the 60-70 years age group.

What does your group do? Activities/services

Our groups monthly meetings concentrate on having speakers and discussions relating to farm womens health, social & economic issues

Case Study

Many of the women in our group will have no personal right to pension. What concerns our group mainly is the matter of “Retrospection”. Traditionally farm holdings are in the name of the “male” even though many wives worked in partnership without it being a legal entity. When the PRSI scheme was introduced, no provision was made for farm women who milked cows, attended sheep, managed farm accounts etc. In larger farms the percentage of income would be sufficient to cover both – not all. In other cases perhaps a “credit” should have been an entitlement. If some method is not found to give “status” to women an opportunity will be lost