

Independent Farmer Representative – Role Specification

About the organisation

AgriSearch (The Northern Ireland Agricultural Research and Development Council) is an independent charity incorporated as a company limited by guarantee.

AgriSearch was formed in 1997 to help dairy, beef and sheep farmers become directly involved with production-oriented research. The funds contributed by farmers to AgriSearch (through a voluntary levy collected by Dairy and Red Meat Processors) are used to commission research that will improve and develop beef, sheep and dairy farming in Northern Ireland. The guiding principle behind all of AgriSearch-funded projects is to provide research that will be of practical benefit to farmers and provide them with tools to help reduce costs, increase performance, drive innovation and improve welfare.

In recent years AgriSearch's role has grown from merely being a co-funder of research to taking a much more active role in leading projects and acting as a liaison between researchers, advisors and the industry. It now has a pivotal role within the research and knowledge transfer functions for Northern Ireland's ruminant livestock sector.

Beef Advisory Committee Member

The AgriSearch Beef Advisory Committees meets approximately three times per year.

The role of a committee member will entail you:

- Working as a committee with research organisations to develop possible research topics relevant to the local NI beef sector
- Reviewing current research proposals from research organisations
- Recommending proposals to the Board of Trustees for funding

A committee member will serve for a term of three years up to a maximum of three terms. Travel expenses will be paid to attend meetings.

Please can you give a brief description of your day to day involvement in the beef sector?

Please can you inform us of your experience of current agricultural research?

Are you involved in any agricultural related organisations? E.g. UFU, local discussion groups etc.

Please return by *23rd May 2016* to:

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