

2019 SCHEME OF INVESTMENT AID FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE SECTOR

This Scheme is intended to assist in the development of the commercial horticulture sector, including beekeeping, by grant aiding capital investments in specialised buildings and equipment.

The Scheme is now open to applications for proposed investments. For beekeepers the investment proposed must be at least €2,000 (excluding VAT) and approved investments will need to be completed by 27th September 2019. **Grant aid will not be considered for works which commence before the issue of the respective letter of approval by the Department.**

In the case of beekeeping items funded previously under this Scheme have included hives (excluding frames and bees), vapourisers (to apply Api-bioxal), honey extraction, storage and jarring equipment as well as honey houses (both new and renovated).

As the funds available under the Scheme are limited, investments will be in competition for grant aid. Beekeeper scale needs to justify the investment involved and costs must be appropriate.

Application forms and further information may be obtained from:

Horticulture Grants Section, Horticulture and Plant Health Division, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Administration Building, Backweston Campus, Young's Cross, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

Tel: (01) 5058886

Application forms and conditions for the Scheme can be obtained on-line at:
<http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/farmingsectors/horticulture/horticultureschemes/>

Completed applications must be received at the above address not later than
5pm Wednesday 19th December 2018.



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