



PRISM 2030 FARMER:

**PAUL
FEGAN**

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Paul Fegan is a beef and sheep farmer from Dromara, County Down.

He manages 210 acres of hill grassland and has nurtured and improved six acres of native woodland over the years.

Paul keeps 60 suckler crossbred cows that calve in the spring.

This year, the cows were crossed with Saler and Charolais bulls, while the heifers were crossed with Limousin and Shorthorn bulls.

Paul also has a flock of 280 breeding ewes, all crossbred:

- Blackfaced ewes X Blue Leicester ram (for replacement mule ewe lambs)
- Cheviot ewes X Suffolk / Texel ram
- Mule ewes X Suffolk / Texel ram
- Mule ewe lambs X Beltex ram

The farm is divided into 65 small fields, allowing Paul to rotationally graze his livestock and improve grassland management.

He has planted over 2.5 km of new hedgerow and enhanced another 2.5 km of existing hedgerow to facilitate rotational grazing, boost biodiversity, and increase carbon sequestration.

Through the PRISM 2030 programme, Paul applied lime to his grassland, improving soil quality and increasing grassland productivity.