

# Department of Agriculture to distribute booklet on Effective Control of Rodent Pests on Farms to 140,000 farmers.

The booklet **Effective Control of Rodent Pests on Farms** produced by the Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use Ireland (CRRU Ireland) in cooperation with TEAGASC and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, is being distributed to all farming households in the country by the Department over coming days.

This booklet outlines in detail how rodent control should be carried out on farms in an effective, responsible and environmentally friendly manner in compliance with current regulatory requirements. Best practice rodent control as specified in this booklet – and in the CRRU code - is a condition of the GLAS scheme and is an important element of GLAS training.

Many farmers and other rodent control practitioners may consider rodenticides as their primary and only means to control rodent pests. Since rodenticides can have harmful effects on non-target species, all available control options – as detailed in this booklet – must be considered before the use of a rodenticide can be justified. The booklet contains images and information on some of the birds and animals that are at risk of secondary poisoning from rodenticides.

An Integrated rodent pest management plan is part of Good Farming Practice. The booklet can be downloaded at the CRRU Ireland website – [www.crru.ie](http://www.crru.ie)

For more information about the Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use Ireland log on to [www.crru.ie](http://www.crru.ie) or call Eanna Ni Lamhna on 087-614 7506.

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