

## Press Release

Up to 100 farmer foresters attended a demonstration of Small Scale Harvesting machinery which was organized by LTWO Ltd. ( Limerick & Tipperary Woodland Owners) with the help of Teagasc.

The event was held on the farm of Liam Bresnan, Caherconlish on Saturday 18 June, and the attendance included farmers from Kerry, Clare, Limerick, Westmeath and Tipperary.

Main speakers were Jonathan Spazzi representing Teagasc and John Madden of the Forest Service.

The day focussed on practical solutions and forestry equipment available to assist small scale private owners with the profitable management of their forests.

Silviculture and Long term management including Continuous Cover Management options were also discussed.

Comprehensive advice on the safe use of Chainsaws was also given including the legal requirements for personal protective equipment.

Some of the machines included a Tractor mounted Hypro harvester and an Alstor 8x8 mini forwarder.

Liam Cleary, Forester with LTWO Ltd presented details of local Spruce harvesting clusters that the group are organizing for this year.

Any farmer wishing to have their Spruce thinned this year and would like to join clusters with other farmers, to reduce costs, can contact the Group Secretary, Colum Walsh, on 087-7908460

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John Madden, Forest Service addressing the visitors on roadway construction.



Surely the youngest visitor to a Forestry event, Eabha o Neill, with her mother, Niamh o Neill from Boher, Co Limerick



Alstor Mini Forwarder



Hypro Harvester