

New Zealand and Ireland to cooperate to reduce agricultural emissions

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New Zealand and Ireland government are jointly conducting research projects worth ~7 million to reduce agricultural emissions.

Charlie McConalogue, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and Martin Heydon Minister of State announced made the announcement, according to the local media.

The 2022 Ireland - New Zealand Joint Research initiative will be benefited four Irish climate and agriculture projects. The key areas of the projects are a complex ecosystem composed of anaerobic bacteria, protozoa, fungi, methanogenic archaea and phages, microbiology for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, monitoring and emission reduction technologies, animal breeding for reduced emissions and inventory improvement.

In Ireland, greenhouse gas pollution accounted for 37.5 per cent of the country's emissions in 2021. According to the Environmental Protection Agency greenhouse gases from Irish agriculture rose by 3 per cent in 2021 following an increase of 1.3 per cent in 2020.