

Ireland's Land Mobility Service

Options for Land Owners Opportunities for Young Farmers

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generational renewal in rural areas'

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Established in 2014 by Macra na Feirme (Irish Young Farmer's Association)

1. Why such a service?
2. What has the service done?
3. What have been the benefits?
4. Funding Land Mobility Services?



The Genesis

2012 Macra na Feirme Study on Land Mobility and Succession in Ireland found:

- 26% of farmers over the age of 65
- 48% of full time farmers had no identified farming successor



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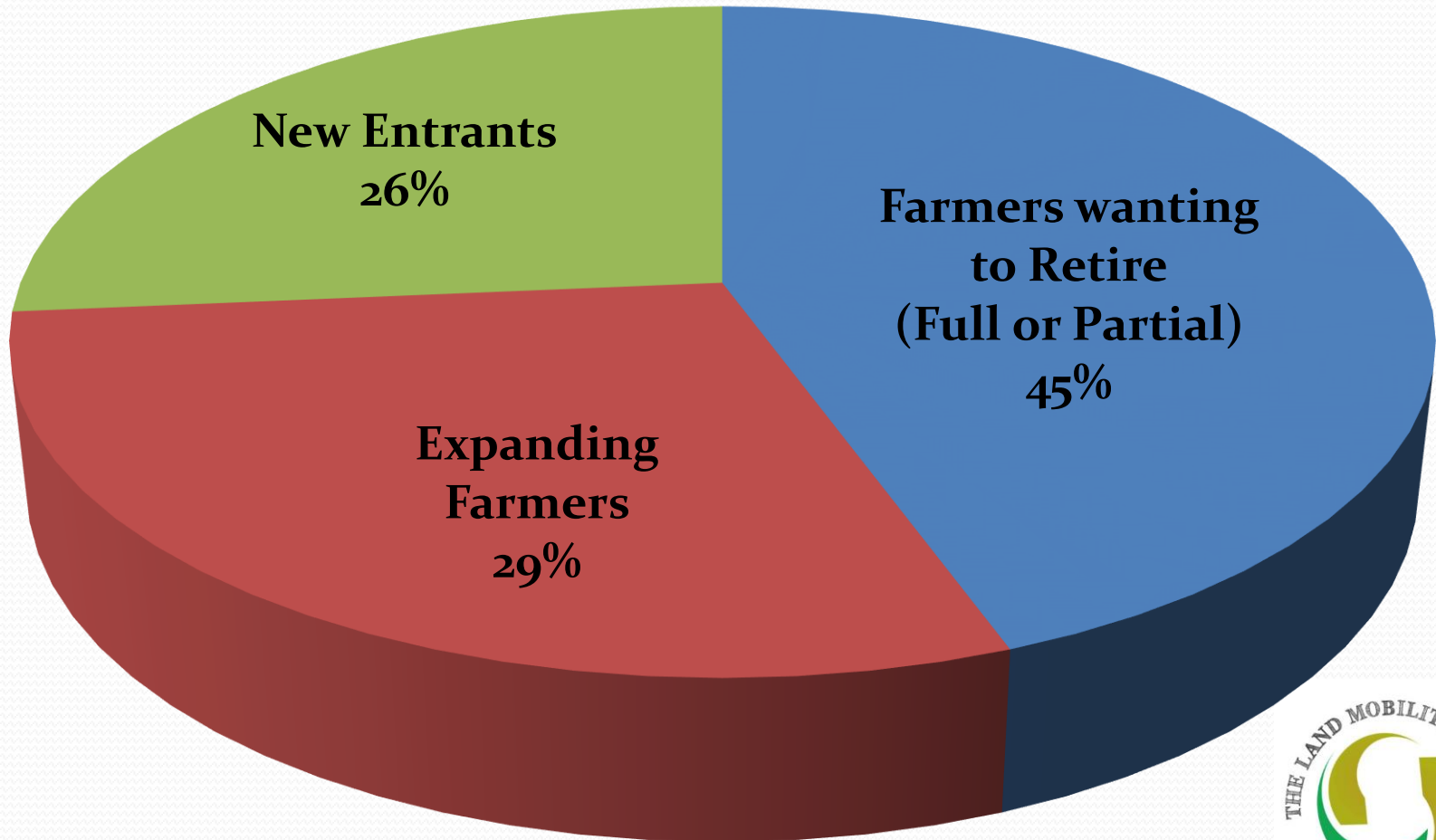


The Service

1. Information and Awareness of New Concepts, New Templates, New Thinking
2. Deliver Arrangements ... That are appropriate, fair and sustainable
 - Matching
 - Facilitation
3. Support Arrangements



Client Profile



Land Mobility Options

- Long Leases
- Partnerships
- Share Farming
- Farm to Farm
- Farm Transfer



Labour/ skill

Land



35%



25%

**Profitable
Dairy Farm
Business**

Cows

Sheds/capital



20%



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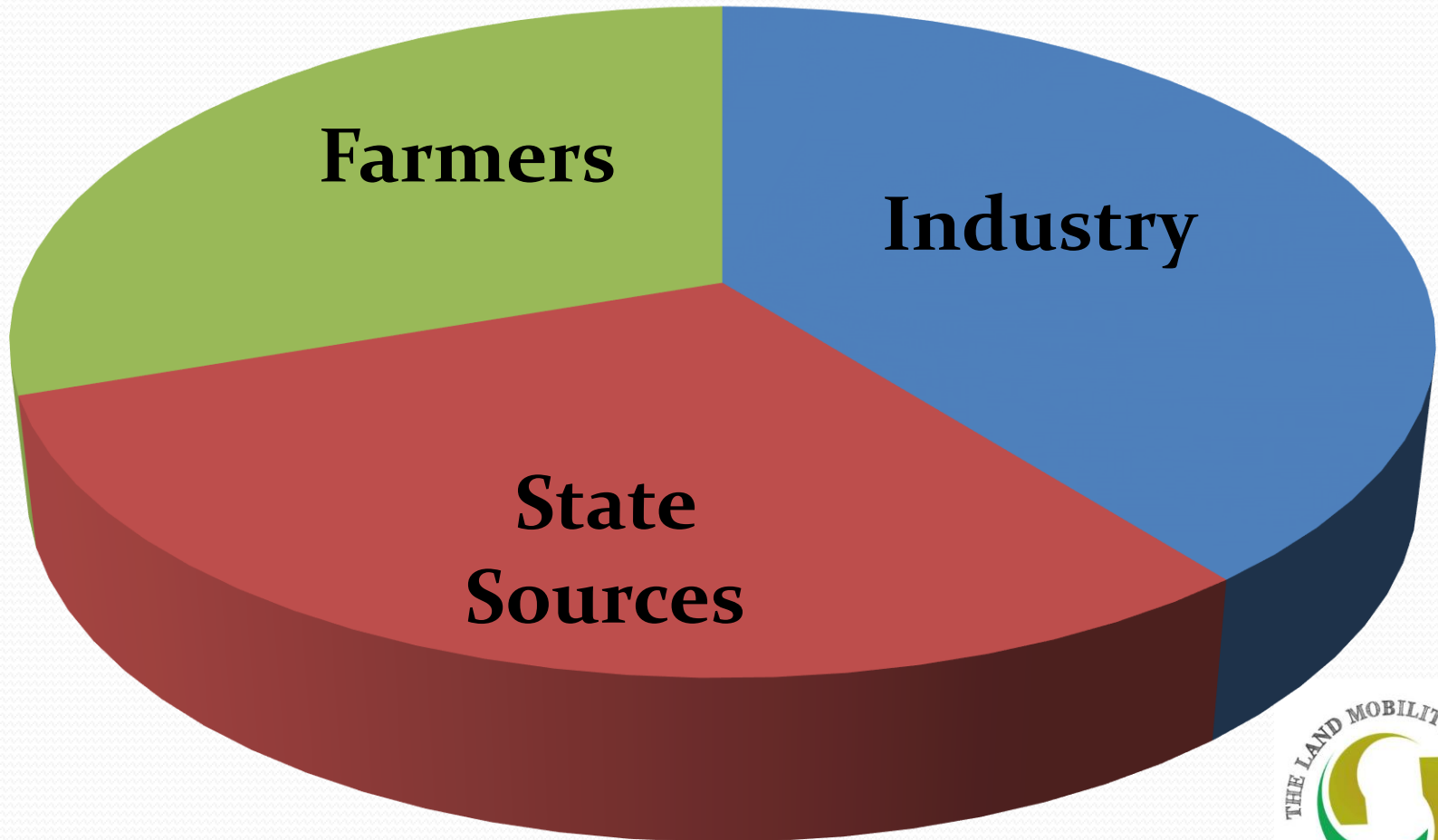
Impact 2014-2017

Four Years, 400 plus arrangements facilitated covering 15,000 Hectares

1. New and Innovative Land Use Models
2. Sustainable Arrangements
3. Progression for Young Farmers
4. Supply Security and Supply Enhancement for agri industry



Service Funding Model



A Subsidised Service

Such a service needs significant support to ensure success

1. To encourage engagement and action otherwise the do nothing option prevails
2. Facilitating Collaborations requires significant time and efforts
 - Identify suitable persons
 - Ensure the farm plan and negotiated arrangement are workable, sustainable and appropriate.



Lessons Learned

- Service works as evidenced by delivery
- Needs greater State/EU Support
- In Ireland, no Startup Business Aid (Installation Aid)
- Land Mobility Schemes included in EU Commission Legislative proposals, now needs inclusion in MS CAP 2020 Strategic Plans



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