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**Creed welcomes the decision by the IFA to engage in talks**

Mr. Michael Creed T.D. Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to-day welcomed the decision by the IFA to end their occupation of his Department's Headquarters in Dublin. The Minister confirmed that he had secured approval from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform for the outline of a €1.5 million Crop Loss Measure and was committed to the introduction of this measure at the earliest possible time.

The Minister confirmed his willingness to discuss the detail with a view to ensuring this support is best targeted at those most impacted and will facilitate a meeting tomorrow morning (Wednesday), 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

**ENDS**