



Date set for dairy summit to chart the way forward

A DAIRY industry summit called by Agriculture and Food Minister Joe Walsh is to be held in Portlaoise on September 17 to chart a way forward for the sector, writes **Mairead McGuinness.**

The summit will be addressed by the Minister. Representatives from all sections of the dairy industry have been invited to

attend. This summit follows publication earlier this year of the Prospectus report into the dairy sector which called for major restructuring.

The IFA is holding a series of four regional dairy meetings, starting tonight in Roscommon, to examine the future of the dairy industry post-CAP Reform.

The meetings will be

chaired by IFA president John Dillon and will be addressed by a number of experts in the sector.

"These meetings will give IFA essential feedback from farmers in advance of the Dairy Summit," said Michael Murphy, dairy chairman.

Tonight's meeting is in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon at 8.30pm.