Rangeland Restoration Awards 2026

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ABOUT HIM

- Organic farmer working in Ireland's upland landscapes
- Combines traditional grazing knowledge with modern innovation to show the link between livestock
- production, biodiversity conservation, climate resilience and rural livelihoods
- leading voice for the role of pastoralist and grazing communities

THE LAND HE RESTORES

- Community-managed upland grazing landscapes in county Tipperary, Ireland
- Approximately 25,000 acres of shared grazing lands stewarded
- Supports native grassland habitats, wildlife, pollinators and watersheds
- Managed using conservation grazing practices that balance livestock production and biodiversity protection

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

Restored Rangeland Habitats

- Uses conservation grazing across ***25,000 acres*** of community grazing land to enhance biodiversity and ecosystem health

Advanced Sustainable Grazing

- Promotes native cattle breeds and traditional grazing practices that support resilient rangelands and healthy landscapes

Introduced Innovative Stewardship

- Applies virtual fencing to manage grazing more effectively and protect sensitive habitats.

Strengthened Rural Livelihoods

- Founded ***Omega Beef Direct***, creating fair market opportunities for farmers and adding value to sustainably produced beef

Shared Knowledge and Leadership

- Mentors farmers through initiatives such as ***Organics with Altitude***, promoting regenerative grazing and land stewardship.

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