Accessibility Statement

This accessibility statement applies to the AgNav web application (agnav.ie).

Our Commitment to Accessibility

AgNav is committed to ensuring its digital services are accessible to as many users as possible, regardless of ability or technology. Our primary user base of farmers and agricultural advisors includes a wide range of technical abilities, age profiles, and field-based usage contexts. Accessibility is therefore not only a legal obligation but a practical priority.

Accessibility is considered a core part of our user experience strategy and is embedded into our design, development, and testing processes. We actively work to identify, reduce, and remove accessibility barriers across the platform.

Legal Context

AgNav is subject to the European Accessibility Act (EAA), transposed into Irish law under the European Union (Accessibility Requirements of Products and Services) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 636/2023).

As a web application (digital service), AgNav is required to meet accessibility standards from 28 June 2025. We are actively working towards full compliance and are committed to achieving this as early as possible. Our internal accessibility roadmap targets full compliance no later than 28 June 2030.

AgNav is developed by Teagasc, Bord Bia, and the Irish Cattle Breeding Federation (ICBF). For the purposes of EAA obligations, the responsible service provider is ICBF.

Standards and Approach

We aim to conform to the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA, in line with EN 301 549, the European standard for ICT accessibility.

Front-End Architecture

Accessibility is integrated into our front-end architecture and component design. We prioritise:

- Semantic HTML structure
- Keyboard accessibility for all interactive elements
- Consistent focus management across dynamic user interface (UI) states
- Accessible form validation and feedback patterns
- Reusable UI components designed with accessibility in mind

Design

Accessibility is incorporated during UI/user experience (UX) design, including:

- Colour contrast validation
- Clear visual hierarchy and readable typography
- Consistent interaction patterns
- Consideration of cognitive load and usability

Testing and Validation

We use axe DevTools as part of our development workflow and Continuous Integration (CI) pipeline. A CI pipeline is an automated process that checks code changes by building and testing the application before they are released. This helps us detect accessibility issues early.

Manual accessibility checks are performed during development and quality assurance, including:

- Keyboard-only navigation
- Focus visibility and interaction states
- Basic screen reader checks

We also use WebAIM Contrast Checker and Coolors to validate colour contrast. Accessibility issues are tracked and addressed as part of our ongoing improvement process.

Compliance Status

Partially compliant. AgNav meets many requirements of WCAG 2.1 Level AA; however, some areas are not yet fully compliant.

Scope: AgNav web application - largely compliant with ongoing improvements.

Known Accessibility Limitations

The following areas are not yet fully compliant:

- Dynamic UI components may not fully support assistive technologies or keyboard interactions
- Focus may not always be consistently managed across dynamic views
- Some validation messages may not be announced correctly by screen readers
- Some components may have incomplete accessible rich internet applications (ARIA) attributes or labels
- Older UI elements may not meet current accessibility standards

Remediation and Roadmap

We are actively improving accessibility by:

- Refactoring legacy components
- Enhancing keyboard navigation
- Improving screen reader support
- Standardising accessible UI patterns

Our target is to achieve full WCAG 2.1 Level AA compliance as early as possible and no later than 28 June 2030.

Feedback and Contact

We welcome feedback on the accessibility of AgNav. If you experience any barriers or wish to report an issue, please contact us. We aim to respond within 5 to 10 business days.

Escalation

If you are not satisfied with our response, complaints may be escalated to the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC), the designated market surveillance authority for digital products and services under S.I. No. 636/2023.

Statement Preparation

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Review cadence: Annually or following major platform releases.

Assessment method: Automated testing (axe DevTools) and manual checks.