

Centenary Thurles

Co-operative Society Ltd

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Milk Quota Trading Scheme

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The balance will be sold on the exchange at the Market Clearing Price. Application forms are included with this month's milk statement and all forms must be with the department on or before 27th January 2012.

It is unclear yet whether there will be any exchange in this Society as we are unsure whether we will have any sellers. The situation will become clearer closer to the deadline date.

Prior to Christmas, the results of the first phase were announced. We had 12 successful sellers totalling 1.25m litres. 356,000 litres were allocated to the priority pool and allocated according to the criteria to 92 successful applicants. The balance of 900,000 litres was sold at the Market Clearing Price of 40c per litre to 18 suppliers with quantities purchased varying between 7,101 litres and 79,710 litres.



Pictured recently at the Presentation of the 2011 Agricultural Scholarships are (L to R) **Tom Nyland** (Branch Manager Ballyduff), **Kevin Fitzpatrick** Templemore, **Peadar Kinane** Horse & Jockey, **Con Costigan** (Chairman), **Joseph Cleary** Shinrone, **Eamonn Bergin** (Deputy Chief Executive).

National Dairy Council Health & Wellbeing Evening

The National Dairy Council in conjunction with Thurles Fresh Milk and the Friends of the Community Hospital of the Assumption are running a Health & Wellbeing Evening in the Dome at Semple Stadium Thurles on Thursday 2nd of February next.

This hugely successful evening has been held at many venues throughout the country in recent times and follows a tried and trusted formula.

The evening starts at 7.30 pm and MC for the evening will be Fran Curry of Tipp FM. The first speaker will be Paula Mee, Independent Dietician, who is well known for her contributions to many TV and Radio programmes advising on nutrition and health issues.

She was also a presenter of RTE's 'Health Squad' programme. Ailish Maher Hennessy of Fiacri House will then give a cookery demonstration with the focus on healthy eating and a balanced diet. The final speaker will be Fiona Hoban a popular Counsellor and Wellbeing Coach who will speak on issues relating to health of the mind.

Tickets will be on sale from all Centenary Thurles branches and are priced at €10 each. The proceeds of the night and interval raffle will go to the Friends of the Community Hospital of the Assumption.

This modern and patient-friendly Hospital makes a huge contribution to the people of County Tipperary and provides in addition to residential care for older people, a rehab care unit, and a palliative care unit.

The NDC and Thurles Fresh Milk are proud to be able to support the Friends of the Community Hospital of the Assumption and in addition to supporting this worthy cause, you will enjoy an excellent, informative and entertaining evening.



Milk Bonus

A reminder to all Dairy farmers that a bonus of €15 per tonne on 16% Dairy and €25 per tonne on 18% Super Dairy and 21% Premium is payable on nuts purchased and delivered prior to 31st January 2012. **Get your orders in now to avail of this super deal!!**

Cheque Payment Details

A reminder to all customers when paying by cheque in relation to their store purchases – all cheques must be made payable to Centenary Thurles Stores Ltd.

This is a banking requirement and correct identification will ensure that there are no problems regarding the cheque being returned. The bank will not accept the terms 'Centenary Co-op', 'Thurles Co-op', 'Centenary DIY', 'Roscrea Farm Store', etc.

Herd Health Screening Programme

In excess of 60 suppliers have signed up for this programme which will be rolled out in the coming weeks.

Two workshops will be held on the 25th January next, at 2.00pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel and 7.30pm in the Templemore Arms Hotel. Full details and explanation of the Scheme will be provided at these workshops.

Once the programme is finalised, other new entrants to the scheme must wait until 2013.



Farm Safety – Machinery & ATV's

MACHINERY

It is important that machinery used by farmers is suitable for the task and properly maintained with all dangerous parts covered. All machinery should be serviced and maintained on a regular basis.

Tractors and machinery should be stable and controls in good working order. It is important to remember that machinery cannot be operated safely if operators have not sufficient information and training.

// Many serious farm accidents occur because guards which must be provided by law are damaged or taken off //

PTO shafts are involved in many accidents, often with machinery that is stationary e.g. slurry agitation and milling meal.

TRACTORS & MACHINERY

Tractors, machinery and farm vehicles are potentially very dangerous. Tractors and machinery used on farms account for the highest proportion of fatal accidents and injuries each year.

When buying machinery make sure:

- You deal with a reputable dealer.
- Tractors and self propelled machinery have a suitable cab.
- The tractor or machine should be easy to maintain long term.
- The operator's manual is provided. It is as important for second hand machinery as new.

When you buy or hire machinery the law states the supplier must provide all necessary guards. Machinery should be inspected regularly for defects which should be rectified immediately. Always prop machinery when working under hydraulics.

In the off-season machinery should be propped or lowered to the ground when not in use.

ATV'S

- Keep in mind there is no roll bar.
- The operator must use his/her body weight to ensure safe operation.

Ensure there is:

- Training
- Protective gear — helmet, goggles & gloves.

Read the manual.



The winner of our 'Guess the Temperature' competition in the last issue of our newsletter was **Rachel Ryan**, Suirview, Killeenyarda, Holecross.

She is pictured here receiving her fabulous prize from **Brendan Ryan** Production Manager Thurles Fresh Milk.

Centenary Feed and Grain Retirements

Last month saw the retirement of two stalwart members of the Centenary Feed & Grain Staff, namely **Tom Quinlan and Jim Troy**. Between them, they gave over **90 years service to the Society**.

Tom Quinlan commenced his employment in August 1967 as a lorry driver. Fertiliser and feed would be drawn to branches and farms and had to be off loaded manually. Subsequently Tom spent many of his years drawing milk from branch creameries to the silo in Ballyduff and onwards to Ballyraggett.

Once the branch creameries ceased milk intake, Tom off loaded the milk collection tankers and once again delivered to Ballyraggett. Later changes saw all milk collection tankers go direct to Ballyraggett and Tom's recent work consisted mainly of the drawing of raw materials to the mill from the ports and the delivery of feed to the branches.

Given the mileage driven on behalf of the Society, Tom's safety record was excellent. His record of 'minding' a lorry was second to none as maintenance and replacement records will show.



Tom Quinlan handing in his lorry keys to P.J. Mullaney on his last day working with Centenary Feed & Grain.

Outside of his work, Tom has a keen interest in sports and was a member of the successful Moyne-Templetuohy team that won the 1971 County Senior Hurling title. In recent times he has embarked on a golfing career that is sure to flourish on his retirement.

Jim Troy followed the family tradition and joined the staff of Centenary in March 1965. His early employment commenced in the yard, where pallets and forklifts were dreams of the future.

The input requirements of the local farmers were serviced at Ballyduff by a large team of staff who had to load and unload all trailers by hand. This extremely demanding manual work was both tough and labour intensive but Jim coped well with the physical challenges.

Jim moved on to work in the recently developed feed mill and saw a raft of changes during his time in the panel room. In the mid 1990's, he took responsibility for weighbridge and harvest operations, a job which he performed with military-like precision.

His attention to detail and record-keeping is legendary. Jim is also an accomplished photographer and has many assignments to his credit, from weddings to corporate work to calendars and all challenges in between.

He certainly will not be idle in his retirement and will be able to devote more time to DIY and fishing in addition to photography.

Both Tom and Jim are wished well in their retirement and congratulated for their service to the Society and farming community alike.

Super-Levy Position

The Society over-quota position has improved dramatically since our last Newsletter and stands at 2.45% over-quota at the end of December.

A dramatic fall-off in deliveries coupled with some quota transfers in, were the principle causes of the reduction.

The latest available national figures to the end of November suggest an over-quota position of 0.41% and this should improve further in both December and January.

Despite these improvements, the determining factor will be the milk supply for the months of February and March. There is serious concern that earlier calving if coupled with good weather could ensure the country breaches its quota at year-end. The leap year could also act as a negative factor.

Consequently an over-quota position is still the most likely outcome at 31st March. We have continued with our policy of applying super-levy deductions to those suppliers whose delivery profile suggests that they will exceed their quota.

Temporary Lease allocations will be shown on December milk statements and consequently the 'headroom' allowed before deduction has been reduced to 20,000 litres for Category 1 and 15,000 litres for Category 2. Cumulative deductions of 20c per litre have been made.

Suppliers whose profiles have improved sufficiently will receive refunds. The message continues to be vigilant in relation to your milk deliveries.





PASSIONATE ABOUT PLANTS

REPS FARMERS

ORDER IN STORE

NATIVE IRISH TREES & HEDGING




REPS/FARM HEDGING	OTHER HEDGING	
<p>WHITETHORN Traditional whitethorn "quicks". Fast growing, stock-proof hedge suited to most soil types except damp/wet ground. Bears attractive white blossoms in May. Responds well to hedge trimming.</p>	<p>GREEN or COMMON BEECH Dense, compact hedge that thrives in well-drained mineral soils. Suitable for shady or exposed areas. Retains its leaves during winter giving it an attractive "rusty" colour before fresh bright green growth appears in Spring.</p>	<p>GRISELINIA Reasonably fast growing evergreen hedging species requiring well drained soil and good light. Resistant to salt and wind exposure so very suited to coastal locations. Susceptible to frost damage.</p>
<p>BLACKTHORN Blackthorn or sloe. Slow growing but forming an excellent stock-proof hedge. Excellent for filling-in gaps in existing hedges. Bears attractive white blossoms in March/April.</p>	<p>COPPER BEECH A more expensive relation of the green beech which has deep purple leaves. Retains its leaves in winter (rusty colour) creating a permanent screen all year round.</p>	<p>Hedging plants are available in bundles of 25 in size categories from 40cm (18") to 120cm (54"). Supply of all species/sizes is subject to plant availability. Other species are available on request.</p>
<p>HOLLY Native evergreen shrub, slow growing. Good plant to mix in with other hedging material.</p>	<p>LAUREL A hardy evergreen plant with large glossy deep green leaves. One of the easiest shrubs to grow, that does well on all types of soils, in full sun or shade.</p>	<p>SPECIMEN TREES A choice of native trees ideal for planting around the farm yard or for mixing into hedgerows as specimen trees.</p>


CENTENARY
 Home & Garden

SALE

FEBRUARY SAT 4th – SAT 18th

UP TO 50% OFF

LADDERS GIFTWARE
HOUSEWARES

FOOTWEAR & PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

BATHROOM ACCESSORIES | STORAGE BOXES & BINS
EQUESTRIAN

FENCING PANELS

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