

Centenary Thurles
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Coveney launches €3.5M national dairy sustainability scheme

On 11th December last, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney TD launched a National Sustainability and Quality Scheme for the dairy sector.

Speaking at an event hosted by Bord Bia, and attended by dairy sector leaders, Minister Coveney welcomed the foresight of stakeholders who had embraced the new National Scheme, which he said would build on the already formidable reputation of the Irish dairy sector in international markets, by capitalising on Ireland's reputation for green, carbon efficient, high quality dairy production.

The Minister also said that this initiative was absolutely consistent with the policy approach and ambition outlined in the Food Harvest 2020 Report.

The programme provides a uniform and internationally recognised mechanism of recording and monitoring the sustainability of Irish dairying at farm level and is the first national dairy scheme of its type anywhere in the world.

Minister Coveney said that the Programme was an essential building block for an industry set to increase production by 50% following the abolition of milk quotas in 2015.

It is clear that the entire dairy industry must embrace this new Dairy Scheme and Centenary Thurles will be encouraging participation in the coming months. Ultimately it is likely to be compulsory for milk suppliers to be part of the scheme. For most, who are already part of the Bord Bia Beef & Lamb Scheme, there will be no further disruption as the dairy audit will take place at the same time. Currently, we are informed by Bord Bia that we have 132 milk suppliers who are not part of their existing scheme and for those suppliers, this will represent a new layer of compliance.

More information will be communicated to suppliers as the scheme is rolled out.



Agricultural Scholarships



Pictured at a recent presentation of Agricultural Scholarships are (l. to r.) Joe Kerrigan; David Russell (Thurles); Jim Russell; Niall Cleary (Shinrone); Eamonn Joyce (Clonmore); Tom Nyland.

Super-Levy Position

Since our last newsletter, the situation with our over-quota position has continued to dis-improve. At the 31st January we are 4.8m litres over quota or approximately 5.1%. The latest national position is 1.63% over quota at 31st December and rising. Nationally butterfat adjusted supply for December was up 20% on the previous year. In the last quarter of the year the national over-quota position rose from 0.42% to 1.63%. There is a strong likelihood that the final position will exceed 2%. This will place all suppliers at serious risk and national flexi-milk allocations will be minimal.

Those suppliers who applied for Temporary Lease Milk have their allocations included in the January milk statement. Maximum allocations were 9,394 litres to Category 1 (under 350,000 litres) and half that to Category 2. Those who qualified for Temporary Animal Disease Allocations also have their quotas adjusted for January.

You should critically examine your quota position on your milk statement. The last remaining variables will be your supply for February and March and the amount of flexi-milk to be received. Whilst we cannot be definitive on flexi-milk allocations due to the variances that may occur in February and March supply, Category 2 allocation of internal flexi-milk is likely to be in the region of 6,000 to 8,000 litres, with a Category 1 allocation of possibly 3 times that in category 2. It should be noted that these figures are for guidance only and suppliers must be aware that every litre of over-quota milk supply has the potential of attracting a super-levy liability.

We anticipate having 100 suppliers paying a levy of €1m and expect to have it all collected from suppliers by 31st March. It should also be noted that a further levy is anticipated for 2014/2015 and super-levy deductions for that year will likely start in the summer months.

2014 Plunkett Award

The lifelong personal contribution to the business of co-operation by Jim Maher of Cooleeney Moyne was recognised nationally by ICOS who awarded Jim their highest award – the Plunkett Award for Co-operative Endeavour. Jim is a former Chairman of Centenary Thurles Co-operative, Board Member of Mid-Tipperary Co-operative Society Ltd and together with his wife Breda, is the founder of the highly successful Cooleeney Cheese business. Jim is also a former Council and Board Member of Glanbia and played a crucial role in the process leading to the merger of Centenary and Thurles Co-ops in 2005.

Jim received the award from the President of ICOS, Bertie O’Leary at a reception in The Plunkett House in Dublin on Friday 20th December last.

Speaking at the Award ceremony, Seamus O’Donohoe, CEO of ICOS said:

“Jim Maher’s exceptional personal contribution is recognised by this prestigious award named after Plunkett, the founder of the Irish co-operative movement. He has given over 30 years of selfless voluntary commitment and service to the co-operative movement in which he also found time over 25 years to build a successful artisan cheese company, Cooleeney, whose brand is synonymous with quality and sustainability. Throughout his time he has also made a significant and strategic contribution to structural change in the industry and to the widespread benefit of suppliers, shareholders and rural communities. He is exemplary of the spirit that Ireland needs to create a better future and he is a worthy recipient of this prestigious award.”

We congratulate Jim and his family on his achievement and indeed accept that it is also a great honour for both Centenary Thurles and Mid-Tipp Mart to have our nomination recognised in this way.



Pictured at the presentation of the Plunkett Award are (l. to r.): Jim Russell; Philip Dwyer; Paddy Daly; Jim Maher; Eamonn Bergin and Joe Kerrigan

Growing Beans in 2014

High prices of vegetable proteins internationally over the last number of years have led to an increased focus on home grown proteins as an ingredient for livestock feeds. Beans are a high protein crop that have been grown successfully in Ireland over the last 20 years and can provide growers with a good alternative to growing cereals.

Advantages of Beans:

Profitability: The margin from Beans can compare very favourably with spring cereals.

Break Crop: Beans are an excellent break crop, due in part to their ability to fix nitrogen which will improve yields in the following cereal crop.

Synergy with Cereal crops: Growing beans require no new machines and are a relatively simple crop to grow.

Workload : Beans can help to spread the workload from a sowing and harvesting point of view. The ideal sowing date is from mid -January to the end of February. Harvest date is September/October depending on the year.

To further enhance the margin for growers for 2014, Centenary Feed and Grain Ltd. are pleased to be in a position to offer a minimum price contract to growers of €216 per tonne (if qualifying for full bonuses) at 20% moisture. Transport is paid on top of this price. This minimum price facilitates the grower to forward plan with some degree of confidence regarding the margin available from the crop.

Centenary Agri provide a full advisory service on Crop agronomy and are stocking the leading seed varieties Fuego and Fanfare.

If you are interested in growing beans for 2014 please contact John Martin 087 2462218 or Mark Bourke 087 2575235 as soon as possible.

Milk Quality Awards 2013

The shortlist for the Centenary Thurles 2013 Milk Quality Awards has been announced. Those shortlisted in alphabetical order are as follows:

Pat Cormack	The Islands	Loughmore
Edmund Dwan	Bohernamona	Thurles
Gerard Phelan	Cranagh	Templetuohy
Thomas Ryan	Kylemakill	Moyne
Nicholas & Philip Thornton	Ballyheens	Cashel

We congratulate all finalists for their achievement and wish them well with the remaining evaluation which is a farm visit due to take place in March. The overall winner will be nominated as our representative for this year's National Awards Scheme in conjunction with the Irish Dairy Board and National Dairy Council.

Next in line to our finalists also in alphabetical order were:

Anthony Catherine & Martin Cantwell Ballyerk Templetuohy; Richard & Patrick Daly Derryfadda Moyne; Brian Lyons & Olive Fanning Coolcroo Two-Mile-Borris; James Ryan Meldrum Cashel and William Ryan Shanakill Roscrea.

TB Reactors

All milk suppliers must make contact with either Denis Kennedy or Aisling Harris (0504 34030) immediately when found to have a TB reactor. Milk from all reactor animals must be withheld and cannot

be delivered to processing premises and the reactor animals must be effectively isolated.

Retirement of Committee Members

At a function last November, retiring Committee Members Con Costigan, Paddy Downey, Jim Maher and John Ryan were honoured for the contributions they have made to the Society. Having served for a total of 90 years, the tributes were indeed warranted and fitting. Chairman Jim Russell in making a presentation to his predecessor Con Costigan

commented that ‘Con always commanded great respect in all the roles he served in over a 20 year period. He had a particular interest in the mill and its improvement both in image and performance. He presided over a period of targeted investment to enhance the mill’s capability’. Roger Kennedy spoke of Paddy Downey’s contribution to both the Cashel area, the Society

as a whole and Thurles Fresh Milk of which Paddy was a Board Member. Jim Maher’s contribution was outlined by Paddy Daly who referred to Jim’s various roles including that as Chairman for 8 years. Noreen Barry led the tributes to John Ryan referring to his contribution to the Drom community, Dovea and Glanbia Council.

Each of the four retiring members were thanked by the Chairman and wished well in their retirements.



(l. to r.) John Cronin, Roger Kennedy, Paddy Downey, Noel O’Connor, Declan Donnelly



(l. to r.) Philip Dwyer, Eileen Costigan, Con Costigan, Jim Russell, Paddy Daly



(l. to r.) Philip Dwyer, Jim Russell, Jim Maher, Paddy Daly



(l. to r.) Philip Dwyer, Kathleen Ryan, Jim Russell, John Ryan, Paddy Daly



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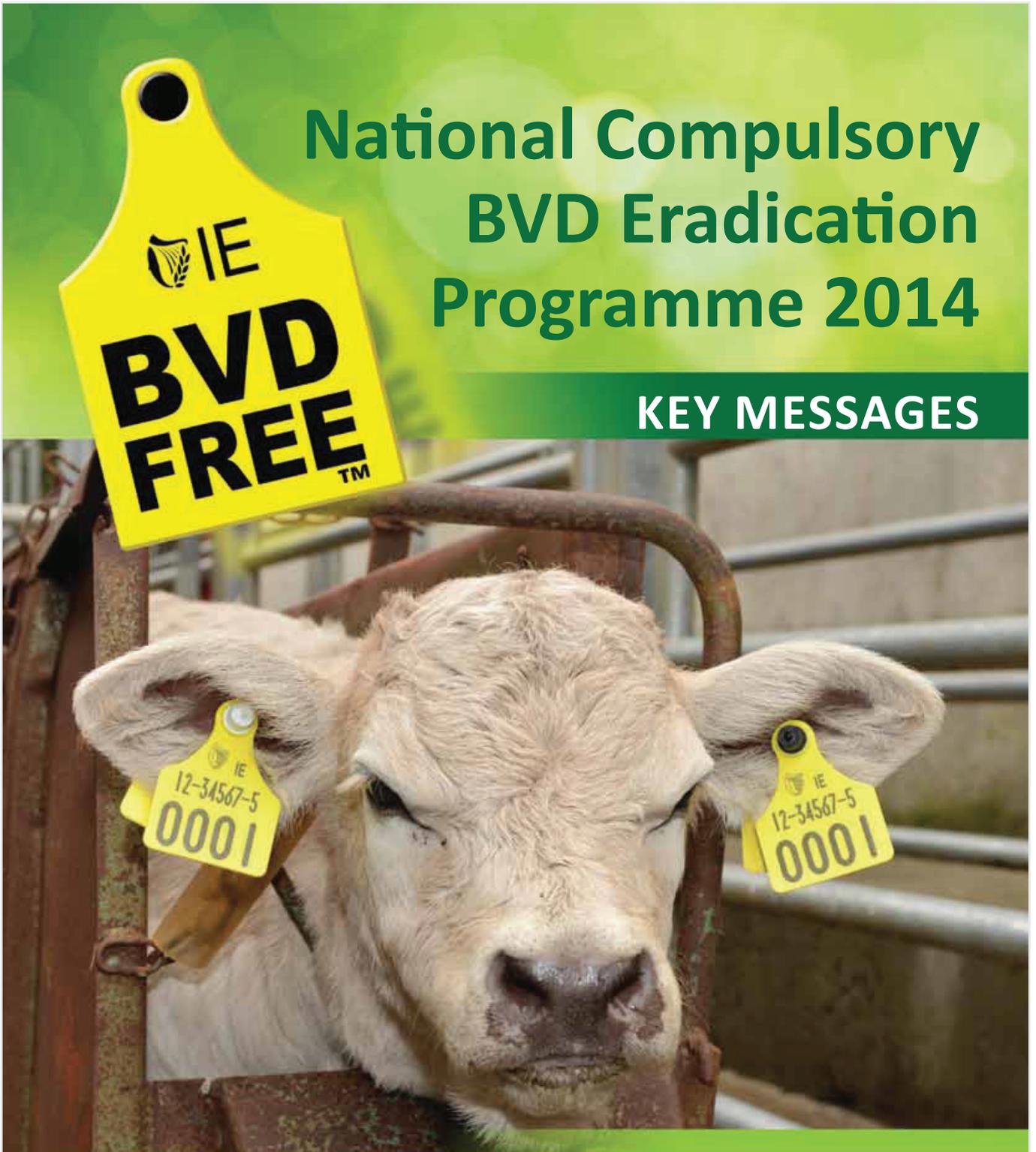
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KEY MESSAGES



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Key Messages for 2014

Tagging and submission of samples. Tag calves as soon as possible after birth. Store samples in a cool, dark place and submit samples to the testing laboratory within 7 days of collection.

Postage. The minimum fee for submitting tags through the postal system (even for one tag) is €1.05. However, An Post has advised that the €1.05 fee should be sufficient for up to 10 samples, provided they are flat, rather than bulked up within the envelope. Underpayment will lead to samples being detained by An Post. If you have more than 10 samples, it is advisable to take your package to the post office to ensure the correct postage is paid. Write your name, address and herd number on the top left hand corner of the envelope and make sure samples are properly packaged. Don't forget to place the samples in a plastic bag before putting them in the envelope.

Mobile phone number. To provide or update your mobile phone number for receiving results, contact 076 106 4590 or helpdesk@bvdfree.ie

Positive and inconclusive calf results. Take a follow-up confirmatory test (blood sample or tissue tag) 3 weeks after taking the first positive sample. If the status of the dams of these calves is unknown, they also should be sampled. Consult your veterinary practitioner about further herd investigation to make sure that any other PI animals are identified and removed as quickly as possible.

Disposal of PIs. PI animals are a significant source of infection, posing a particular threat to pregnant stock in your own and neighbouring herds, with the risk of further PI calves being born the following season. It is recommended that PI animals are culled as soon as possible after being identified, but in any event **all PI animals should be culled before the start of the breeding season.** Failure to do so may result in additional tissue tag testing being required in your herd and increase the overall costs and duration of the national eradication programme. In addition, PI animals are likely to fail to thrive and to die, even if apparently normal at birth.

Biosecurity. Purchased stock (including pregnant cattle that may be carrying PI calves) and contacts at boundaries are the biggest risks for introducing infection that may in turn lead to the birth of further PI calves. Purchased animals should ideally be tested negative for BVD prior to purchase. Where pre-purchase testing is not possible, cattle should be isolated post-purchase until tested negative. Note that pregnant non-PI cattle may carry a PI calf if they were exposed to BVD virus during early pregnancy (known as Trojan cattle). Isolate any purchased in-calf heifers or cows until they have calved and the calf has tested negative for BVD virus. Where possible, manage grazing of pregnant stock at home and on out-farms, away from boundaries to minimize contact with cattle from other herds. For more details see www.biosecurity.ie

Database. All of your test results and programme letters are available to you on the ICBF database. For login details see www.ICBF.com

Key Findings From 2013

- **0.68% of calves tested were PI**
- PI animals should be culled as soon as possible after identification. Over 9,000 PIs identified in 2013 are **now dead, but 3% of herds have retained PIs.**
- 6.7% of PI calves had a PI dam; the remainder were born as PIs due to infection of their dams in early pregnancy.
- 11% of herds had one or more positive or inconclusive results; most of these herds had no more than one or two PIs.

For more information see www.bvdfree.ie or contact 076 106 4590

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