

Centenary Thurles

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Thurles Fresh Milk Tipperary Cup

The highlight of the year at Thurles Greyhound track is always the Thurles Fresh Milk Tipperary Cup. The final was run on Saturday night 2nd August before a large attendance with a lot of local interest in the final.





Racing from Trap 1, the locally owned Dannys Zebo held off all challengers for a trap to line success. The owners' syndicate included our Chairman Jim Russell, our shareholders Tom & Tim Connolly from Loughmore, Denis Leamy the former rugby star and his father Kevin from Dually along with John O'Connell from Dovea. Runner-Up on the night was another local greyhound Star Ace which included our shareholder Paddy Everard of Templetoohy amongst its owners' syndicate. In third place was All About Ya owned by our former manager in Roscrea, Willie Rigney.

We would like to congratulate all the finalists for their performances and all associated with the running of the Thurles Fresh Milk Tipperary Cup for 2014. In conjunction with the Cup, we organised a facebook competition which attracted almost 400 entries who were each allocated a greyhound at the outset. The winner of the 32inch television was Emma Carroll of Clonboo who profited from the success of Dannys Zebo. A Home & Garden voucher was awarded to each of those lucky enough to draw one of the other five finalists.



Milk Quota Appeals Tribunal — Permanent Allocations 2014/2015

1. PERMANENT ALLOCATIONS FROM MILK QUOTA NATIONAL RESERVE

The Tribunal will give priority to SMALL-SCALE producers who are committed to and highly dependent on dairying. Only those producers with a total permanent quota of less than 280,000 litres, at the date of application, will be considered for an allocation under this scheme.

2. COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

In assessing applications, the Tribunal will take account of the following factors:

- current quota size,
- commitment to dairying,
- off-farm income and/or other farm enterprises,
- size of holding,
- family circumstances, including succession,
- previous allocations from the National Reserve, and
- any other circumstances relevant to the application as outlined by the applicant.

Section 3 of the form, “Your Situation”, allows each applicant to inform the Tribunal about the circumstances relating to their application. You should try to make the best use of this space by being as clear and to the point as possible. Before completing Section 3, you should consider what factors the Tribunal takes into account in assessing applications. Remember that supporting documents can be included. There is no need to repeat in Section 3 what you have already included at Section 1 or 2 of the form. However, if the information on your farm and personal circumstances in those sections does not give an accurate reflection of your situation, you should explain this briefly in Section 3.

Important: The application form must be completed in full. Otherwise, it will not be examined by the Tribunal.

The onus for submitting an application to the Tribunal rests with the producer. Producers should note that the closing date for receipt of applications in Meat & Milk Policy Division, Kildare Street, Dublin 2 is 5th September 2014.

Milk Quality 2014

By and large, milk quality continues to improve with lower TBCs and lower SCCs being reported. On occasion however, for a variety of reasons, poor loads of milk are reported back from the processor. To the end of July, we have had 31 such loads which equates to one load per week. Whilst it accounts for 1.1% of our milk and this seems a small percentage, approximately 700,000 litres of milk, much of which is of excellent quality, has been damaged.

The milk payment policy for 2014/2015 has been issued to all suppliers in June and attention was drawn, in an accompanying letter, to the fact that an increased penalty of 7c per litre on the month's milk supply will apply to all suppliers for whom a test result of greater than 1million TBC is reported. This additional penalty is in force from 1st August having allowed a sufficient time period from when suppliers were first notified. The message now is to ensure all proper procedures are followed to ensure low TBC when your milk is collected. The financial penalties are now so severe that it does not pay to take a chance with procedures. If you have any issues or want to be updated again on procedures, please contact Denis Kennedy or Aisling Harris on 0504-34030.

NDC & Kerrygold Quality Milk Awards

Congratulations to our 2013 Milk Quality Award winners, Edmund & Thomas Dwan Bohernamona Thurles, who have been shortlisted for the NDC & Kerrygold Quality Milk Award. We wish them every success in the final.

Ongoing Developments

This summer has seen the commencement of the upgrading of Templemore Branch and the Head Office at Thurles. Both developments have caused and will continue to cause some disruption for both customers and staff. We thank you for your understanding to date and re-assure you that the benefits attained from the ongoing works will make the disruption worthwhile in the longer term.

We are also upgrading our broadband links which should also improve customer experience at branch level.

1st Phase Temporary Leasing

Allocation of 1st Phase Temporary Leasing has been applied to Milk Quotas in June Milk Statements. The Category 1 allocation is 6,732 litres with 3,366 litres to Category 2 Suppliers.

Animal Health Certificates

Animal Health Certs for 2014 are now due and should be returned before the 31st October. A penalty of €100 will apply to all suppliers who have not submitted a cert by this date. Your milk statement indicates if you have failed to submit for 2014. Collection of milk will be refused if this cert is not submitted by 31st January next.

Super-Levy Position

At the end of July, the Society was approximately 5.2m litres or 9.2% over quota. This is obviously a serious position for many suppliers. The national position is little better with an over-quota position of 7.05% at the end of June. This compares with an under-quota position of 2.6% nationally at the end of June last year, a position which ultimately led to a national over-quota position. Deductions have commenced in respect of super-levy for 2014/2015 which now is inevitable.

The position for 2013/2014 is not finalised and will likely take a further month.

Agricultural Scholarships

Agricultural Scholarships are awarded each year to sons/daughters of shareholders attending the Agricultural Colleges. Closing Date for applications is Friday 12th September 2013. Please contact Tom Nyland at Ballyduff (0504 34038) for further details.

Irish Dairy Board

Our Chairman, Jim Russell has recently been elected Vice-Chairman of the Irish Dairy Board. This is a very prestigious position as milk quotas are removed and the Dairy Board expands its operations. Jim is wished well on this appointment which further enhances the profile of Centenary Thurles in the Irish dairy industry where Jackie Cahill remains as Chairman of the National Dairy Council.



New Vice-Chairman

At our July meeting Noreen Barry of Knocka, Drom was elected Vice-Chairman of Centenary Thurles Co-Op, succeeding Philip Dwyer of Whitefort, Holycross who had served the maximum term permitted under the Rules. The Chairman, Jim Russell paid tribute to Philip for his work on behalf of the Society and its shareholders and for his help, advice, insights and honest opinions which he provided to the Chairman. He also congratulated Noreen on her election and looked forward to her increased involvement in the running of the Society.

Retirement of P.J. Mullaney

50 years after enrolling as an apprentice, P.J. Mullaney retired from the Garage Staff at Ballyduff at the end of June. In due course, this service will be honoured by the Committee and Staff. This length of service is exceptional and unlikely to be seen again. Indeed it is understood that P.J. was on the staff for some time prior to becoming an apprentice at the age of 15. We wish him many years of health and happiness.



Reseeding Promotion Autumn 2014



Centenary Agri offers a range of top yielding mixtures and this autumn offers a reduction of €5 per acre off our top selling No. 2 and No. 3 mixtures.

Our Grass Seed catalogue for 2014 contains mixtures with the following advantages:

- Leading range of mixes designed to suit locality
- Formulated in conjunction with Teagasc
- Contains Abergain and Aberchoice, the top varieties from the Dept of Agriculture recommended list
- Contains Dunluce, the 1st ranked variety from the Moorepark grass economic index
- Varieties selected for exceptional yield especially spring and autumn
- Designed to give leafy swards with good persistency
- Designed to give superior animal performance

For post-reseeding advice e.g. pest and weed control, please contact our advisory service who are extremely knowledgeable and experienced in all matters associated with reseeding. Centenary Thurles Co Op stores carry the full range for weed/pest control such as Legumex DB and Triad and these will be discussed further at our Monitor Farm Open Day on September 3rd next at The Windmill Moyne, to which all are welcome.

MONITOR FARM OPEN DAY

*Brendan Phelan, The Windmill,
Moyne, Thurles is the new Monitor
Farm under the Centenary Thurles
Co-Op/Teagasc Joint Programme.*

An Open Day will take place on Brendan's Farm
on Wednesday September 3rd at 2p.m.

Agenda:

1. Pros and Cons of Dairy Expansion
2. Soil Fertility and Nutrient Management
3. Grazing Infrastructure e.g. Paddocks, Roadways.
4. Health and Safety on Dairy Farms
5. Key Factors in Managing Your Grass
6. Benefits of Reseeding



**Fuel Offer starts
1st September!**

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