

Co-operative News

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Centenary Thurles
Co-operative Society Ltd

Looking Back on the Years



L-R: Billy Sheedy, Ned Fogarty, Dan Bergin, Dinny Treacy. Last Day of Churn deliveries by Dan Bergin into Montore Creamery.

Save the Date 125 Years

To mark 125 years, we will be celebrating with an event in the Dome, Thurles, on Saturday 26th August. More details to follow.

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MilkedIn & Self-Service Apps

Following a significant outage after the Cyber Attack in late September, the very informative MilkedIn and Self-Service Apps should have by now returned to your screens. If you have any issues or would like to avail of the Apps, please contact Yvonne on **(0504) 91916**.



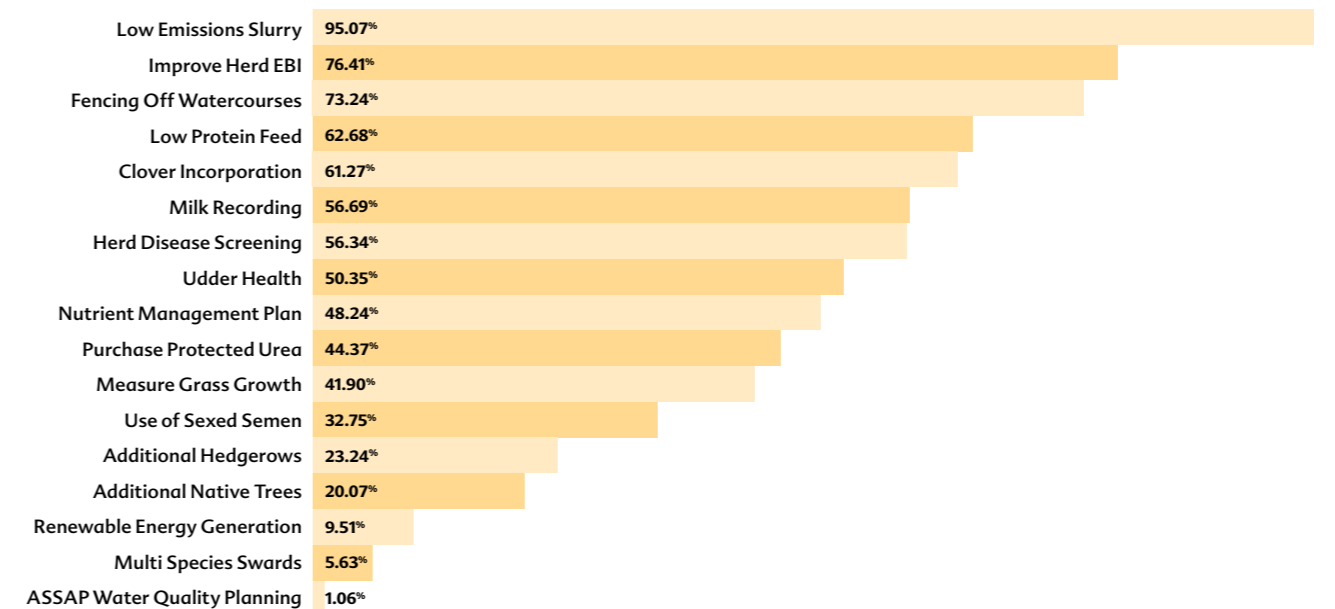
Milk Payment Dates 2023

Just a reminder to Milk Suppliers that the intended dates for milk payments for the remainder of 2023 are as follows:

March 22nd
April 20th
May 19th
June 20th
July 21st
August 18th
September 20th
October 20th
November 20th
December 18th

Sustainability Payments

Milk Suppliers will be aware that Sustainability is now part of our milk payment system. Up to ½c per litre is included in the published milk for 2023. Most suppliers have committed to the seven sustainability actions to achieve the full ½c. For January payment, the actions committed to were as follows:



Tirlán Council

John Russell (Loran) and William Maher (Templetuohy) are our two new representatives on the Council of Tirlán. They replace John Hogan (Central) and Pat Kennedy (Killea) who had served the maximum terms permitted under the Centenary Thurles representation policy.

New Committee Member – Cashel Electoral Area

James Hanly has replaced John Cronin on the Committee of Management and attended his first Committee Meeting on 20th February last. We wish James well in his new role.

Committee Retirements 2023

By the end of March 2023, all shareholders will receive a notice of Committee Members retiring by rotation at our next AGM. Nominations will be due by 11th April.

Presentations were recently made to those Committee Members who retired since the outbreak of Covid. A presentation was also made to Jim Russell on his retirement in 2021, after 8 years' service to the Society as Chairman.



L-R: Paddy Daly and Jim Russell



L-R: Paddy Daly, Roger and Margaret Kennedy



L-R: Una and Bill Flanagan and Paddy Daly



L-R: Carmel Cronin, Paddy Daly and John Cronin



L-R: Mairead and Jerry Sutton and Paddy Daly

Milk Supply Data 2022

Some key data from 2022:

- Overall Supply 189.35m litres (+ 0.1%)
- 328 Suppliers
- Average Supply 577,000 litres
- 46 Suppliers < 250,000 litres
- 125 Suppliers < 400,000 litres
- Average Payout after levies 60.3cpl (excludes Loyalty Bonus & 1c top-up paid in Jan 2023)
- Nett Milk Payments Issued +€34.4m (+53%)

Milk Price Outlook

As always, milk price is difficult to predict more than 3 or 4 months ahead. The supply/demand balance can shift quickly in either direction. In a falling market, buyers tend to stand back and purchase smaller quantities which can lead the market further downwards. Conversely, in a rising market demand can be strong pushing prices upwards. We have seen a decline of 6c to 52.08c for January milk. The indications are for further reductions in the coming months, based on contracts entered into in present times. The high cost of inputs and overheads will impact greatly on any reduction, so it is hoped that the market will bottom out relatively quickly. It is unwise to make any predictions beyond peak, but overall, it could be quite a difficult year.

Agricultural Scholarships

Left to Right: Pat Ryan (representing his son Thomas) Two-Mile-Borris; Pat Maher (Vice-Chairman Centenary Thurles Co-Op); Michael Coffey Killea; Ronan Carroll Loughmore; William Maher Cassestown; Tom Nyland (Centenary Thurles Co-Op).



Capital Expenditure – Centenary Feed & Grain

We are currently working through a series of Capital Expenditure Projects which will see significantly in excess of €1m committed to improvements in our Mill. Installed over the Bank Holiday Weekend in February was a new Bottom Cuber to Line 1. This will increase output and enhance the investment in Line 2 during 2022. A new Volvo Loader has been acquired and will be delivered in March. Other priorities for 2023 are the upgrading of the Grain Dryer Pre-Cleaner, significant expansion and enhancement of our Fire Alarm System and work on our drainage systems. Other investments in the pipeline include additional grain storage; investment in a new molasses coating system; emergency lighting and ATEX. The nature of milling assets requires constant investment and upgrade, and we are pleased to commit the expenditure required to improve quality and service in the years ahead.



INVESTING IN
OUR NATURAL
COMMUNITY

Centenary Thurles,
proudly supporting the
Cabragh Wetlands Trust



Spring Planting

Onion sets, shallots and seed potatoes in a wide range of varieties available in all of our Home and Garden branches, while stocks last!

AHI / Teagasc Calf Care Event

In February AHI / Teagasc Calf Care held an informative event on Padraig and Pat Kennedy's farm in Templemore. Topics covered included calf rearing KPIs, knowing your calving numbers, feeding calf milk replacer, management at weaning and signs of calf health.



Goldcrop Info Day in Moorepark

In January, some of our staff attended the Goldcrop Info Day in Moorepark, where they learned about the ongoing clover trials at Moorepark. This is aimed at improving efficiency and lowering emissions in Irish agriculture.



Littleton Revamp

By the time this newsletter is printed, we will have the revamp of our Littleton Home and Garden branch complete. We're excited to show you the final results and hope that you enjoy our new look.

Signpost Update

John and Debbie Sheridan are dairy Signpost farmers farming in Killoshane, Borrisoleigh, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. John has worked closely with Mark Bourke (Centenary Thurles), Padraig Costigan (local Teagasc advisor) and Shane O'Hanlon (Signpost programme advisor) to put in place a plan to reduce total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions on his farm. Using protected urea as his main source of nitrogen (N) was identified as an "easy win" for John. "I made the call to my local co-op (Centenary Thurles Co-op) and ordered the fertilisers based on my nutrient management plan" John explains.



Protected Urea

Over the entire year, 70% of nitrogen fertiliser purchased on John's farm was a protected fertiliser. "Financially it made sense to switch over to protected urea. For every 5 tonne of CAN I would normally use, I switched to 3 tonne of protected urea and I saved €1,200". Switching from CAN to protected urea contributed to a saving of €8,000 in John's overall fertiliser bill. By adopting protected urea, John also reduced total GHG emissions on his farm by 4%.

In 2021, John spread 211 kg N/ha. In 2022, he has reduced the nitrogen use to 175 kg N/ha or a reduction of 17%, compared to 2021". Based on Pasture Base data up to 1st October in both years, John's grass grown in 2022 was 10,302 kg DM/ha compared to 10,865 kg DM/ha in 2021. The reduction in yield in 2022 is due to drought and reflective of the impact of the drought on yield across the country. This reduction in nitrogen fertiliser use has saved a further €4,700. This reduction in nitrogen has also reduced overall GHG emissions on John's farm by an additional 1%. "Overall I have saved €12,700 and reduced my overall farm emissions by 5%, by changing fertiliser product and reducing my nitrogen application slightly for every grazing round. It was the most valuable phone call I made in 2022. Ordering protected urea will be the first phone call I will make for 2023!"

Gouldings Protected Urea range with NUTRISPHERE

Gouldings will be offering a range of Protected Urea products with NUTRISPHERE in 2023. These products will be sold in the GEN range from Gouldings.

What has changed with NUTRISPHERE?

- NUTRISPHERE® is now recognised by the Department of Agriculture, Ireland, as a nitrogen stabilising product as it limits the loss of volatilisation.
- NUTRISPHERE® is also registered in the EU as a urease inhibitor. This is following work by the French authority ANSES.
- GEN has been proven to reduce Ammonia losses by 86% in UCD trials.
- NUTRISPHERE mode of action has been proven in a University of Bologna trial.

Advantages of using NUTRISPHERE over other inhibitors:

- It is an organic product and doesn't contain any chemicals.
- Long shelf life.
- Unlike other inhibitors, it can be used in products with Phosphate (P) allowing us to offer NPK's made with Protected Urea. This will allow our suppliers to use Protected Urea and maintain soil fertility and maximise grass growth by applying P, K & S in the same product.

Products:

- The following products will be available to our suppliers in 2023: GEN 46, GEN 38N + 7S, GEN 29 0 14 + S, SWEET 18s and GEN 13-5-25 + S.
- The GEN range represents very good value for money when compared to CAN or CAN based products.

Farming for Soil Health
Building resilient agricultural systems from the ground up

Thursday, 16th March | 10.30am - 3.30pm

Teagasc, Environment Research Centre, Johnstown Castle, Co. Wexford

Book Today!

Field Day

Teagasc

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