



Annual Milk Awards presented at AGM

On Friday, 24th April, ArraTipp held its inaugural AGM. We were delighted to present our 2025 awards to our milk suppliers.

Congratulations to all recipients!



ARRATIPP MILK SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR- BREEN FAMILY FARM

Left to right – Peter Breen, Sheila Breen, Simon Breen, Carol Breen, Peter Breen Jnr, Julia Breen & Sarah Breen.



ARRATIPP TBC AWARD 2025

DERMOT MCGRATH

Left to right: June & Dermot McGrath



ARRATIPP SCC AWARD 2025

PJ & SEAN TEEHAN

Left to right: Sean & PJ Teehan



ARRATIPP MILK QUALITY AWARD 2025

SHARON HENNESSY

Left to right: Donal Canniffe & Sharon Hennessey



ArraTipp **OPEN DAY**

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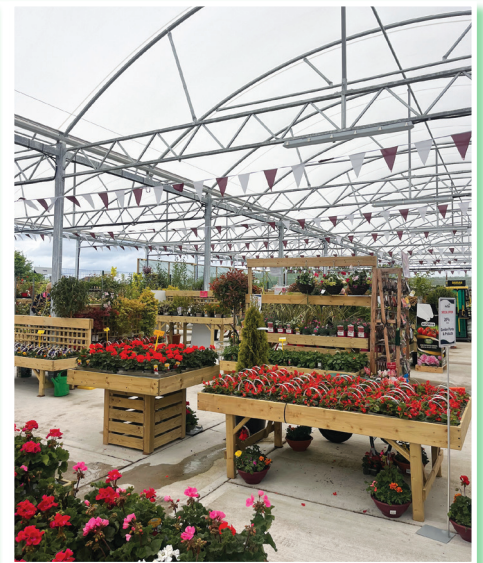
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on the
day!

Athenry Castle Garden Centre Open Day!

On Friday, 8th May, we proudly hosted the official opening day of our new Garden Centre at our Athenry branch.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported us on such a special day. We'd also like to extend a sincere thank you to the entire ArraTipp team, especially the staff in Athenry, whose hard work and dedication made the event such a success and ensured the store & garden centre looked absolutely fantastic!

Our Athenry branch is open Monday to Saturday, from 9am to 6pm.



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Future Dairy

We are delighted to announce Future Dairy, a new collaboration between ArraTipp and Teagasc. Future Dairy is based on a Solahead Dairy Farm in West Tipperary consisting of 53 hectares of grassland and includes dairy facilities supporting 140 cows. We plan to carry out demonstration & research on the farm, including grass studies, road mark technologies and actions to improve water quality.

You can follow along and watch weekly videos on our social media accounts and YouTube.



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THERMODURICS:

TOP TIPS TO MINIMIZE THERMODURIC BACTERIA IN BULK TANK MILK

Thermotolerant bacteria survive pasteurisation and adversely affect the shelf life of milk. These bacteria are found in soil, bedding and faeces of dairy cows and can get into the milking plant and bulk milk tank. Thermotolerant bacteria can be controlled at farm level by making sure that good hygiene practices are in place, especially during milking. The presence of thermotolerant bacteria is indicative of ineffective cleaning somewhere in the milk production process (cow hygiene or milking equipment hygiene).

COW AND MILKING HYGIENE:

- Ensure that teats are clean and dry before milking. If the milk sock is soiled after milking, then teat preparation is inadequate. If you wash teats, they should be dried
- Keep cows in a clean environment - if the udders and teats look dirty, then there is a problem. Keep collecting yards and approach roads regularly scraped
- Keep tails trimmed and clip the udder
- Keep hands/gloves clean throughout milking
- Keep milking clusters clean during milking and if they fall on the floor flush out completely
- Do not wash down clusters while still attached to a cow
- Do not wash down the platform while cows are present
- Cover meal bins in the parlour (some

feed ingredients are high in thermotolerant bacteria)

MILKING PLANT HYGIENE:

- Sufficient volume of water to ensure all surfaces are in contact with detergent (9 litres/ unit)
- Measure the wash trough to determine how much water/detergent you should be using
- Adequate turbulence (air injection for large plants) and vacuum level maintained during the wash cycle
- Hot water usage is critical (75/80OC)-lower chemical usage with hot water
- Milk stone remover should be used at a minimum once weekly and more often if water hardness is in issue or install a water softener
- After the wash cycle disinfect the milking plant twice daily with Peracetic acid in an additional rinse
- Thermotolerant bacteria survive in cracked and perished rubber-ware, replace regularly
- Build-up of debris in plate cooler-use clean filter sock during washing and get milking machine technician to clean plates
- The vacuum line should be washed out at least once yearly and/or if the milk receiver over flowed or if broken milk liners

BULK MILK TANK HYGIENE:

- Disinfect the bulk milk tank outlet regularly
- Avoid having the milk supply pipe immersed in milk during milk transfer
- Keep the bulk milk let closed at all times, especially during milking
- Insufficient volume of water will result in poor surface contact with detergent and increase the likelihood of chemical residue
- Blocked suck-up detergent tubes will result in insufficient detergent usage, replace these tubes yearly
- Spray balls clogged or spinners not moving freely or missing will impact on the cleaning of stainless-steel surfaces
- Cool milk to 3/4 OC within 30 min of the completion of milking with the aid of a plate cooler

THERMODURIC BACTERIA-THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW:

- Higher than normal levels of Thermotolerant bacteria can be present in milk during periods of very dry or wet weather
- High thermotolerant counts do not mean you will have a high total bacterial count
- It's extremely difficult to eliminate Thermotolerant bacteria at the processing site- easier to minimize levels on farm

Please contact your Farm Relations Advisor should you have any issues with Milk Quality



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LAUNCH OF OUR
NEWLY RENOVATED

O' Brien Street Branch



Friday
12th June



11am - 4pm



**O'Brien Street,
Tipperary Town**

E34 N623

A day not to be missed!



Better Farming for Water

8-Actions for Change

The Better Farming for Water 8 Actions for Change are designed to tackle nutrient leaching and run-off, which are the primary ways farming can impact local water quality. The 8 Actions for Change focus on three key areas, nutrient management, farmyard management and land management.

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

1. Reduce Purchased Nitrogen (N) & Phosphorus (P) surplus per hectare.

Reducing the surplus means ensuring that what you spread (both chemical fertiliser & organic - slurry) on the field is used by the grass / crop. Any N & P that the grass / crop doesn't use is affecting farm profitability as these nutrients have monetary value. As well as the financial benefits of reducing N & P surplus, there is also environmental benefits as these surplus nutrients may be leached and therefore lost to water. By tightening the gap between input and output, you can reduce the risk of nutrients being lost and increase farm productivity and profitability.

2. Ensure soil fertility is optimal for Lime, Phosphorus (P) and Potassium (K)

By optimising soil fertility, you are ensuring the nutrients you apply can be absorbed and used by the grass / crop. If your soil Ph is too high or too low, the grass cannot physically absorb the nutrients you apply. By keeping lime, P & K at optimal levels, you can maximise nutrient uptake efficiency, ensuring that the grass / crop uses the nutrients which are being applied rather than letting them be lost through leaching.

3. Application at appropriate times and conditions

Only make slurry and fertiliser applications when soil temperature and forecast is suitable for a growth response from the application. Nutrient uptake can only occur once the soil temperature reaches 6 degrees Celsius (usually mid-March), applying when soil temperature is below this level will result in lack of nutrient uptake and therefore nutrient losses occurring. Ensure to monitor weather forecast prior to nutrient applications too, if rain is expected, then there is higher potential for applied nutrients to be washed away and therefore lost. When spreading chemical fertilizers and slurry always adhere to the required buffer margins from watercourses.

Milk Quality Farm Walk

Ryan Family Farm,
Thurles, Co. Tipperary, E41 F761

11:30am

Wednesday
24 June 2026.

Centenary Thurles
Co-operative Society Ltd

The Ryan family, winners of the 2025 NDC & Kerrygold Quality Milk Awards, will host the QMA Farm Walk in association with Teagasc, Centenary Thurles Co-op, the National Dairy Council (NDC), and Ormu.

"A Tradition of Excellence in Dairy" is the theme for this year's farm walk, taking place on the Ryan family farm on 24 June 2026.

Supplying milk to Centenary Thurles Co-op, the Ryans excelled through a comprehensive judging process covering key areas such as animal health and welfare, hygiene standards, dairy and parlour facilities, sustainability, milk quality, nutrient management, and overall farm management and infrastructure.

The Ryan family warmly invite all farmers to visit their farm from 11:30am on Wednesday, 24 June 2026.

To receive more information on the farm walk and NDC events, sign up for the NDC newsletter using the QR code

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IMPROVING FARMYARD MANAGEMENT

4. Sufficient Slurry & Soiled Water Storage

Having sufficient slurry and soiled water storage on a farm, allows a farmer to time their applications and avoid having to spread slurry in unfavourable conditions which may lead to nutrients being lost. It is recommended for farmers to have an additional 20% buffer in slurry and soiled water storage capacity.

5. Manage & minimise nutrients losses from Farmyards & Roadways.

By ensuring there is adequate separation of clean and soiled water in a farmyard by diverting clean water away from soiled water and ensuring all soiled water is stored, this can minimise the potential for any nutrient losses coming from the farmyard. A farmyard bucket & brush can also assist in keeping the farmyard clean and minimising the potential for nutrients being lost from the farmyard. Ensure any runoff from concreted yards and farm roadways doesn't flow directly into a drain or waterbody through measures such as banded drains, willow filter beds water bars, sediment traps, hedgerow establishment etc.

IMPROVING LAND MANAGEMENT

6. Fence off Watercourses to prevent livestock access

Livestock accessing a waterbody may cause bank erosion which may lead to sediment losses entering the waterbody. Livestock may also deposit waste directly into the waterbody. Therefore, livestock

accessing a waterbody may cause pollution to the waterbody. Solar Water pumps provide an alternative water supply.

7. Use of Mitigation Actions - Riparian Margins & Buffer Strips

Mitigation actions such as riparian margins and buffer strips can act as a natural filter, trapping sediment and absorbing nutrients from surface runoff before they can reach the waterbody.

8. Catch Crops / Maintaining Green Cover

Bare soil during the winter is vulnerable to nitrogen being leached. By planting a catch crop or maintaining green cover, the roots hold the soil in place and therefore the potential for nitrogen leaching to occur is minimised.

If you would like support or funding (Farming for Water EIP) to protect water quality on your farm, please contact your local ArraTipp Co-op Farm Sustainability Advisor. Michael - 0872667153, David - 0862014144, Fionn - 0866622647.

8-Actions for Change

5 Top Tips for May

Silage Bales

Store Silage bales a minimum of 20 m from watercourse and max of 2 high

Clover Swards

Reduce chemical N application and let clover do the work

Silage effluent

Keep channels clear and ensure all silage effluent is collected in tank

Stream fencing & drinking points

Fence off watercourses (min 1.5m) and provide alternative water supply for livestock

Sulphur Use

Ensure 20Kg sulphur / Ha has been applied to max Nitrogen Use Efficiency

Step up for Better Water Quality

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