



ArraTipp Open Day

The event was a hive of activity with over 70 trade stands showcasing a range of agricultural products, new technologies and live demonstrations. It was a great networking opportunity as the move for next generation farming is on. ArraTipp would like to extend special thanks to all exhibitors who attended as well as all who supported the event on the day.



L-R: Ruth Fennell (Teagasc), Edward Carr (ArraTipp chairman), Barry Cowen (MEP), Jon Parry (Principal Gurteen College), Philip O'Connor (IFAC), Aidan Brennan (Irish Farmers Journal)

The ArraTipp open day held on June 26th attracted large crowds to Gurteen College. The key theme for the day was 'next generation farming' focusing on succession planning, skills development and preparing for the next generation. These topics were teased out and questioned by chair Aidan Brennan (Irish Farmers Journal) to the excellent panel of speakers on the day which included **Edward Carr (ArraTipp chairman)**, **Ruth Fennell (Teagasc)**, **Philip O'Connor (IFAC)**, and special guest **Barry Cowen (MEP)**.



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ArraTipp's 'Deal of the Year' award

The successful merger of two co-ops to create ArraTipp – the fifth largest milk processor in the country has been recognised at the prestigious Chambers Ireland Awards, held on the 26th of June. The ArraTipp merger received the Bronze Award for Deal of the Year at the event.



Receiving the award on behalf of ArraTipp were (l to r): Billy Walsh, Chief People Officer & Company Secretary; Noel Kennedy, General Manager, Agri Division; Edward Carr, Chairman; Micheál O'Kelly, Chief Financial Officer; Eamon O'Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer.

O'Brien Street Opening



ArraTipp proudly announce completion on the renovation of the O'Brien Street retail store. The revamped location now features an impressive 1,400 sqm selection of products tailored specifically for our farming, building trade, and local Tipperary customers.

JULY

SPECIAL PROMOTIONS




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18LTR KNAPSACK
SPRAYER at
€29.95**



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In Every Mouthful
for Every Animal
Every Day!

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PRODUCT ANALYSIS

NITROGEN (N)	23.0%
Sulphur (S)	2.0%
Sodium (Na)	5.0%
Magnesium (Mg)	1.2%

GOULDING

23% NITROGEN
PLUS 2% Sulphur
5% Sodium
1.2% Magnesium

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Powering Elite Performance with Irish Dairy

National Dairy Council launches a new high-performance breakfast programme with Sport Ireland Institute to support Olympic and Paralympic athletes ahead of LA 2028



The National Dairy Council (NDC) has launched its **"High-Performance Breakfast, Powered by Irish Dairy"** programme.

The new three-year partnership with Sport Ireland Institute will support Ireland's elite athletes, coaches, and performance support teams with a nutritious, dairy-based breakfast five days a week as they prepare for the LA 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

This initiative comes alongside new NDC research showing that while 84% of Irish adults believe a healthy, balanced breakfast is important, convenience continues to influence what actually ends up on the breakfast table.

We are delighted to mark the launch with three of our NDC Athlete Ambassadors, who will showcase how dairy foods can play an important role in a healthy, balanced, and sustainable diet:

- Paul O'Donovan, double Olympic champion and three-time Olympic medallist rower
- Lisa O'Rourke, World Champion boxer
- Róisín Ní Ríain, Paralympic silver medallist swimmer

Together, they will highlight the importance of good nutrition in supporting performance, recovery, and overall wellbeing, while demonstrating how Irish dairy can be incorporated into everyday healthy eating habits.

Scan the QR code below to sign up for our newsletter and be entered into our €100 Lucky Day Competition voucher

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TOP 5 TIPS FOR TBC AND THERMODURIC CONTROL THIS JULY

TBCs and Thermoduric are assessed twice per month and show as TBC and THD in your test message. If you are having issues with TBC or THD please contact our milk advisor as soon as possible.

- **Bulk tank** – The bulk tank should be cooling milk to under 4°C to minimize bacteria growth within 2 hours of milking. Are compressors working correctly? Have you enough gas in the system? Is water flow to your plate cooler adequate? This will lower your energy costs. Put a clean filter sock in before washing to keep the plate cooler free from debris and in turn bacteria.
- **Detergents** – A good strength caustic needs to be used while rotating in your acid washes often enough. If you are in a hard water area a water softener may be required or your detergents will not be effective. We recommend writing a weekly routine on a chart containing all the necessary hot and cold washes along with which ones are caustic and which are acid. Finally keep an eye on your detergents that they are still fresh and in date.
- **Hot water** – One of the most common problems found at farm level is hot water is not hot enough. Use a thermometer to check that it is reaching 75-80°C. This will ensure you have enough hot water going through the system at the start to be dumping at 55°C after 8-10 mins.
- **Vacuum line** – There should be no milk residue in the vacuum line. This is a key area for thermoduric control. This is one of the key areas for thermoduric bacteria control.
- **Clusters** – Liners should be changed every 2000 milking's and checked that the rubber is not rough. Claw piece should be checked by feeling around on the metal and plastic to ensure no biofilm build up is present.
- **Auto washers** – Check that pipes are not kinked or that detergent has not crystallized inside them particularly if you are changing over detergents as the new and old products can react and form crystals. Ensure the correct amount of product is being taken up.

How to address a build-up of Thermoduric Bacteria in your milking parlour and bulk tank.

When a build-up in a bulk tank or plant has been identified, it is important to get it removed as soon as possible. Some build-ups may have been there for a long time, and will have multiple layers of minerals, fat, protein which may be difficult to remove. Acid descaler works well on mineral deposits, and caustic detergents work well on fat and protein residues. For effective treatment it is important to:

1. Carry out multiple washes on the one day – follow an acid wash immediately with a detergent wash and your final rinse.
2. Increase the hot water temperature and volume where inadequate.
3. Increase the dose of the liquid products or preferably use a powder product as it has a much higher concentration of caustic.
4. Peracetic acid should also be used in the final rinse as a steriliser.

Using Lime to Unlock Soil Fertility

Lime is often called the forgotten fertiliser, yet it underpins soil fertility, grass and crop yield, nutrient efficiency and climate action on both organic and conventional farms. Maintaining soil pH in the optimum range transforms how soil biology and fertilisers work, unlocking more feed grown at lower cost. Research shows how lime alone can deliver around 1.0 – 1.5 t DM/ha extra grass annually. On dairy farms this can be worth ~€181/t DM. with typical maintenance costs of ~€25-€30/ha per year (averaged over a 5 – year cycle), returns of €5 – €10 for every €1 invested are achievable.



Why does soil pH matter?

Soil pH governs the activity of microbes and the availability of nutrients like nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K). When soil pH is low, P and K are locked up and the response to applied fertilisers is poor. Correcting acidity with ground limestone increases nutrient availability and recycling, improving the return from organic manures and any applied fertilisers.

Target pH: Grassland (Mineral soils): 6.3 for grass only; 6.3 – 6.7 where clover is a key component. Grassland (peat soils): 5.5 – 5.8, And High molybdenum soils: 6.0 – 6.2 to limit Mo – induced copper issues in grazing animals

Practical Lime Applications

- **Soil test the farm every 3-5 years.**
- **Timing: lime can be spread all year round.**
- **To avoid N loss, apply slurry then lime 7-10 days later.**
- **Do not exceed 7.5 t/ha in one pass, apply half then balance in two years.**

Nenagh show

The north Tipperary Agricultural Show returns on Monday, 3rd August at Nenagh Showgrounds. There is something for everyone at this year's show, with ArraTipp as the shows main sponsor it promises to be a great family day out.



5 Top Tips for July

Farm Roadways

Install bunding at bridges to ensure runoff from farm roadways cannot enter the farm drainage network

Water Bars

Install waterbars on farm roadways to prevent rainwater converging close to drains - divert to fields instead

Catch Crops

Early sowing date is key to good establishment. Order seed early and take note of crop rotations when choosing species

Forage Crop Buffers

Ensure 3m uncultivated margin around all boundaries and 4m along all waters. Adhere to lieback requirements

Liming Plan

Review your lime plan, order quantities required and prepare to spread in the autumn

Step up for Better Water Quality



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