



Drinagh Co-Op group pictured at the presentation of the Carbery sponsored 2008 milk quality awards. Included are, **Back row:** Jerome O'Mahony, Vice Chairman, Drinagh Co-Op; Anthony O'Donovan, Castlehaven; Michael John O'Donovan, Chairman, Drinagh Co-Op; Tom Murphy, Drinagh Co-Op; Joe O'Sullivan, Chief Executive, Drinagh Co-Op and William Kingston, Skibbereen. **Front row:** Seamus Daly, Drinagh Co-Op; Louise O'Donovan; Dan McSweeney, Chief Executive, Carbery Group; John O'Brien, Chairman, Carbery Group; John O'Donovan, Leap and Siobhan Kingston. Kneeling: Kevin and Donnacha O'Donovan.

MILK QUOTA TO NEW ENTRANTS

1. The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries & Food recently announced his intention to allocate one quarter (0.25%) of the first 1% "Health Check" increase to New Entrants to Dairying. Applications are now invited from interested parties for allocations of quota under the scheme.
 - (a) satisfy the education and training qualifications,
 - (b) have no milk quota, nor have been a producer previously, either in his/her own name or jointly,
 - (c) have/will have his/her own separate independent herd number in which the dairy animals are/will be registered,
 - (d) have a holding comprised of lands owned and/or leased by him or her,
 - (e) have his/her own separate milking and milk storage facilities situated on his/her holding,
 - (f) submit a comprehensive Business Plan.
2. In order to qualify for an allocation of quota, each applicant must,
 - (a) satisfy the education and training qualifications,
 - (b) have no milk quota, nor have been a producer previously, either in his/her own name or jointly,
 - (c) have/will have his/her own separate independent herd number in which the dairy animals are/will be registered,
 - (d) have a holding comprised of lands owned
3. Milk Quota allocated under this scheme
 - (a) will only be available to eligible producers while they remain in milk production,
 - (b) may not be offered for sale into the Milk Quota Trading Scheme,
 - (c) may not be offered into the Scheme for Temporary Leasing.
4. Full details of this scheme and application forms are available from Milk Quota Section, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Agriculture House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Details are also available on the Department's website at www.agriculture.gov.ie

Quota Increase

As reported in last months newsletter all producers who held milk quota on the 1st April 2009 and produced milk in one of the last three years are entitled to a 0.75 % increase in their quota from the 1st April 2009. This increase has been added to all eligible quota holders and is included in this months statements.

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Carbery Milk Quality Awards 2008

The top three suppliers nominated by Drinagh Co-Op for the 2008 awards were

- William & Siobhan Kingston, Tooreen, Skibbereen.
- Anthony & Louise O'Donovan, Bawn Farm, Skibbereen.
- John O'Donovan, Madranna, Leap.

The Drinagh Co-Op Region Winner of the awards is

John O'Donovan, Madranna, Leap.

The overall Carbery winner is

Michael & Noreen O'Donovan, Gurrans, Ballineen who are suppliers to Lisavaird Co-Op.

We congratulate the three finalists on their remarkable achievement in consistently producing top quality milk.

The top 30 suppliers for 2008 will appear in the July newsletter.

Milk Recording

The milk recording charges in this months accounts relate to outstanding charges from 2008 milk recordings.

Score Drinagh Feeds

Mill Notice

As weekend deliveries during summer time add unnecessary costs we would request you to submit all Bulk Feed orders to mill before noon on Friday (or earlier if possible). This will allow us to operate as efficiently as possible whilst maintaining our good service.

MILK PRICE

The milk price for the month of May is the same as last month 25.14 cents per litre (114.3 cents per gallon) at 3.60% butterfat, 3.30% protein and including a bonus of 0.4 cents per litre (1.82 cents per gallon) for a Somatic Cell Count of less than 200,000 and including VAT @ 5.2%.

Milk Supply

The milk supply for the month of May was 17,657,017 litres (3,884,014 gallons) with an average butterfat of 3.60 % and an average protein of 3.24 %. This represents a decrease of 578,730 litres (127,303 gallons) compared to May 2008.

The Co-Op was approximately **4.07% under quota** at the end of the May.

Carbery Shares

The Board of Carbery have announced that shareholders in the Carbery Group who wish to trade their shares can offer to buy or sell shares between the 1st June 2009 and the 31st July 2009.

The appropriate forms are available from the Central Office, Drinagh.

The most recent valuation has put an indicative value of 58.3 cents on each share.

Chairman and Vice Chairman

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, Mr. Michael John O'Donovan, Coolbawn, Caheragh and Mr. Jerome O'Mahony, Derryduve, Drimoleague were re-elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

We congratulate them on their appointments and wish them well in their terms of office.