

Newsletter

August 2026

NEWS, AGRI ADVICE AND PROMOTIONS



At our Co-op's solar programme launch were Co-op agri-advisors, David Walsh and Amanda Nugent with Darragh Walsh. Darragh is one of our main contractors for solar project design, management, and installation. He brings many years of experience with solar, both from Australia and Ireland. If you are thinking about installing solar in your residential home, talk to any of our management team or your local branch manager. (Photo, Martin Walsh).

SCC issues: Contain the Contagion

Has SCC become a challenge on your farm this year? As Irish dairy cows move into the second half of lactation, the risk of **contagious mastitis** increases. The good news is that there are practical steps you can take to identify the source, prevent spread and tackle the problem. The **3 S's** of milk quality are:

1. Source: Contagious pathogens such as *Staphylococcus aureus* spread from infected or high-SCC cows. Regular milk recording is the best way to identify these cows, particularly where bulk tank SCC is persistently high. On your CellCheck Report, a persistent infection rate above 8% can be a warning sign of contagious pathogens. Use the Milk Recording and Lifetime Summary Report to identify cows with RED SCC, indicating long-term infection. Once RED cows are identified, use a California Milk Test (CMT) to identify the infected quarters. These quarters can be the source of high SCC and a reservoir of infection for other cows.

2. Spread: Contagious mastitis can only spread when infected and uninfected cows come into contact. Pay particular attention to these common risk areas:

- **Milker's hands:** Wear gloves throughout milking.
- **Foremilk stripping:** Check milk carefully, particularly from high-SCC cows, while maintaining good hygiene.
- **Communal tissues:** Never use the same tissue on multiple cows.
- **Milking liners:** Change rubber liners every 2,000 milkings and use AHI's LinerLife Calculator to establish the optimum replacement date.

- **Flies:** Keep cows and the parlour clean and control flies, particularly where teat ends are damaged.
- **Milking machine:** Minimise liner slips and air admission. Watch for teat-end damage, particularly later in lactation.
- **Post-milking teat disinfection:** This is a cornerstone of mastitis prevention. Effective application to every teat can significantly reduce contagious mastitis. Use AHI's Teat Disinfectant Calculator to assess your performance. When control measures are working, Recent Infection rates should fall below 7% on your CellCheck Farm Summary Report.

3. Solution: Once problem cows and infected quarters have been identified:

- Work with your vet, milk quality advisor and milking machine technician to decide the best approach — treatment, drying off, culling, segregation or milking infected cows last.
- Ask your advisory team to take a fresh look at the milking process and identify potential routes of transmission.
- Continue regular milk recording and monitor trends.
- The goal is to see the number of RED and ORANGE cows decrease, while BLUE and GREEN cows increase.

The key message: Contagious mastitis can be difficult to control, but identifying infected cows early and stopping cow-to-cow spread is critical. Find the source, break the spread and monitor your progress. (By Ryan Duffy, CellCheck)

NEWS WATCH

MILK SUPPLY AND PRICE

July milk supply amounted to 10,573,883 litres which was a 3% decrease on July 2025, year-to-date supply is down 1% on the prior year. The Co-op has increased its base price by 0.5C/L for July milk and has also committed to paying a weather support of 0.5 C/L for the months of July and August. The payment from the stability fund continues at 2 c/L.

The Co-op's base price, including the weather support and stability fund contribution, is 40.49 C/L for July milk. Barryroe is paying €7.1976 per kg of protein and €4.7984 per kg of butterfat. Our average constituents for the month are 3.47% protein 4.11% butterfat and our average price paid is 44.25 c/L, including the SCC bonus and VAT @4.5%.

FERTILISER & MANURE SPREADING DEADLINES

As we approach the end of the spreading season, farmers are reminded to take note of the 2026 closing dates. Plan ahead and ensure that all applications are completed before the relevant deadline.

Fertiliser / Manure Type	Last Application Date
Chemical / Inorganic Fertiliser	14 September 2026
Slurry / Organic Fertiliser	30 September 2026
Farmyard Manure	31 October 2026

FODDER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Due to the extended dry period on farms and poor grass growth, it is important that all farms take steps to ensure there is enough feed on farms this winter. Below are a few steps that can help:

- Farmers should complete a fodder budget to see if they have enough feed for the winter ahead.
- Alternative feeds. (Rape, Redstart, Italian Ryegrass Beet and Straw).
- Coarse mixes available from the mill to extend forage supplies
- For help completing forage budgets or for individual advice contact your local Barryroe Co-op advisor.
- Hybrid grass and forage rape are still available in the Co-op but need to be sown ASAP (end of August cut-off).

AGRI OFFERS



**Albex 5Ltr
ONLY €85**



**Douglas Oxide 20Ltr
ONLY €129**



**Storm 3Kg Pre season deal
BUY 2 FOR €94.95**



Sixton Dealer Boots



**ROBAN 25 PASTA BAIT 150G
BUY 2 FOR €6**



**Rodex 3Kg Pre season deal
ONLY €24.95**



**Spotinor Pour - On 2.5Ltr
ONLY €139**



**Techno Wellington
ONLY €39.95**



**Nuvosan Teatguard 200Ltr
ONLY €475**



**Maxol 20LTR Drum OFFER
SAVE €20 ON
SUPER/ULTRA-FARM,
MILKING MACHINE,
HYDRAULIC 46 & CHAIN OIL
20LTR DRUMS**

GRASS SEED DEALS

Buy 5 Bags of Barryroe Supermix Grass Seed

Save €25

Buy 10 Bags of Barryroe Supermix Grass Seed

Save €75

13 Kilo Pack

€10 OFF

Pastor Trio 2Ltr
(Weed Control in new sown leys)

€10 OFF

Doxstar Pro 2Ltr
(Excellent dock control)

Barryroe Supermix Grass Seeds

BUY 10 BAGS & SAVE €75

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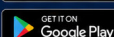
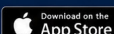


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AUTUMN IS A GREAT TIME OF YEAR TO RESEED

If you are reseed, then the golden rule is to choose only mixtures that contain recommended list varieties and use the PPI sub-indices to find a mixture fit for purpose.

1. If you are in a grazing system, use varieties within the mixture that have a high star rating under the Teagasc Grazing Utilisation Index
2. Have a high tetraploid content if you are on good grazing land – at least 50% tetraploids.
3. If you are reseeding silage ground, then pick varieties that score highly for silage on the PPI subindex.
4. Spring growth is vital in West Cork for early turnout– pick varieties that score highly for this trait.
5. Remember, farmers are not paid on grass growth, but milk solids - therefore palatability and intake are the most important factors – more grass eaten by the cow = more milk produced.

Clover is a vital part of modern swards and needs to be included in every new mixture. Red clover can improve protein content, particularly in silage fields. Be careful of bloat and introduce cattle slowly and monitor stock daily for signs of it. **Red clover can increase your silage to 18% protein whilst reducing chemical nitrogen usage.**

Derogation: If you are in derogation, then you are not allowed to plough after the end of May. Consider using slit seeding or minimum cultivation for reseed after between June 1st and February 28th. These are both very effective methods of establishing new swards and can work as well as ploughing. Clover must also be included in these mixes at a rate of 1.5 kg/ha natural clover. Red or white clover is fine.

Nutrition: It is very important to do a soil sample prior to sowing. This would not only give an indication of P and K status but of pH. It is very important that the pH of the field is over 6.5 for good establishment of clover. P and K applied as required. The seedbed should be firm and fine, typically firm enough to ride a bicycle over. This is very important in dry periods as a well consolidated seedbed helps to preserve moisture. A good rolling would help.

Thinking About Your Farming Future?

Whether you're planning for succession, considering retirement, exploring collaborative farming, or looking for a pathway into dairy farming, support is available.

As part of Carbery's Shared Futures programme, confidential one-to-one support meetings are available to help you explore your options. The programme also connects participants with relevant Teagasc supports and other industry resources where appropriate.

The support meetings cover topics including:

- Succession and farm transfer information
- Support for new entrants to dairy farming
- Collaborative farming opportunities
- Retirement and stepping-back planning

CALL
087 1188 415
or scan here



Ellen Hurley,
Farm Succession
Officer

Post emergence weed control is critical. Choice of product will depend upon whether there is clover in the sward. Graze as soon as the plants can tolerate grazing as this will help to thicken the sward. Talk to your local Barryroe Co-op advisor to find out the range of grass seed offers, and pre and post emergence spray offers available.



SHINAGH DAIRY FARM

Open Day

Tuesday
1st September

11 AM

Bandon, Co. Cork
Eircode: P72 P298

Key Topics on the Day

- ✓ Economics & Farm System Efficiency
- ✓ Genetics & Environmental Impact
- ✓ Labour Efficiency, Work Practices & Farm Attractiveness
- ✓ Water Quality, Nitrogen Mitigation & Red Clover Reductions



Fresh Choice Market Shapes & Sizes Mushrooms 200g/ Cauliflower Head | Kennedy's Carrots 1kg See in store for d



Fresh Choice Market Funszie Banana Bag 6 Pack/Easy Peelers 600g/ Conference Pears 750g/Gala Apples Tray 8 Pack See in store for details



ishka Kids Still Water 10 Pack 10x250ml €1 per lt



Danone Actimel Strawberry/Original 12 Pack 12x100g €3.54 per kg



ONLY €3 EACH

Kellogg's Coco Pops 420g €7.14 per kg
Crunchy Nut 460g €6.52 per kg
Special K Original 440g €6.82 per kg
Rice Krispies 430g €6.98 per kg



ONLY €4

Veetabix 24 Pack 430g €9.30 per kg



Colgate Advanced White Toothpaste 75ml €26.67 per lt



L'Oréal Elvive Shampoo & Conditioner Range 400ml/300ml See in store for details



Glenilen Farm Yogurt Pouch Range 90g €8.33 per kg



ONLY €2.50 EACH

Nescafé Cappuccino/Latte Range 7 Pack See in store for details



Chicago Town Takeaway Pizza Range Various See in store for details



ONLY €5 EACH

Listerine Mouthwash Coolmint/Total Care Duo Twin Pack 2x250ml €10 per lt



ONLY €3.50 EACH

Innocent Kids Smoothie Range 4 Pack 4x150ml €5.83 per lt



ONLY €1.50 EACH

Roma Pasta Range 500g €3 per kg



ONLY €5.99 EACH

Nescafé Azera Range 90g €66.56 per kg



ONLY €1.50

SPAR Granulated Sugar 1kg €1.50 per kg



ONLY €4.75

SPAR Toilet Tissue White 18 Rolls 26c per roll



ONLY €4

Batchelors Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce 4 pack 4x420g €2.38 per kg



ONLY €1.25 EACH

Whiskas Temptations Salmon/Chicken & Cheese 60g €20.83 per kg



ONLY €3.50 EACH

Coolmore Banoffi/Carrot/Chocolate/Chocolate Orange/Lemon/Red Velvet/Salted Caramel/Fruit/Coffee & Walnut/Black Forest/Strawberry & Cream/Raspberry & White Chocolate Cake 400g €8.75 per kg



ONLY €4

Rooster Irish Washed Potatoes 5kg 80c per kg



ONLY €1 EACH

SPAR Conchiglie/Fusilli/Penne/Spaghetti 500g €2 per kg



ONLY €1.75

SPAR Kitchen Towel 2 Rolls 88c per roll



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Palmolive Naturals Milk & Honey/Almond Milk Handwash 300ml €3.33 per lt



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Tropicana Smooth/Original with Bits Orange Juice 1.5lt €2.99 per lt



ONLY €2

SPAR Chilled Garlic Bread 225g €0 per kg



ONLY €3

Dairygold Original Spread 454g €6.61 per kg



ONLY €1.50 EACH

Fairy Washing Up Liquid Lemon/Original 320ml €4.69 per lt



ONLY €4.25 EACH

Bakers Dry Food Range 1kg/1.5kg See in store for details



ONLY HALF PRICE €2.10

Dolmio Sauce For Pasta Bake Range 450g €4.67 per kg



ONLY €3 EACH

Muller Corner Strawberry, Peach & Apricot/Banana, Vanilla & Chocolate 4 Pack 4x136g/4x124g €5.51/€6.05 per kg



ONLY €9.99

Makutu Bay Sauvignon Blanc 750ml €10 per 75cl



ONLY €29.99

Powers Gold Label Whiskey 700ml €29.99 per 70cl



ONLY €21.49

Smirnoff Vodka 700ml €21.49 per 70cl



ONLY €14.99

Medusa Albarino 750ml €14.99 per 75cl



ONLY €23.49

Captain Morgan Original Spiced Gold 700ml €23.49 per 70cl

Prices correct at the time of going to print. Offers available from 20/08/26 to 09/09/26, unless otherwise stated.
Customer quotas may apply. All savings shown are versus recommended retail price.