



Sending Samples to the Lab

Proper Labelling of samples is highly important to make sure all samples can be tested in a timely manner and the correct tests carried out.

All samples need a **supplier sticker** and **type of test** that needs to be carried out **labelled** (using permanent marker only) as seen below:

- **AB TANK** – Antibiotic test on bulk tank sample
- **AB (Cow. No 123)** – Individual cow antibiotic test
- **SCC TANK** – SCC test on bulk tank sample
- **SCC (Cow. No 123)** – Individual cow SCC test
- **SCC (Cow. No 123) LF/LB/RF/RB** – Individual cow SCC test on specific quarter
- **TBC TANK** - TBC test on bulk tank sample



MILK PRICE

The milk price for January 2022 is 39 cent per litre (inc. Vat) with a 2 cent per litre supplementary payment for milk of 3.6% Butterfat and 3.3% Protein.



Delvo Antibiotic Testing Kits

If you have cows that you are unsure of regarding antibiotics and need to test before letting them into the tank, a Delvo testing kit may be an option for you.

Delvo testing kits are available in store at €270.

Ampoules or cartilages to hold the milk sample come in packs of 25s and cost €75. Ampoules must be refrigerated at all times and only have a shelf life dated on the pack normally 6-12 months depending. Some suppliers share these kits while others buy their own. Please read instructions carefully before using it!!

Contact your local branch for more information

Spring Promotions

Buy 10 Bags of Topstart Milk Replacer & Get 1 Bag of North Cork 18% Calf Starter Free



TopStart specification	
Protein %	24
% of protein from dairy sources	90
Oil %	18
Fibre %	0
Ash %	7.5





Managing Colostrum & Antibiotic Cows

- Keep freshly calved cows as a separate group, to main herd – if possible
- Milk after the main herd – reduces risk of antibiotic/colostrum milk entering tank
- Strip cows daily checking for mastitis until ready for tank
- Use Bands/Tape/Spray to easily identify Fresh/Antibiotic cows
- Use whiteboard to record events
- If unsure about an animal being clear of antibiotics or if antibiotics go into the tank drop a sample to lab to be tested or use Delvo test just to be sure.

Early Lactation SCC Management

If your bulk tank somatic cell count is high at the beginning of a new lactation year – don't ignore it, this is important to correct for the rest of the year. The reason for this is likely for poor cure rates from drying off, not using the correct antibiotic tube which targets the bacteria or poor housing condition during the winter. The number of infected quarters will increase per milking, which can lead to a major problem going into peak milk production.



Ensure correct dilution rates when cluster dipping and automatic flushing systems are calibrated correctly.

For bucket dipping make a fresh solution after every 8 cows for best results.

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**Based on typical costs of heating 1,000 litres of water per day to 75°C & 85°C. LPG versus Electricity. Cost comparison as at December 2021 price rates.

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Herd Health Certificates

Please return page 1 &3 (white pages) of signed herd health certificates from your vet to:

Darren Deasy, North Cork Creameries, Dromalour, Kanturk, Co. Cork

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