



Milk Quality Bonuses & Milk Recording

Bonuses available:

SCC Bonus

Milk less than 200,000 SCC get a bonus of 0.2 cpl on a monthly basis.

Milk Recording Bonus

Suppliers completing a minimum of 4 milk recording in the year and their SCC being less than 200,000 get an additional bonus of 0.15 cpl on all milk supplied at the end of the year. The supplier will get the bonus based on the months he/she is under 200,000 for SCC.

Milk Recording Subsidy

€1 for every cow recorded in the year and €20 towards the annual herd fee for suppliers who complete a minimum of 4 recordings per year.

How does it benefit North Cork Creameries Suppliers?

Based on Co-Op Average herd 70 cow milking 5,000l.

70cows X 5000l = 350,000 litres

350,000l X 0.2 cpl = **€700** (SCC Bonus)

350,000 * .015 cpl = **€525** (Recording Bonus)

€1 X 70 Cows = **€70** (Co-Op Subsidy)

Annual Herd Fee Subsidy= **€20**

Bonus Total = 700+525+70+20 = €1315

2022 Cost of manual Milk Recording based on 4 tests in year

€12.50 per cow X 70 cows = **€875**

Annual Herd Fee = **€65**

Total Milk Recording Cost = €875 + €65 = €940

The bottom line from achieving the above standards suppliers benefit from milk recording and are making a savings which covers the yearly cost of recording.

Milk Recording Benefits

- Accurate data on individual cows.
- SCC records and early detection of problems.
- End of year savings from producing milk from the most profitable cows in your herd.
- Dry cow tubes will be got based on the milk recording results

MILK PRICE

The milk price for February 2022 is 41 cent per litre (inc. Vat) with a 2 cent per litre supplementary payment for milk of 3.6% Butterfat and 3.3%

In Store Milk Recording Sign Up Clinics

Wednesday 23rd March

Kanturk Store 11am – 1pm

Cullen Store 2pm – 4pm

Monday 28th March

Newtownsandes Store 11am-1pm

Fealebridge Store 2pm-4pm

Samaritans



North Cork Creameries is proud to partner with Samaritans Ireland, Dairy Industry Ireland and fellow milk processors on this new rural mental health campaign.

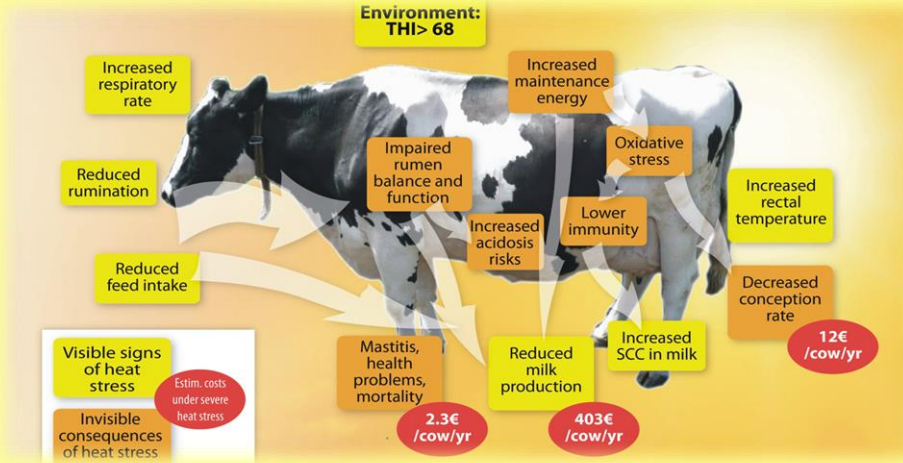
The campaign aims to raise awareness of Samaritans freephone number 116 123 among farmers and communities in rural Ireland, especially those living or working in isolation. Irish dairy milk tankers cover over 50 million kilometres a year, they will now be supporting those in every parish in the country who are looking for an ear in these stressful times.

North Cork Creameries will feature the Samaritans signage on its entire fleet of milk trucks.



Sub-Acute Ruminal Acidosis

For the lactating dairy cow to maximise performance a healthy rumen is critical.



Sub-acute ruminal acidosis (SARA) which is more common to all herds occurs when the rumen pH drops below 5.8 this is sub-optimal for dry matter intake.

With SARA there will be **fluctuations with intake** and reduced performance in milk yield and fertility.

Currently cows are being affected by SARA as grass is not available and cows are on high levels of concentrates in diets. This is very noticeable from April to mid-July peaking in May, where the butter fat percentage is under the milk protein percentage.

The cow signals that will indicate that there is a potential issue with SARA are outlined below.

- Low milk fat
- Rumen fill – poor
- Dung with gas bubbles
- Undigested fibre particles in the dung
- Laminitis

It is important to note that acidosis starts in the rumen, but excess acid gets absorbed into the blood so a preventative measure needs to address both. It is important for the lactating cow to ensure the forages are of high digestibility and palatability balanced for structural fibre and buffering capacity. This also applies to the grass. Buffers that help sodium bicarbonate, magnesium oxide and yeast.

Managing Colostrum & Antibiotic Cows

- Keep freshly calved/Antibiotic cows as a separate group, to main herd – if possible
- Milk after the main herd – reduces risk of antibiotic/ milk entering tank.
- Strip cows daily checking for mastitis until ready for tank.
- Use Bands/Tape/Spray to easily colostrum identify Fresh/Antibiotic cows.
- Use whiteboard to record events.
- Get samples tested if there is a chance of antibiotic milk entering bulk tanks

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