



The National Dairy Council Quality Milk Awards 2009

First Prize: Perpetual Trophy & €5,000

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All sections must be completed

ENTRY FORM

Please use block capitals

Name of entrant

Address

Telephone

E-mail (if available)

Nominated by (Dairy/Organisation)

Telephone Fax

Contact Name E-mail

Closing date for applications: **Monday 22nd June, 2009**

Return to: The National Dairy Council Quality Milk Awards,
National Dairy Council, 28 Westland Square, Pearse Street, Dublin 2.
Tel 01-6169726.

Rules & information

- The competition is open only to farmers living in and farming in the Republic of Ireland.
- The competition is open to farmers who are producing liquid or manufacturing milk.
- In relation to the maximum number of farmers a co-op may nominate, the following criteria apply: Co-ops with an annual quota under 200 million litres: 1 nomination; Co-ops with an annual quota between 200 million - 500 million litres: 2 nominations; Co-ops with an annual quota between 500 million litres - one thousand million litres: 3 nominations; and Co-ops with an annual quota greater than one thousand million litres: 4 nominations.
- The minimum qualifying standard for entry is average TBC 20,000 or less/ml; and average SCC 250,000 or less/ml with no count over 400,000 ml in any given month of the year in question.
- The nominations received will be assessed by an independent panel of judges. The preliminary assessment of entrants is based on the entry form as completed by the nominator.
- The judges may select a shortlist of candidates who, at that stage, may be adjudged to be equal in terms of their records - with the selection of the winner made following a visit by the judges to each finalist's farm. For those short-listed, the judges will score from 100 points for the entry form and hard data; and 100 points for the farm visit.
- It is entirely at the discretion of the judges each year to select a category award or Special Judge's Award. It is entirely at the discretion of the judges each year to select whether category prizes should be awarded for titles such as best family/small farm or for care of the environment, or whether to present national category awards for either a manufacturing or liquid milk supplier.
- The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The title and concept of the National Dairy Council Quality Milk Awards are copyright protected and cannot be used by third parties or other commercial interests without prior approval from the organisers and sponsors.

SECTION ONE To be completed and verified by the nominator (eg Co-op)

Please complete in black pen or print and attach all of the information requested in the format outlined.

A.

2008	Milk Supply litres/month	Average TBC Results	Average SCC Results	Butterfat %	Protein %	Lactose % If available*	Thermoduric Bacteria (Count/ml) If available*
Jan							
Feb							
March							
April							
May							
June							
July							
Aug							
Sept							
Oct							
Nov							
Dec							
Annual Average for year							

2009	Milk Supply litres/month	Average TBC Results	Average SCC Results	Butterfat %	Protein %	Lactose % If available*	Thermoduric Bacteria (Count/ml) If available*
Jan							
Feb							
March							
April							
May							
June							

B. Was there any evidence of adulteration in the period above? Yes No

C. Was there any evidence of antibacterial residue during the same period? Yes No

D. Was there any evidence of off-flavours in the milk supplied to you during the year? Yes No

E. How frequently **per month** do you assess TBC

F. How frequently **per month** do you assess SCC

NOTE Section 2,3,4 to be completed by Entrant
SECTION TWO Performance Details

- A. Number of dairy cows _____
- B. Total milk sales _____
- C. Do you milk record Yes No
Average herd yield Average yield of 1st lactation animals
- D. Total farm acentage _____
- E. Total average number of cows milked _____

SECTION THREE Quality (Please attach a sheet for additional information if necessary)

- A. What do you mean by milk quality _____

- B. What do you think are the main factors affecting milk quality _____

- C. What goals or targets have you set for milk quality on your farm _____

- D. Outline the management programme you follow to achieve the best milk quality standards possible

- E. Routine Management Practices
- (i) How do you identify when a mastitis infection is present

- (ii) How do you ensure that cross transfer to other cows does not occur

- (iii) Please describe correct post-milking teat disinfection of cows

- (iv) Name two important recommendations in maintaining lactose levels in late lactation

- (v) Describe your milking machine washing procedure (detergent volume, water temperature etc)

SECTION FOUR Milking Facilities Checklist

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Is teat disinfection practised- Is the outside of the milking machine clean (clusters, rubbers etc)- Do you have paper towel dispensers in the parlour- Is the dairy clean and tidy- Is the bulk tank temperature reading correct	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Is milking parlour clean and tidy- Is the water hose the right size for the parlour- Is there a noticeboard in the parlour for recording cow treatments- Are wash-up facilities sufficient (hot water supply, measures for detergent etc)- Is the collecting yard clean and of adequate size
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Please note: If you are shortlisted as a finalist in this award programme, you may be visited by representatives from the judging panel who may ask to see information such as milking machine records and mastitis records.

SECTION FIVE Dairy Herd Health

A. What do you consider to be your main herd problems and how are you tackling them?

B. Was there any incidence of Bovine Tuberculosis, Brucellosis or any other notifiable diseases within the dairy herd, or was the herd restricted in the period in question or subsequently?

Yes No

SECTION SIX Environment

Outline your policy in relation to environmental management.

SECTION SEVEN Declarations

Entrant

To the best of my knowledge my farm is in compliance with all necessary food production legislation. I hereby affirm that all of the information supplied by me is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate. My dairy facility is in compliance with the requirements of regulation S.I No. 853 of 2004

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Nominator

I hereby affirm that all of the information supplied above is an accurate account of the quality of the milk supplied by the entrant during the stated period and of the procedures carried out by this creamery/ dairy. We have inspected the entrant's facilities and consider that the entrant is a fitting nominee for The National Dairy Council Quality Milk Awards

Signed: _____

Name in block capitals _____

Position: _____

Date: _____