Centenary Thurles
Co-operative Society Ltd

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Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting was held in the Templemore Arms Hotel on the 25th of June last.

The Chairman who was officiating at his last AGM referred to the inclement weather which had made farming difficult during 2012 and into 2013.

2012 was a record year for our feed business which had increased throughput of 25%. Average milk price exceeded 32c per litre. Financial performance was moderate after the payment of Loyalty Bonuses. The Chairman urged all shareholders to support the Society's businesses and avail of the loyalty bonuses and bonus shares issued each year.

Auditor David Gleeson from Russell Brennan Keane explained the Financial Statements in detail. Approval was given to issue 133,208 Bonus Shares to those shareholders who supplied milk and/or grain and those who traded with the Society during 2012.

The Chairman paid tribute to the other Committee Members retiring at the AGM. In addition to himself, those retiring were Jim Maher (Central), Paddy Downey (Cashel), Jim Butler (Thurles) and John Ryan (Drom).

The following Committee Members were elected or re-elected:

Ballyduff	*Tomás Keogh, Pat Maher*
Loughmore	*Pat Gleeson*
Cashel	*Brendan Ryan*
Littleton	*John Bourke*
Loran	*John Russell*
Montore	*Jerry Sutton*
Templetuohy	*Padraig Costigan*
Thurles	*Martin Dillon, Jerry Spillane, James Finn*

Super-Levy Position

At the end of June, the Society was 750,000 litres or 1.758% over quota. This is a substantial improvement on our over-quota position for last year where no levy was incurred and over the previous year where a levy was paid. The latest national figure available suggests an under-quota position of 4.64% at the end of May but this is likely to be close to 3% under by the end of June. Favourable weather conditions could result in a national on-quota position by mid-September. Caution should be exrcised until the position is clearer.

Littleton Garden Centre

In recent times, we have developed an area of our Littleton Branch to suit local gardening enthusiasts. This is an added feature to an already extensive range of products available at Littleton. Why not pay a visit and check out the range for yourself.

Centenary Agri Mid-Tipperary Senior Hurling Final

Congratulations to the two finalists who will participate in the upcoming Centenary Agri Mid-Tipperary Senior Hurling Final. Local rivals Loughmore-Castleiney and Drom-Inch have emerged to contest the final from the eight clubs who initially set out to capture the 2013 championship. We wish both clubs the best of luck in what is sure to be an enthralling final contested by two of the best teams in the county.

Thurles Fresh Milk Tipperary Cup

The highlight of the year at Thurles Greyhound track is always the Thurles Fresh Milk Tipperary Cup. The final will be held on Saturday 27th July next. Free entry is available to all Suppliers and Customers for both Semi-Final Night (20th July) and Final night. Make sure to collect your invitation from your local branch and enjoy what is always a marvellous night's entertainment.

NDC & Kerrygold Quality Milk Awards

Congratulations to our 2012 Milk Quality Award winner, Conor Molony of Clobanna Thurles, who has been shortlisted for the NDC & Kerrygold Quality Milk Award. We wish Conor every success in his efforts to capture this prestigious National Award.

Agricultural Scholarships

Agricultural Scholarships are awarded each year to sons/ daughters of shareholders attending the Agricultural Colleges. Closing Date for applications is Friday 13th September 2013. Please contact Tom Nyland at Ballyduff (0504 34038) for further details.

1st Phase Temporary Leasing

Allocation of 1st Phase Temporary Leasing has been applied to Milk Quotas in June Milk Statements.

The Category 1 allocation is 21,800 litres with 10,900 litres to Category 2 Suppliers.

8th Annual Golden Mile (Handicap)

On 17th August next at Moyne Sportsfield (by kind permission), the 8th Annual Golden Mile race will be run in aid of The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Your support for our participants will be most welcome.

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