

Table 1: September Creamery League

	Cash price (c/l) excl VAT and Transport	Price change since last month	Total cuts this year	Avg Co-op Butter Fat %	Avg Co-op Protein %	Bf diff per each 0.10%	Protein diff per each 0.10%	Avg creamery price using co-op fat and protein minus VAT	Ranking on avg cr Fat & Protein	Sept Milk payment for farmer supplying 6% of 230,000 quota at 3.6bf and 3.3pr	Sept Milk payment for farmer supplying 6% of 230,000 quota creamery avg bf and pr
DIVISION ONE											
Barryroe	31.17	0.00	-5.96	3.96	3.55	0.34	0.56	33.79	4	€4,301.18	€4,663.30
DIVISION TWO											
Bandon	30.90	0.00	-6	3.97	3.58	0.50	0.55	34.01	3	€4,263.92	€4,693.79
Newmarket	30.84	0.00	-5.9	4.15	3.54	0.42	0.46	34.26	1	€4,256.33	€4,727.88
Lisavaird	30.77	-0.51	-5.84	3.88	3.57	0.35	0.56	33.26	6	€4,246.12	€4,590.02
Drinagh	30.58	-0.40	-6.37	4.00	3.56	0.38	0.61	33.69	5	€4,220.45	€4,649.08
Wexford	30.40	-0.75	-6.62	4.10	3.66	0.35	0.55	34.13	2	€4,195.20	€4,710.08
Kerry	30.26	0.00	-6.65	4.02	3.52	0.30	0.59	32.80	7	€4,175.60	€4,525.71
DIVISION THREE											
North Cork	29.10	-2.00	-7.8	4.09	3.46	0.30	0.50	31.37	9	€4,015.94	€4,329.20
Monaghan	28.77	-1.90	-8.7	3.87	3.37	0.33	0.50	30.41	11	€3,969.98	€4,196.44
Centenary/Thurles	28.22	-2.98	-9.86	4.03	3.52	0.20	0.50	30.18	13	€3,893.95	€4,164.43
Dairygold	28.10	-3.00	-9	4.15	3.59	0.25	0.59	31.17	10	€3,878.21	€4,301.87
DIVISION FOUR											
Glanbia	27.70	-3.00	-8.94	4.00	3.57	0.28	0.51	30.20	12	€3,823.15	€4,167.74
Oldcastle	30.77	-3.07	-8.88	4.13	3.49	0.28	0.51	30.16	14	€3,823.15	€4,161.67
Tipperary	27.57	-2.99	-9.15	4.06	3.50	0.22	0.55	29.68	15	€3,804.66	€4,096.25
Boherbue	27.27	-3.00	-9.6	4.30	3.58	0.50	0.50	32.17	8	3,762.85	€4,439.05
DIVISION FIVE											
Lakeland	25.50	-2.38	-10.76	4.00	3.45	0.18	0.40	26.84	19	€3,519.14	€3,704.06
Arrabawn	25.34	-1.71	-11.27	4.10	3.50	0.30	0.50	27.84	16	€3,497.06	€3,842.06
Connacht Gold	24.92	-2.21	-11.77	4.15	3.54	0.19	0.69	27.62	17	€3,438.27	€3,811.01
Donegal	24.81	-1.88	-10.88	3.97	3.43	0.50	0.55	27.37	18	€3,423.78	€3,777.34

6c/litre gap between top and bottom of creamery league

Barryroe tops the league once again as gap widens

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BARRYROE tops the September League with a price of 31.17c/l, standing alone in Division One.

This is an outstanding performance for Barryroe and for the rest of the West Cork

co-ops, who pooled their resources and made Carbery an example of what best practise and superior management can achieve for its members.

Along with Newmarket, they remain in contention for the top spot — as well as Wexford and Kerry, who are all paying in excess of 30c/l.

This is a move up the league for Kerry, who languished down the field for most of the year.

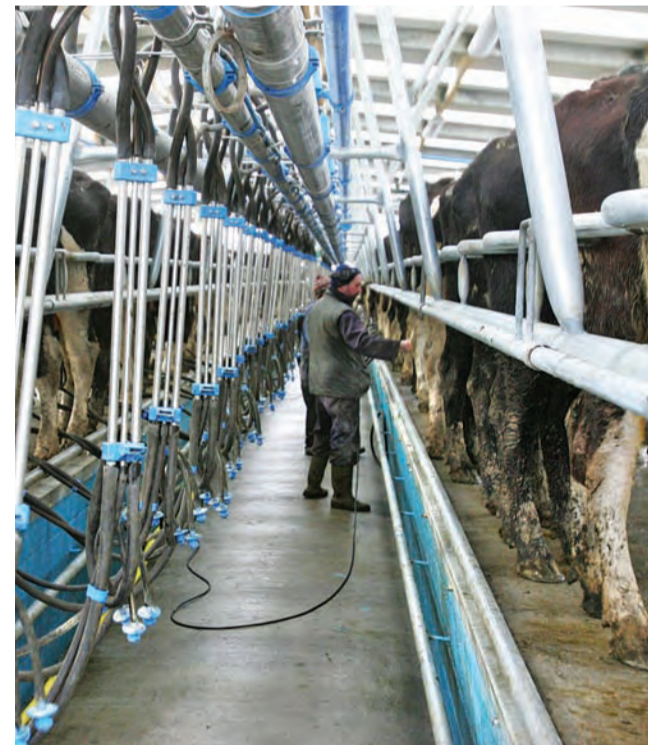
The most frightening aspect of the league this month is the widening gap between the Division One leader, paying over 31c/l, and the bottom of the league players, who are

struggling to pay 25c/l.

The 6c/l gap in milk price between the top player and the Division Five players works out at 27.28c/gl.

This makes for a difference of €828 in September for our average farmer who is supplying 230,000 litres, or 6% of their annual quota, in that month. Neither the farmers nor the co-ops at this end of the league can survive unless drastic action is taken soon.

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EXPLANATORY FOOT NOTES

- Milk collected ex-farm.
- Cash price is as follows: no volume conditions, 3.6% butterfat and 3.3% protein.
- SCC: 400,000. TBC: 50,000
- Dairy Board and state levies deducted by co-op.
- Glanbia have proposed to pay an additional 1c/l from July to December from their co-op funds. This decision has yet to be ratified by an EGM of the co-op.
- Dairygold have a quality bonus points table where

suppliers can achieve an additional 0.4c for 55 points. They claim that 70% of their suppliers are achieving a 0.2c bonus for 45 points. Connacht Gold also pays 0.3c/l extra for milk under 200,000 SCC, 0.3c/l for under 50,000 TBC and 0.4c/l for suppliers with a capacity for seven milkings. Bandon, Barryroe, Lisavaird, and Drinagh pay 0.4c/l for milk supplied less than 200,000 SCC.

• Average co-op price based on co-op average butterfat and protein percentage.

• The final two columns in Table 1 show the difference in co-op payout for a 230,000 quota supplier at both the 3.6 butterfat and 3.3 protein and the creamery average.

• The second column displays price changes from previous months and the third column shows total cut this year.

Northern Ireland milk auction slumps by another 8.75c/l

AT the United Dairies auction on 23 October, the price of milk fell by 7p/l (8.75c/l) to 18.03p/l (22.54c/l) from 25.1p/l (31.38c/l). This is a fall of 14.36p/l (18c/l) since the October 2007 auction.

ers were top of the Northern Ireland League, paying a price of 23.77p/l (29.78c/l). Lakeland paid 22.35p/l (27.99c/l), which was 2.5c/l more than it paid its southern suppliers. Monaghan paid 22.19p/l (27.79c/l), 1c/l more for its northern suppliers.

Glanbia's southern price of 27.7c/l worked out slightly higher than their northern price of 21.87p/l (27.39c/l).

The September price paid by the processors was lower than the auction price; hopefully, this will keep a bottom in the market.

Table 2: September 2008 Northern Ireland milk league

Milk buyer	Price/litre net of transport Stg pence	Price/litre excluding 5.2% VAT euro cent	Price/litre including 5.2% VAT euro cent	Estimated share of total milk (%)
United Dairy Farmers	23.77	29.78	31.33	55
Lakeland Dairies	22.35	27.99	29.45	14
Town of Monaghan	22.19	27.79	29.24	20
Donegal Creameries	22.02	27.58	29.02	3
Glanbia Milk	21.87	27.39	28.82	2.5
Glanbia Cheese	21.85	27.37	28.79	5

Prices for milk with 3.6% fat, 3.3% protein, SCC of 400,000 and TBC of 50,000. For a 250,000 litres supplier collected on alternate days. Converted at €1 equals STG 79.84 pence