

Pre-booking is essential as places are limited.

Book _____ member(s) at €50 each.

Total: € _____

Book _____ non member(s) at €100 each.

Total: € _____

Cheque enclosed: € _____

ATTENDING DELEGATE CONTACT DETAILS

NAME (DELEGATE 1): _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME (DELEGATE 2): _____

NAME (DELEGATE 3): _____

TO REGISTER

- Make a prepaid booking online www.irishgrassland.ie
- Post this prepaid booking form and your cheque to: Discounted DAIRY Registration, IGA, Cookstown, Kells, Co. Meath
- Calling the office on 087 9626483

DISCUSSION GROUP DEAL (for groups of 10+ members):

€50 per head for discussion groups of 10+ members who book and prepay in one payment in full before Monday 6th June (strictly no late applications accepted after this special offer date).

SUMMER TOUR FEE INCLUDES:

- Attendance at Dairy Summer Tour
- Copy of the proceedings
- Breakfast rolls and tea/coffee served until 10am
- Hot lunch and desert with tea and coffee
- Bus transfers between farms

The attendance fee for non-members also includes one year's FREE membership to the Irish Grassland Association worth €60! (This offer is available for all new d/d memberships only)

**If you are thinking of attending,
then book today and don't miss out.**

Photographs will be taken at all events and occasionally published.

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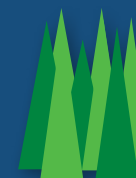
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Irish Grassland Association

DAIRY SUMMER TOUR 2022

"Doing the basics right to fulfill potential"



19th July 2022
The Dome at Semple Stadium
Thurles Tipperary

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Programme for the day

9.20am	Registration and breakfast rolls with tea and coffee served until 10am
10.00am	Depart by bus to first farm
11.00am	Arrive at farm Opening address Christy Watson, IGA President
12.30am	Depart Farm
1.00pm	Lunch
2.30pm	Depart by bus to second farm
4.00pm	Depart Farm
4.30pm	Return to car park at The Dome Semple Stadium

Following a COVID enforced hiatus since 2020, the Irish Grassland Association Dairy Summer Tour sponsored by AIB will return in 2022. The trip to Tipp (and Kilkenny) will take place on Tuesday July 19th and will focus on a theme of optimising output on the milking platform. Host farmers for the day will be Tom Walsh from Johnstown, Co. Kilkenny and Denis Cody from Templemore, Co. Tipperary. Proceedings will begin at Semple Stadium in Thurles and while there will be no music on our trip to Tipp, we do have two excellent host farmers who are hitting the high notes in terms of farm performance.

Commenting at the launch of this year's Summer Tour, John Farrell, AIB Agri team, said, 'We are looking forward to returning to a physical event this year and meeting with our customers again. The IGA have sourced from two excellent host farmers and while both farmers have different stories to tell, the fundamentals of grass, cows and management are key on both farms. Given the year that is 2022, the theme of optimising output on the milking platform is very appropriate and I have no doubt that there will be some excellent insights on the day for all those in attendance'.



Denis Cody



Denis farms with his wife Carmel and his parents Eamon and Anne, near Clonmore, Templemore, Co. Tipperary on two milking platforms, one 50% owned and the second 100% leased totalling 138 hectares. Returning home from Kildalton College in 2010 with a level 6 diploma in dairying to farm, he reseeded the 48-hectare home farm over the next three years and began building stock numbers. In 2013, Denis leased a 21 hectare former dairy unit with a disused milking parlour approximately 7 km from home to start a second unit. Starting with 40 cows, two additional parcels of land have been leased adjoining it to create a 48-hectare second dairy farm, milking 150 cows on this block. All cows are calved on the home farm, and cows moved from the home farm to the second unit from late February. An additional 75 hectares of land is farmed in three separate sections to supply winter forage and rear all replacement heifers. There are 2 full time labour until, which have been with Denis over 10 years, plus Denis on the farm and weekend and casual labour also brought in, with the majority of machinery work contracted out.

In 2021 an additional 44 ha blocked was leased in to the home farm to give a 90ha platform. In 2022 a total of 250 cows will be milked on this home platform. In 2021 an average of 520 kg milk solids was produced per cow (4.63% fat and 3.78% protein) to Centenary Coop, with approximately 700 kg meal per head. The overall stocking rate is 2.5 livestock units per hectare farmed, the milking platforms are stocked at 3.2 cows/ha and 2.8 cows/ha. Last year the farms grew approximately 14 tonnes of grass dry matter per hectare.



Tom Walsh



Tom and his wife Norma farm 64 hectares near Johnstown, Co. Kilkenny. Having spent a number of years working away from the farm, Tom started farming fulltime in 2003 milking 40 cows that year. Since then, he has grown the herd to the 126 cows being milked this year on the 48 hectare milking platform at a stocking rate of 2.63 cows/hectare. The remaining land area is used for rearing replacements and providing winter feed.

Tom has bred a high milk solids herd producing >500kg/cow every year since milk quotas were removed in 2015. In 2021, 620 kg per cow (4.5% fat and 3.72% protein) were delivered to Glanbia. This was produced from a diet of approximately 1.5t of concentrate per cow, high quality grazed grass and grass silage. In 2021, Tom calved 86% of the herd in 6 weeks with a calving interval of 364 days. A herd EBI of 182, puts the herd in the top 10% of herds in the country. Tom actively culls low performing cows from his herd each year and this coupled with breeding replacements from the best performing cows and excellent grazing management underpins his continued improvement in milk solids production over the years. Tom was previously a monitor farmer in the 2004-2008 Teagasc Glanbia Joint Programme.

Registration Location

The Dome at Semple Stadium
Thurles Co Tipperary
(Entry at eircode E41AK40)