

## **IHFA National Herds Competition 2021**

### **Results & Awards Presentation**

A total of 42 herds were nominated by their respective local clubs to go forward to participate in the 2021 National Herds Competition of the Irish Holstein Friesian Association. Having qualified on merit at local club level, the participating herds nominated represent the top echelons of Holstein Friesian breeding in the Republic of Ireland. The competition comprises four separate categories;

- Herds of 80 cows and less
- Herds greater than 80 cows
- Spring Calving herds
- Pure Friesian Herds

A balanced IHFA Herds competition formula is applied with regard to herd production performance, herd conformation standard on IHFA Classification and Inspection points awarded by the guest Judge. Dessie Dunleavy, former herd manager of the Moneymore herd, Drogheda, Co. Louth was chosen as the Judge this year. In carrying out his prestigious Judging task, Dessie visited all 42 participating herds in assessing herd quality.

At the announcement of the competition results Dessie stated “Being invited to judge the IHFA National Herds Competition is a fabulous honour for me and for my family. Truly it is a standout highlight landmark of my judging career. I’d like to thank every breeder that I had the pleasure of meeting. The welcome and hospitality that I received from breeders and their families was so warm and generous. In the times that we are in that nice social interaction of meeting breeders one-to-one while out in the fields admiring top calibre stock was all the more enjoyable.”

The Judges Choice award (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) is a unique merit award at the Judge’s discretion to present to the three herds of his selection who made a distinct impression.

The Judges Recognition award is a special prize awarded to a Herds Competition participant who has made a significant recent investment or specialisation in a specific area or aspect of farming. The winner of the IHFA National Herds Competition Judges Recognition award 2021 is Teresa Roche of Kylemore Farmhouse Cheese and Farm Shop, located near Abbey, Loughrea, Co. Galway. In a bid to diversify and add value to the family’s Kilmora Pedigree Registered herd Teresa established Kylemore Farmhouse Cheese as an on-farm cheese manufacturing and retail business. The help and support of Teresa’s parents Bertie and Julie has been a major factor in the terrific success so far. Last year Teresa bolted-on to the farmhouse cheese enterprise by setting up an on-farm shop on the premises. It has been a terrific success from the outset, attracting an ever-burgeoning footfall of repeat “foodie” customers. The calibre and range of food items available and the quality of customer service continues to garner rave reviews and endorsements from various esteemed food writers.

In conjunction with the IHFA National Herds competition results there was also two individual awards presented to the breeders of;

- Highest EBI (Economic Breeding Index) Pedigree Registered Cow
- Highest EBI (Economic Breeding Index) Pedigree Registered Cow on IHFA Classification score

C.E. Charles Gallagher announces the results of IHFA competition awards with dignitaries attending including President PJ Kelly and Board Chairman Peter Ging.

## IHFA National Herds Competition 2021 - Results

### Spring Category:

|                       | <b>Breeder Name</b> | <b>Herd Prefix</b> | <b>Address</b>                | <b>IHFA Club Area</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | Brian Kenneally     | Bessborough        | Piltown, Co. Kilkenny         | Carlow/Kilkenny       |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | William Horgan      | Aghaleemore        | Killeen, Killarney, Co. Kerry | Kerry                 |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | James Egan          | Tobermartin        | Tarmons, Tarbert, Co. Kerry   | Kerry                 |

### Herds 80 Cows & less

|                       | <b>Breeder Name</b>  | <b>Herd Prefix</b> | <b>Address</b>                | <b>IHFA Club Area</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | Dermot Jackson       | Borkilbeg          | Borkil, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow | Kildare               |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | Philip & Linda Jones | Hallow             | Gorey, Co. Wexford            | Slaney                |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | Robert Helen         | Eedy               | Lyre, Clonakilty, Co. Cork    | Cork                  |

### Herds over 80 Cows

|                       | <b>Breeder Name</b> | <b>Herd Prefix</b> | <b>Address</b>   | <b>IHFA Club Area</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | Tom & James Kelly   | Monamore           | Philipstown Farm, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth | North Eastern         |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | Rickey Barrett      | Laurelelm          | Adamstown, Ballinhassig, Co. Cork                        | Cork                  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | Aidan Frawley       | Ballytigue         | Ballytigue, Bruree, Co. Limerick                         | Limerick/Clare        |

### Pure Friesian Herds

|                       | <b>Breeder Name</b> | <b>Herd Prefix</b> | <b>Address</b>                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | Peadar Healy        | Firoda             | Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny          |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | Pat Cleary          | Carrickshock       | Hugginstown, Co. Kilkenny          |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | Míchéal Spillane    | Mountain           | Tullamaine, Fethard, Co. Tipperary |

Criteria for Pure Friesian category eligibility is that at least 50% of the herd consists of cows and heifers having 87.5 % Friesian breed fraction.

### **Judges Choice Awards**

|                 | <b>Herd</b> | <b>Breeder</b>       | <b>IHFA Club</b> |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Monamore    | Tom & James Kelly    | North Eastern    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Hallow      | Philip & Linda Jones | Slaney           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Firoda      | Peadar Healy         | Pure Friesian    |

### **Genetic Merit Awards 2021**

Highest EBI Pedigree Registered Cow on IHFA Classification score;

#### **Glenaboy HDJ Daisy EX90**

Breeder; Kieran O' Donoghue, GELNABOY herd, Tallow, Co. Waterford

- EBI €350 (October '21 evaluation)
- Currently in her 5<sup>th</sup> lactation Glenaboy HDJ Daisy EX90 has a lifetime yield to date of 40,543 kgs milk, 3,828 kgs milk solids, 5.20 % Fat, 4.24 % Protein.
- She has a lifetime Calving Interval performance rating of 367 days based on five lactations to date.

Highest EBI Pedigree Registered Cow;

#### **Raheenarran BCG Dairine 2 VG85**

Breeder; Bryan Daniels, RAHEENARRAN herd, Kilmoganny, Co. Kilkenny

- EBI €371 (October '21 evaluation)
- Currently in her 12<sup>th</sup> lactation Raheenarran BCG Dairine VG85 has a lifetime yield to date of 75,305 kgs milk, 6,017 kgs milk solids, 4.47 % Fat, 3.52 % Protein.
- She has a lifetime Calving Interval performance rating of 366 days based on twelve lactations to date.