



National dairy conference aims at getting better milk prices

AN impressive group of speakers are lined up for the IFA national dairy conference which takes place in Cahir on Wednesday week, 14 May.

The theme of the conference will be 'Securing Viable Milk Prices.' The impact of the WTO and Mid-Term Review proposals will be discussed by Breffini Carpenter, Ireland's permanent representative in Geneva, Tom O'Donnell, principal officer

in the Department of Agriculture's dairy division, and Trevor Donnellan of Teagasc.

Diarmuid Ó Corrbuá of the Prospectus consultancy firm will discuss the issue of cutting costs and adding value in the dairy industry and this will be followed by a panel discussion.

The conference, which is sponsored by AIB will be opened at 11am by IFA president John Dillon, in the Cahir House Hotel.

Launching the conference this week John Dillon said that with current pressures, as well as CAP reform and WTO proposals, dairy farmers need more than ever to be confident that there is a viable future for them in dairying.

"In this year's conference we will focus on what our co-ops and politicians must do to secure a vibrant and viable dairy industry and farming community," he said.