


Irish Farmhouse Cheeses

Irish farmhouse cheeses are the product of unique interactions between people, place and pasture - the antithesis of modern anonymized food production. These cheeses are produced across the country yet each cheese is an expression of its own particular part of Ireland, encapsulating very different elemental aspects of our native landscape.


Yet Irish artisan cheese is also about people. Each Irish artisan cheese is unique to its cheesemaker and each cheesemaker has a different story to tell. The transparency of this connection between producer, cheese and place is the key characteristic of Irish farmhouse cheese. To know these people and their stories is to understand what makes Irish farmhouse cheese so special.

By getting to know these cheeses and the people who produce them you can help guarantee the future of a native Irish industry which, in less than forty years, has gone on to produce cheeses the equal of any in the world.



ABBEY CHEESE COMPANY
Contact Details: Cuffsborough, Ballacolla, Portlaoise, Co. Laois
 T: 057 8738599; C: Pat Hyland

Cheeses Produced: Abbey Blue Brie, Abbey Smoked Brie, Paddy Jack Cheese




ARDAGH CASTLE
Contact Details: Baltimore, Co. Cork
 T: 028 20547; C: Judy Wotton

Cheeses Produced: Ardagh Castle Goats Cheese, Ardagh Castle Gjetost, Ardagh Castle Ricotta



ARDRAHAN
Contact Details: Ardrahan Farmhouse, Kanturk, Co. Cork
 T: 029 78099; C: Mary Burns

Cheeses Produced: Ardrahan Smoked Ardrahan, Duhallo



ARDSALLAGH GOAT'S PRODUCTS
Contact Details: Woodstock, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork
 T: 021 4372856; C: Pat O'Murphy

Cheeses Produced: Ardsallagh Soft Goat's Cheese, Ardsallagh Smoked Cheese, Ardsallagh Hard Goat's Cheese



BAY LOUGH CHEESE
Contact Details: Clogheen, Co. Tipperary
 T: 052 7465275
 C: Anne & Dick Keating

Cheeses Produced: Bay Lough Cheddar, Smoked, Garlic & Herb, Smoked Herb & Garlic



BEAL ORGANIC CHEESE
Contact Details: Beal Lodge Organic Farm, Asdee, Listowel, Co. Kerry
 T: 068 41137; C: Kate Carmody

Cheeses Produced: Beal Cheddar (pasteurised and unpasteurised)



BLUEBELL FALLS CHEESE
Contact Details: Ballynacally, Ennis, Co. Clare
 T: 065 6838024; C: Paul Keane

Cheeses Produced: Cygnus, Cygnus with Honey, Cygnus with Pepper, Orion, Pegasus




CAHILLS FARM CHEESES LTD
Contact Details: Newcastle West, Co. Limerick
 T: 069 62365; C: Dan Cahill

Cheeses Produced: Cahills Ballintubber with Chives Cheese, Cahills Ballyporeen Cheese, Cahills Ardrahan Wine Cheese, Cahills Original Irish Porter Cheese, Cahills Whiskey Cheese




CARLOW CHEESE
Contact Details: Fenagh, Co. Carlow
 T: 059 9727362; C: Elizabeth Bradley

Cheeses Produced: Carlow Cheese, Carlow Cheese Flavoured




CARRIGALINE
Contact Details: The Rock, Carrigaline, Co. Cork
 T: 026 45204; C: Pat O'Farrell

Cheeses Produced: Carrigaline Farmhouse Cheese, Carrigaline Garlic & Herb, Carrigaline Beech Smoked



CARRIGBYRNE CHEESE
Contact Details: Adamstown, Ennisicorthy, Co. Wexford
 T: 053 9240560; C: Patrick Berridge

Cheeses Produced: St Killian, St Brendan Brie, Emerald Irish Brie



CARROWHOLLY
Contact Details: Carrowholly, Westport, Co. Mayo
 T: 098 28813; C: Andrew Pelham Burn

Cheeses Produced: Carrowholly Cheese, Flavoured Cheese: Nettle, Pepper, Garlic & Herb, Cumin



CLEIRE GOATS CHEESE
Contact Details: Cape Clear Island, Co. Cork
 T: 028 / 087 7973056
 C: Ed Harper

Cheeses Produced: Cleire Goats Cheese




CLONMORE
Contact Details: Clonmore, Newtown, Charleville, Co. Cork
 T: 063 70490; C: Tom Biggane

Cheeses Produced: Clonmore, Shandrum




COOLATTIN CHEDDAR
Contact Details: Knockteen, Tullow, Co. Carlow
 T: 086 3894482; C: Tom Burgess

Cheeses Produced: Coolattin Cheddar



COOLEA CHEESE
Contact Details: Coolea, Macroom, Co. Cork
 T: 025 31310; C: Dicky Willem's Jnr

Cheeses Produced: Coolea Cheese




COOLEENEY FARMHOUSE CHEESE
Contact Details: Moyne, Thurles, Co. Tipperary
 T: 0504 45112; C: Breda Maher

Cheeses Produced: Cooleeney, Dunbarra, Gortnamona, Maighéan, Chulchoill, Daru, Tipperary Brie, Gléann Óir



CORLEGGY CHEESE
Contact Details: Corleggy, Beltrubet, Co. Cavan
 T: 041 6851157; M: 087 6742043
 C: David Tiernan

Cheeses Produced: Corleggy, Drumlin, Creamy



CRATLOE HILLS
Contact Details: Cratloe Hills, Brickhill House, Cratloe, Co. Clare
 T: 061 357185; C: Sean Fitzgerald

Cheeses Produced: Cratloe Hills




DINGLE PENINSULA CHEESE
Contact Details: Castlegregory, Co. Kerry
 T: 066 7139028; C: Maja Binder

Cheeses Produced: Kilcummin, Dilliskus



DURRUS CHEESE
Contact Details: Coomkeen, Durrus, Co. Cork
 T: 027 61100; C: Jeffa Gill

Cheeses Produced: Durrus



FERMOY NATURAL CHEESE CO
Contact Details: Strawhill, Fermoy, Co. Cork
 T: 025 31310; C: Frank & Gudrun Shinnick

Cheeses Produced: St Gall, St Brigid, Cais Dubh, Cais Rua, Hibernia, St Brigid Beag, Ballyhooley Blue, Emerald, Corkotta




GLEANN GABHRA
Contact Details: Baile Mhae, Teamhair, Contae na Mí
 T: 087 173 529
 C: Dominic Gryson

Cheeses Produced: Tara Ban Goat's Cheddar



GLEBE BRETHAN
Contact Details: Glebe House, Dunleer, Co. Louth
 T: 011 6851157; M: 087 6742043
 C: David Tiernan

Cheeses Produced: Glebe Brethan



GLYDE FARMHOUSE PRODUCE
Contact Details: Mansfieldtown, Castlebellingham, Co. Louth
 T: 042 9372343; M: 087 2778538
 C: Peter Thomas

Cheeses Produced: Bellingham Blue




GUBBEEN FARMHOUSE CHEESE
Contact Details: Gubbeen Farmhouse, Schull, Co. Cork
 T: 028 28231; C: Giana Ferguson

Cheeses Produced: Gubbeen, Gubbeen Smoked



HEGARTY'S CHEDDAR
Contact Details: Whitechurch Foods, Church Road, White Church, Co. Cork
 T: 021 488 42 38
 C: Dan and John Hegarty

Cheeses Produced: Hegarty's Cheddar




J&L GRUBB
Contact Details: Beechmount Farm, Fethard, Co. Tipperary
 T: 052 6131151; C: Sarah & Sergio Furno

Cheeses Produced: Cashel Blue™, Crozier Blue



JOD FOODS
Contact Details: Effin Creamery, Effin, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick
 T: 063 71209; C: Jim O'Doherty

Cheeses Produced: Old Irish Creamery Extra Mature White Cheddar, and flavoured cheddars: blueberries, red wine, chili, cranberries, chives, herb & garlic, whiskey, Irish porter, walnuts, and smoked cheddar



KILLEEN FARMHOUSE CHEESE
Contact Details: Killeen Millhouse, Ballyshrule, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
 T: 090 9741319
 C: Marion Roeleveld

Cheeses Produced: Killeen Goat's Cheese, Killeen Cow's Cheese



KILLORGLIN CHEESE
Contact Details: Ardmoniel, Killorlgin, Co. Kerry
 T: 066 9761402; C: Wilma O'Connor

Cheeses Produced: Wilma's Killorlgin, Wilma's Killorlgin Flavoured




KNOCKALARA FARMHOUSE CHEESE
Contact Details: Knockalara Farmhouse Cappoquin, Co. Waterford
 T: 024 96326
 C: Agnes & Wolfgang Schliebtz

Cheeses Produced: Knockalara Sheep's, Semi-Hard Sheep's, Waterford Greek, Dromona Flavoured: natural, fine herbs, pepper, roasted sesame




KNOCKANORE FARMHOUSE CHEESE
Contact Details: Ballyneety, Knockanore, Co. Waterford
 T: 024 92725; C: Eamonn Lonergan

Cheeses Produced: Smoked Knockanore, Knockanore Plain, Knockanore Flavoured: Garlic and Chive, Garlic and Herb, Black Pepper and Herb



KNOCKATEE CHEESE
Contact Details: Lehid Upper, Touist, South Kerry
 T: 064 84236; C: Peter Ireson

Cheeses Produced: Knockatee Cheddar, Knockatee Gouda, Kerry Blue, Beara Blue, Knockatee Cheddar



KNOCKDRINNA FARMHOUSE CHEESE
Contact Details: Main Street, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny
 T: 056 7728446; C: Helen Finnegan

Cheeses Produced: Cheeses produced: Lavistown, Knockdrinna Snow, Knockdrinna Goat's Brined Cheese, Knockdrinna Meadow Sheep's Cheese, Knockdrinna Fresh Goats Log, Knockdrinna Gold



MILLEENS CHEESE LTD
Contact Details: Milleens, Eyeries, Beara, Co. Cork
 T: 027 74079; C: Quinlan Steele

Cheeses Produced: Milleens



MILLHOUSE SHEEP'S CHEESE
Contact Details: Mill House, Killeenmore, Tullamore, Co. Offaly
 T: 057 9344334; C: Beni Gerber

Cheeses Produced: Millhouse




MOONSHINE FARM CHEESE
Contact Details: Moonshine Dairy Farm, Lough Ennell, Ladestown, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath
 T: 087 9934108; C: Mary Kelly

Cheeses Produced: Moonshine Organic Farm Emmortal, Moonshine Organic Farm Cream Cheese



MOSSFIELD ORGANIC FARM
Contact Details: Clareen, Birr, Co. Offaly
 T: 051 9131002; C: Ralph Haslam

Cheeses Produced: Mossfield Organic Cheese: natural, garlic & basil, tomato & herb, and cumin seed



MOUNT CALLAN CHEDDAR
Contact Details: Drinagh, Ennistymon, Co. Clare
 T: 065 7072008; C: Lucy Hayes

Cheeses Produced: Mount Callan Cheddar



OLD MCDONNELLS FARM CHEESE
Contact Details: Old MacDonnells Farm, Glen O' The Downs, Co. Wicklow
 T: 01 2829707; C: Brian MacDonnell

Cheeses Produced: Old MacDonnells Fresh Cow's Cheese, Old MacDonnells Fresh Goat's Cheese (various flavours available)



ORCHARD COTTAGE DAIRY
Contact Details: Orchard Cottage Dairy, Rigsdale, Ballinshagg, Co. Cork
 T: 086 3037871
 C: Joseph Desmond

Cheeses Produced: Fresh Goat's Cheese, Goat's Cheese in Oil



ST TOLA
Contact Details: Inagh Farmhouse, Ennis, Co. Clare
 T: 065 6836633; C: Siobhan Ni Ghaeirbith

Cheeses Produced: St Tola Log, St Tola Hard Goat's, St Tola Divine



TRISKEL CHEESE
Contact Details: Killoven Orchard, Portlaoise, Co. Waterford
 T: 086 0744534; C: Anna Leveque

Cheeses Produced: Triskel Gwenned, Triskel Dew Drop, Triskel Pyramid



WICKLOW FARMHOUSE CHEESE
Contact Details: Curranstown, Arklow, Co. Wicklow
 T: 0402 91713; C: John Hempenstall

Cheeses Produced: Wicklow Blue, Wicklow Ban, Wicklow Gold, St Kevin's Brie

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