

JOHN THOMPSON AND SONS LTD



Background

Established in the mid 1880s John Thompson & Sons Ltd. has over 100 years experience in the manufacture of high quality animal feeds. Today, as in those early days, Thompsons remain committed to local agriculture; a commitment not only involving the supply of the finest feedstuffs, but also the use of locally produced raw materials.

John Thompson & Sons Ltd. has always been committed to producing top quality animal feeds. Recent awareness by the more modern day consumer of where and how food is produced has made our commitment to quality even stronger. Important steps are taken at the Mill to ensure our customers receive only the goods and services they deserve. Thompson's are accredited with BS EN ISO 9002 which ensures that strict procedures are adhered to, both in the manufacture of feeds and servicing customers.

Bursary Programme

John Thompson and Sons Ltd. has a long established relationship with CAFRE. The Company works in partnership with CAFRE in the management of the Future Herd. The aim is to provide both students and farmers with the skills, knowledge and technology required to successfully run a dairy system profitably under Northern Ireland conditions. In conjunction with AFBI Hillsborough both CAFRE and Thompsons have completed work on a dairy heifer-rearing project with a number of on-farm workshops organized to demonstrate the results from the project.

The Company is delighted to be associated with the bursary programme. Thompsons is committed to working with the local farming community and its policy of investment in the future of farming includes the encouragement of young people in the industry. By supporting a student at Greenmount, the Company is pleased to be promoting the agri-food industry as a career to talented potential entrants. Thompsons looks forward with interest to the students' views on its chosen report title.

Report title for the John Thompson and Sons Ltd Award

Challenges and Opportunities facing the Northern Ireland Dairy Industry as we move towards the removal of milk quotas in 2015.