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GRASS FED STATEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In West Cork, Ireland, our cows consume a predominately grass based diet throughout their lifetime. Our outdoor grazing, extensive grass based farming system provides us with the perfect environment for sustainable dairy farming.

Influenced by the Gulf Stream, our mild temperate climate, plentiful rainfall and rich deep soils give us the longest growing season in the Northern Hemisphere, with cows outdoors for up to 300 days each year. Even during the winter period when cows are housed, they are fed a diet of consisting of silage (fermented grass) which may be supplemented with small amounts of concentrates.


With an average herd size of 80 cows, low stocking densities and average milk yields combined with a traditional family farming structure, Ireland has an enviable reputation for animal care and stockmanship. This allows us to source the highest quality milk from our farmer owners who have been farming this way for generations.

Ireland has the lowest carbon footprint for milk in the EU 27, and has a rigorous on farm audit which is carried out on a regular basis to determine Irish dairy farms carbon footprint and other sustainability parameters.

In Carbery we work closely with our farmer suppliers, through our network of milk advisors and farm sustainability officers, which means our farmers are committed to a cycle of measurement, feedback and continuous improvement.

Carbery's farmers are focused on achieving measurable and independently audited sustainability targets – thereby reducing environmental impact, serving local communities more effectively and protecting the extraordinary rich natural resources that our country enjoys.

See www.carbery.com/group/responsibility/ for further details on Carbery's commitment to sustainability.

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