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Tetra Pak celebrates winners of the 2026 IDF Dairy Innovation Awards

11 winners selected from 182 submissions across 23 countries, highlighting the fresh thinking and practical solutions that will shape the future of the global dairy value chain.

LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND, 17 November 2026 – Tetra Pak congratulates the 11 winners of the 2026 International Dairy Federation (IDF) Dairy Innovation Awards, announced today at the IDF World Dairy Summit in Auckland, New Zealand.

Now in their fifth edition and supported by Tetra Pak, the awards recognise the innovations addressing some of the dairy industry's most pressing challenges across farming and processing to nutrition, packaging, climate action, animal care and inclusion.

This year's awards attracted 182 submissions from 23 countries, reflecting the range of innovation taking place across the global dairy sector. Winners were recognised across 10 award categories, alongside the new Judges' Choice Award, demonstrating how new ideas are being translated into practical solutions and learnings that can benefit producers, consumers and the wider industry.

The 2026 winners of the IDF Dairy Innovation Awards are:

- **Judges' Choice Award:** NDDB Dairy Services, India, for Women Own. Women Lead. Women Prosper – From Oblivium to Recognition
- **Innovation in Environmental Sustainability in Farming:** Danone SA, France – Danone Milk Academy
- **Innovation in Animal Care in Farming:** EKTIFA – Sharjah Agriculture and Livestock Production EST., United Arab Emirates – Meliha Dairy Farm Climate-Resilient Precision Animal Care Ecosystem
- **Innovation in Socio-Economic Sustainability in Farming:** National Dairy Development Board, India – Manipur Dairy in India: building bridges through women-centric cooperative for sustainable livelihood development

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- **Sustainable Processing Innovation:** EKTIFA – Sharjah Agriculture and Livestock Production EST., United Arab Emirates – Meliha Dairy Sustainable Processing Innovation with Tetra Top® Technology
- **Innovation in Dairy Products for Human Nutrition:** Agricultural University of Athens, Greece – YoGArt project
- **Innovation in Food Safety Equipment:** Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group Co., Ltd, China – Pasture Environmental Risk Screening and Intelligent Early Warning System
- **Innovation in Packaging and Transparency for Dairy Products:** Mengniu Fresh Dairy Products (Tianjin) Co., Ltd., China – Innovative Project of 4-pack Bottle Handles for Mengniu Modern Meadow under Exclusive Membership Store Scenarios
- **Innovation in Inclusion and Women's Empowerment in Dairy:** NDDB Dairy Services, India – Women Own. Women Lead. Women Prosper – From Oblivium to Recognition
- **Innovation in Climate Action in the Dairy Sector:** Danone SA, France – Flora Project
- **Innovation in Marketing and Communication for Sustainable Dairy:** Dutch Dairy Association, Netherlands – Dairy. Building blocks for hard workers.

Michael Wu, Managing Director Oceania, Tetra Pak, comments: "Innovation is essential in helping the dairy sector respond to changing needs and build greater resilience. The breadth of this year's entries shows how organisations across the dairy value chain are developing practical approaches to shared challenges. We congratulate all the winners and finalists on their achievements and are proud to support the 2026 IDF Dairy Innovation Awards."

Tetra Pak's long-standing support for the IDF Dairy Innovation Awards reflects its commitment to advancing innovation across the dairy industry. Working closely with customers and partners, Tetra Pak helps develop processing and packaging solutions that address evolving industry challenges and contribute to more efficient and resilient food systems.

Find out more about the 2026 IDF Dairy Innovation Awards here

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