

## Cork Butter Museum – Firkin Crane

To the right is a picture of a road side butter market. In the background we can see a balance hanging off a horse cart which is being used to weigh butter.



## Milk Luck Superstition

Milk luck was an important part of farming and making butter.

Because making butter was so unpredictable, luck was needed in order to ensure that one could successfully make the butter.

Milk luck was 'kept' through various means such as:

- not lending milk vessels
- not getting water with a vessel stained with milk
- when such a vessel was washed
- not pouring the cleansing water into a stream or river
- not giving milk to a neighbour unless salt had been poured into it, and
- not letting milk out of the house if anyone has been sick in there.

Thank you for weighing a superstition.

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This firkin crane was developed as part of a Research Degree by Martin McCarthy, who is interested in how people engage with technology in museums. No personal information was recorded when people were using either the firkin crane or this web page.

If you could fill out a short survey it would be greatly appreciated. All information gathered is anonymous and will be treated with utmost respect.

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