



Good news for Good Food awards

A host of Cork hotels, shops, producers and restaurants are among the finalists for the Good Food Ireland 20th Anniversary Awards 2026.

Good Food Ireland announced the finalists ahead of its landmark 20th anniversary celebration and awards ceremony, taking place at the InterContinental Dublin on Monday 16 November. Held in association with FBD Insurance, this year's awards recognise outstanding businesses, producers, people and culinary experiences from across the island of Ireland, celebrating those putting Irish food and drink at the heart of the visitor experience.

The likes of The Glandore

Inn, URRU Culinary Store and Milleens Cheese will all be rubbing shoulders in Dublin next month. Ballymaloe leads the charge having been nominated in a few categories - Culinary Haven of the Year, Irish Culinary Tourism Experience Award and Sustainable Culinary Tourism Award.

From hotels, restaurants, cafés and pubs to culinary tourism experiences, food retailers and the farmers, fishermen, growers and artisan producers behind Ireland's food story, the 2026 finalists reflect the quality, provenance, innovation and hospitality that continue to shape Ireland's reputation as a world-class

food and culinary tourism destination.

The 2026 finalists from Cork are: Hayfield Manor in the 5 Star Irish Hospitality Experience of the Year category; Maryborough Hotel in the 4 Star Irish Hospitality Experience of the Year category and The Church Restaurant in Skibbereen in the Restaurant Experience of the Year category.

Courtmacsherry's The Lifeboat Inn and The Glandore Inn are both nominated in Pub Experience of the Year category while

URRU Culinary Store in Bandon is nominated for Irish Food Retail Experience of the Year. In the Sustainable Irish Food &

Drink Producer of the Year category, Milleens Cheese is in the mix.

In the Irish Producers of the Year part of the awards, there are producers nominated from all over the county.

Meat Producer - Tom Durcan Meats; Dairy Producer - Milleens Cheese; Fish & Seafood Producer - K O'Connell Fish Merchants and Ummera Smokehouse; Drinks Producer - Five Farms Irish Cream Liqueur.

The winners will be announced at the Gala Awards Ceremony on 16 November, alongside special honours including Irish Food & Hospitality Ambassador of the Year

and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The evening will also see the presentation of the Overall Irish Producer of the Year, selected from the Producer Award winners, and the Supreme Award of the Year, the highest accolade of the Good Food Ireland Awards.

Good Food Ireland 20th anniversary celebration & gala awards are in association with FBD Insurance and proudly supported by BIM, Tourism Ireland, All-fresh, AIB, Waterford, Irish Farmers Association (IFA), National Inshore Fishermen's Association (NIFA) amongst others.

Galtee Honey Farm are among the finalists.

