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Two businesses in the hunt for Good Food awards

TWO Kilkenny businesses have been named as finalists in the Good Food Ireland awards 2026, ahead of the landmark 20th anniversary celebration and gala awards ceremony.

Newpark Hotel is in the running in the 4 Star Irish Hospitality Experience of the Year and Ireland's Ancient East category, while O'Shea Farms is a finalist in the Fruit & Vegetable Producer section.

"These nominations are a fantastic endorsement of the quality, passion and dedication of the people behind Kilkenny's food, drink and hospitality sector, recognising their contribution not only to the local economy but also to Ireland's growing reputation as a leading food tourism destination," a spoksesperson said.

The awards will take place at host partner hotel InterContinental Dublin on Monday, November 16, held in association with FBD Insurance.

Marking 20 years of Good Food Ireland, 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.

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 finalists reflect the quality, innovation and hospitality that continue to shape Ireland's reputation as a top food destination.