

# Farmgate wins prestigious food safety award



THE Farmgate restaurant in Middleton has won a food safety award by a national body for its commitment to health and safety.

Farmgate were among the winners of this year's prestigious Food Safety Professionals Awards, which were awarded at the Food Safety Professionals' Association (FSPA) conference held in Dublin.

Farmgate was a winner alongside St Patrick's University Hospital in Dublin, Sodexo at Novartis in Cork, Coláiste Na Rinne in Waterford and Waterford Institute of Technology.

These organisations were recognised for their excellence in food safety across a number of criteria including structural and hygiene, food safety and protection, personal hygiene and staff facilities as well as food safety documentation. Now in their second year,

the awards encourage food businesses to reach for and maintain high standards of food safety. Lorraine Oman, Chair of the Food Safety Professionals Association (FSPA), said: "Food safety is of vital importance in the food manufacturing, retail, hospitality and catering sector if Ireland is to maintain its excellent reputation for food quality. We acknowledge those in the industry who have been exemplary in their adoption of food safety policies."

Food critic Tom Doorley, who presented the FSPA Awards, added: "Recent outbreaks of E.Coli serve as an important reminder that food safety is not just a legal requirement but a moral obligation.

"As a nation of food producers, we must ensure that the excellent quality of our food is matched by equally impressive food safety."



**Food critic Tom Doorley has stated restaurants need always to be aware of hygiene standards.**