





Data Recording, New Beef Index & BTAP Recording

BTAP Information Meeting, 12th Feb 2013
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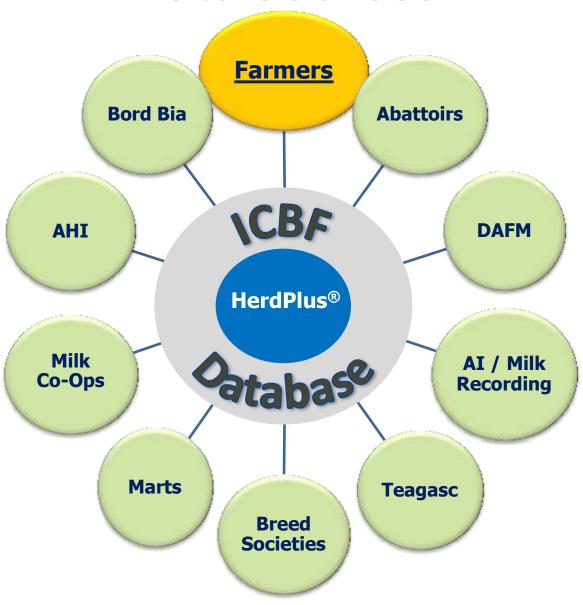








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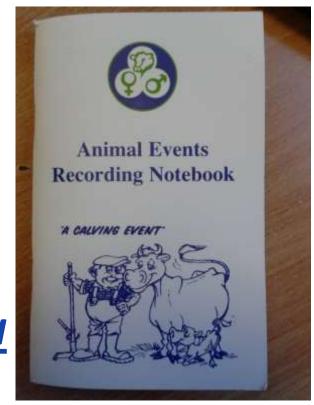
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Recording sires, calving ease, calf quality and docility

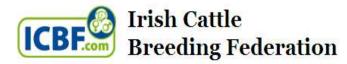
(compulsory under SCWS).

- What else can be recorded?
 - Inseminations and Natural Serves
 - Pregnancy Scanning
 - On farm liveweights
 - Missing Sires (only if known)
- Only record accurate data









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User name

Password

Log In

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Experiencing Problems

Bull Search

Search By:

- Code, Tag, Herd Book
- Name or part of name

Search

Active Bull Lists







Role of Advisors/BTAP Facilitators

- One of the objectives of BTAP is to improve genetics and performance on Irish beef farms.
- Farmers need to be able to identify superior breeding stock.
- Without data recording this will not be possible.
- BTAP Facilitators and Agri Advisors are in an influential position.
- Obligation to:
- continuously demonstrate the importance of data recording.
- > Encourage participation in any new data recording schemes.



Help Guide to Recording Important Animal Events.

The following is a typical week of events (24th February-3rd March 2004). A full list of codes for recording all events are included in the

Animal Events notebook and on the inside back cover of the recording booklet.

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Line II. New Within Herd ID Event.

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Line 15. Health event

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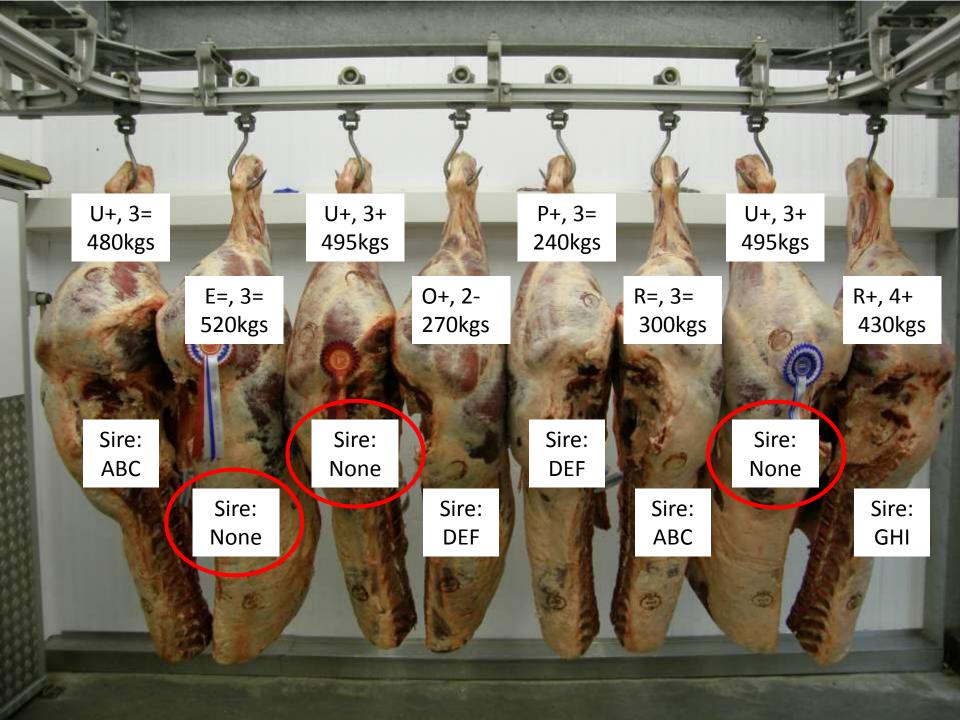
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Line 19: BCN Event Cost 47 was hody combined second (DCS) on the March 20.7 was 2.8



Statistics

- **2007:** (pre SCWS) 17% of suckler calves had a recorded sire.
- **2012:** (last year SCWS) 70% of suckler calves had a recorded sire.
- Still 30% of calves (approx. 300,000 calves) with no sire recorded last year.
- 38% of suckler cows have a recorded sire.
- **2013** so far: ~76% sires recorded, ~74% calving scores recorded.





The more data farmers record, the more they are benefiting both themselves and their fellow farmers!!!!





New Beef Index

- Old Suckler Beef Value (SBV) is gone.
- SBV was too heavily weighted on terminal traits (carcase, weanling quality etc.)
- Maternal traits suffered dramatically.
- National Average Calving Interval went up to 407 days.
- Average weaning weights were in decline due to lack of milk in suckler dams.
- New index has been introduced where SBV has been replaced by three main indices; **Maternal, Terminal** and **Dairy Beef**.
- This will help to define breeding males and females according to what they are genetically best suited for.





Maternal Index

- Used to select replacement stock in the suckler herd
- Expressed in Stars and Euros.
- The maternal index is broken down in the following table.

Mater	nal Index
Index	% Emphasis
Calving	24%
Beef	43%
Fertility	19%
Milk	11%
Docility	3%





Why are Beef Traits Included in Maternal Index?

- Approx. 50% of a bulls progeny are males.
- These need to have good beef genetics in order to perform and leave a margin.
- The maternal index takes all aspects of using a bull into account and not just how milky and fertile its daughters will be.
- If too much emphasis was put on maternal traits, suckler cows would end up becoming more akin to dairy cows.





Terminal Index

- Used to select stock for sale as weanlings or for salughter.
- Expressed in Stars and Euros.
- The terminal index is broken down in the following table.

Trait type	Trait	Relative emphasis %
Calving	Calving difficulty (direct and maternal),	
traits	gestation, mortality	30%
Docility	Weanling docility	2%
	Carcass weight, conformation and fat, cull	
Beef	cow wt	49%
	Weanling, replacement heifer and cow	
Feed intake	intake	18%





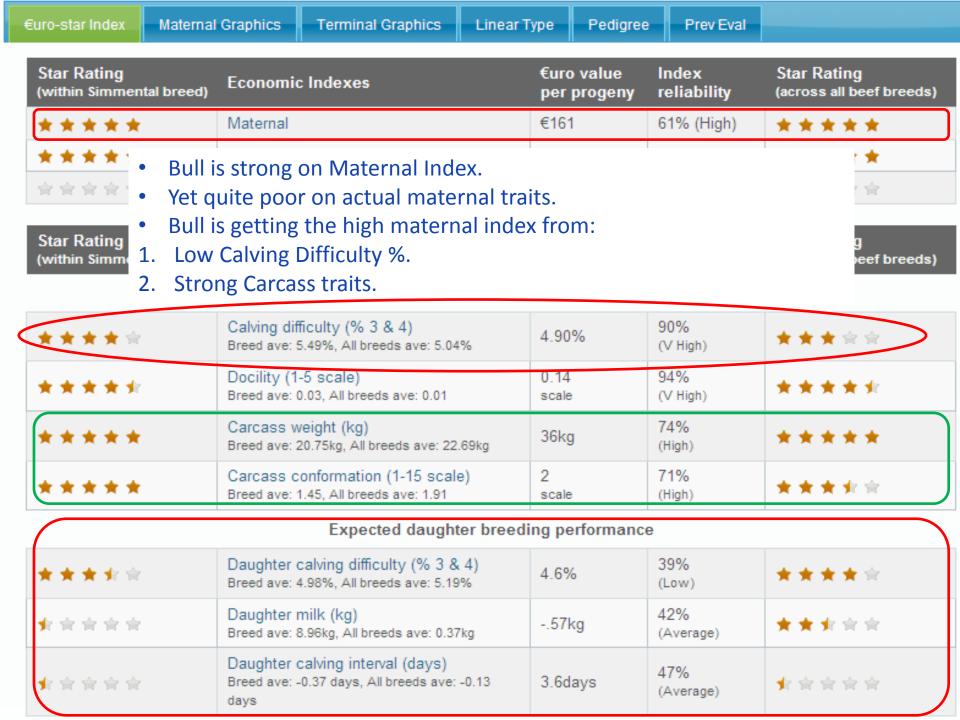
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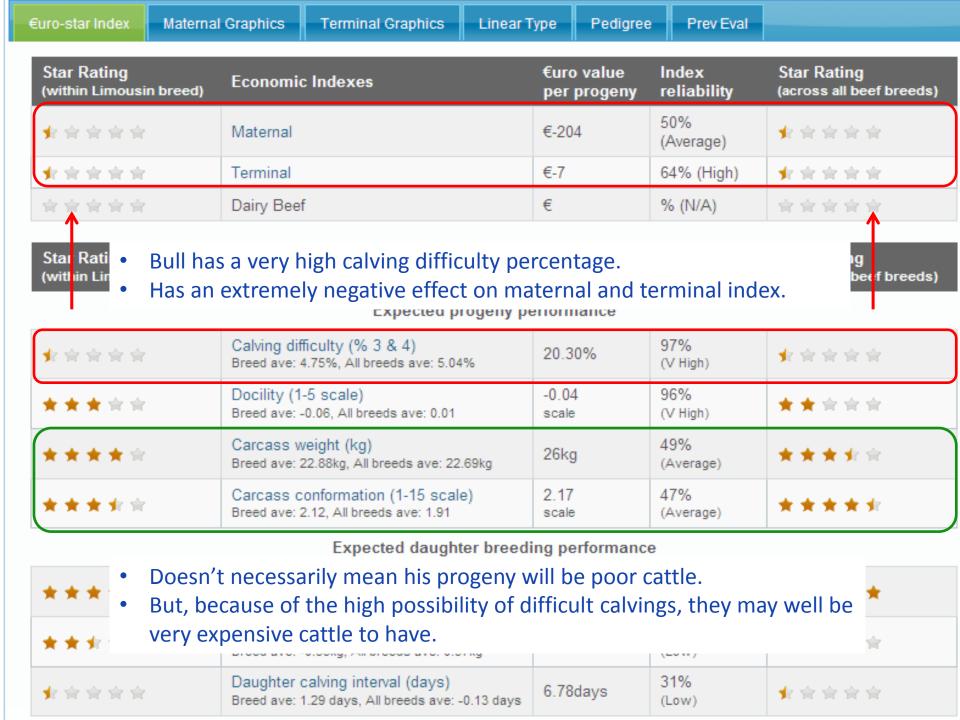
- Index not yet finished.
- Will be useful for dairy farmers that wish to use beef sires in their herd.
- Not applicable to suckler farmers





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****	Terminal	€14	8	84% (V High)	****
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Prerequisites

- Both suckler and drystock (finisher) applicants must be signed up to HerdPlus® by Friday 15th March.
- LoCall 1850 600 900 for details.
- Dedicated Drystock Report is currently under development.





BTAP Tasks:

What to Record on ICBF Website

- Task 1: e-Profit Monitor (Optional)
- Task 2: On-Farm Liveweights.
- Task 3, Part A+B: Record Inseminations.
- Task 3, Part C: Nominate Stock Bull.
- Task 3, Part D: Replacement Heifers (Automatically Verified).
- Task 9: Record Pregnancy Diagnosis.



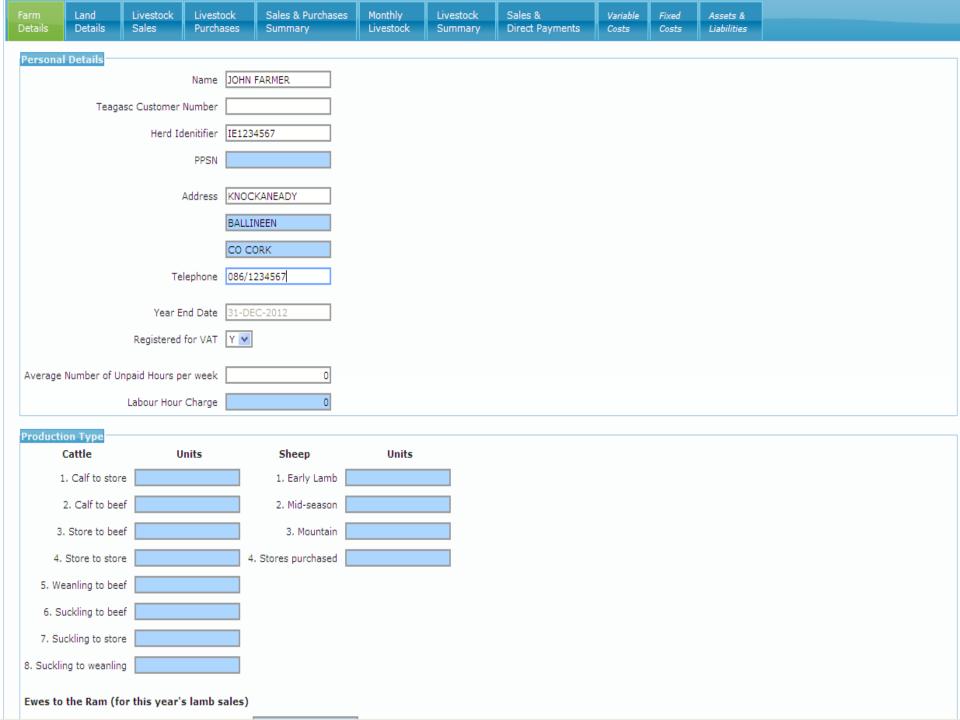


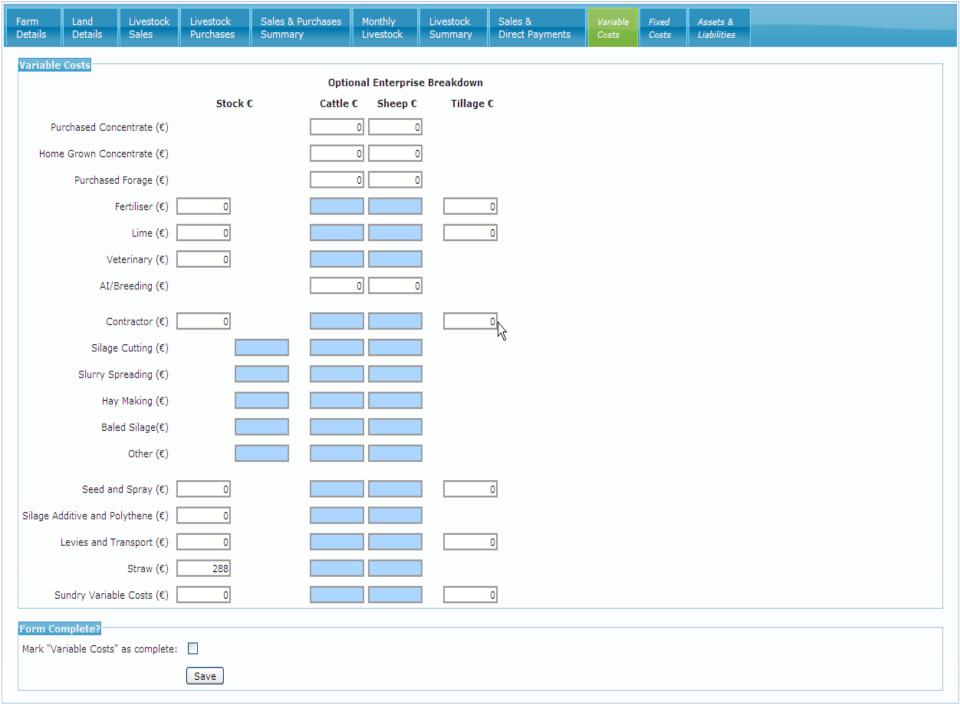


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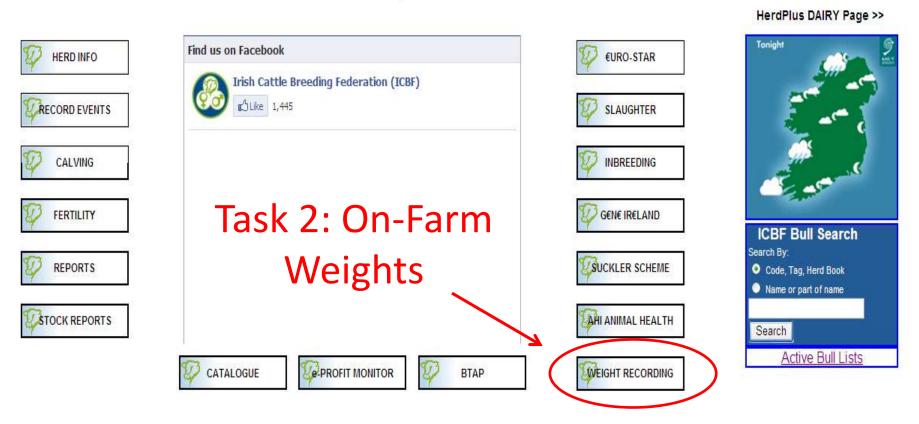
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- Can be saved at any stage.
- Sheets can also be printed for those unable to use a computer.
- This is an optional facility.



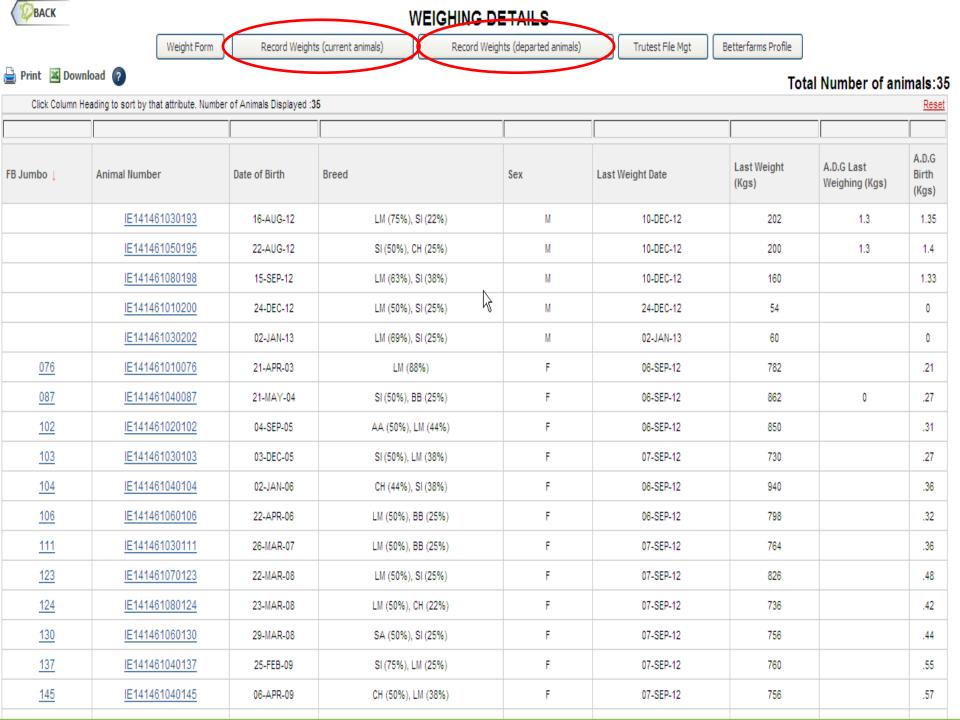




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- Weights must be submitted to ICBF in all cases.
- ICBF technician handhelds automatically upload weights.
- Weighing done by farmer or non ICBF weighing technician must be entered manually online.
- ICBF is not responsible for inputting weights.





RECORD WEIGHTS FOR ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN HERD

Record Weights (current animals)

Weighing Details

Record Weights (departed animals)

Weight Prediction

Help

If you want to predict weights for your animals you can create up to four groups. Enter a description and prediction date for each group you want to set up.

Once these groups are set up you can allocate animals to each group by using the dropdown list.

If you don't want to predict weights just leave the group information blank.

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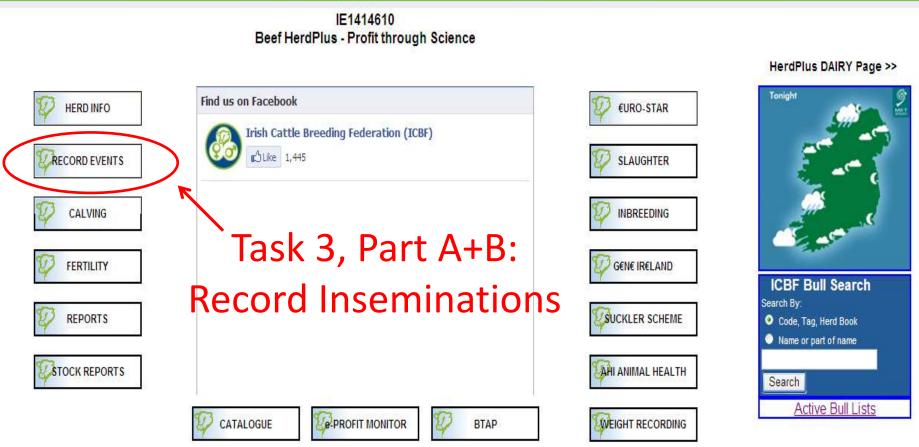
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- All inseminations must be recorded on ICBF database (incl. repeats).
- Inseminations by AI technicians with handhelds will be automatically recorded.
- All others must be recorded manually online.

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ICBF is not responsible for inputting AI records.

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RECORD EVENTS

You can record any of the following events online by clicking on the links below

Suckler Sire Errors

Dairy Sire Errors

. Record Al / Natural Service

Record Pregnancy diagnosis

. Record Dry-off

. Record Health Event

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. Mark for Culling

. Record Weight Event

. Record Freezebrand/Stockbull Within Herd ID

. Record Sire Errors

. Record Missing Sires

. Record Body Condition Score

Record Missing Slaughter Data

Record Missing Sires(incl historic)

Record Animal Purpose

Record Suckler Cow Survey

Help on Suckler Sire Errors

Help on Dairy Sire Errors

Help on Al/Natural Serve

Help on Pregnancy diagnosis

Help on Dryoffs

Help on Health Recording

Help on Culling

Help on Animal Weights

Help on FB recording

Help on Sire Errors

Missing Sires Video/Help on Missing Sires

Help on BCS

Help on Missing Slaughter Recording

Help on Missing Sires(incl historic)

Help on Record Purpose

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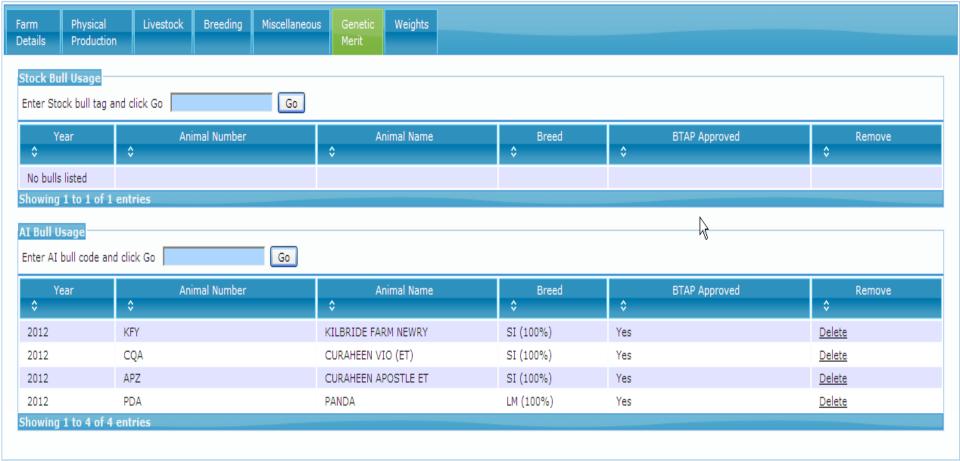
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- Farmers must enter the tag number for the stock bull/bulls which they intend using for the breeding season.
- System will tell the farmer instantly whether bull is eligible for BTAP or not.





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WEIGHT RECORDING

Search

Active Bull Lists

- All scanning results must be recorded on ICBF database.
- In all cases, these must be manually entered online.

PROFIT MONITOR

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Advisor/Facilitator Screens

- Accessible through advisors own login.
- Useful for recording farmers details.
- Advisor can also monitor what data a farmer has recorded to date.
- Any advisors that do not have a login need to register their organisation with ICBF.
- LoCall 1850 600 900.





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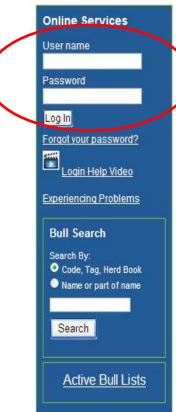
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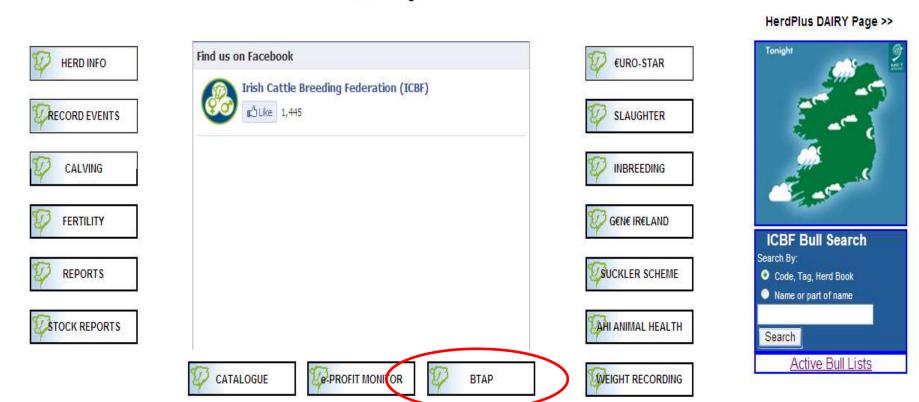




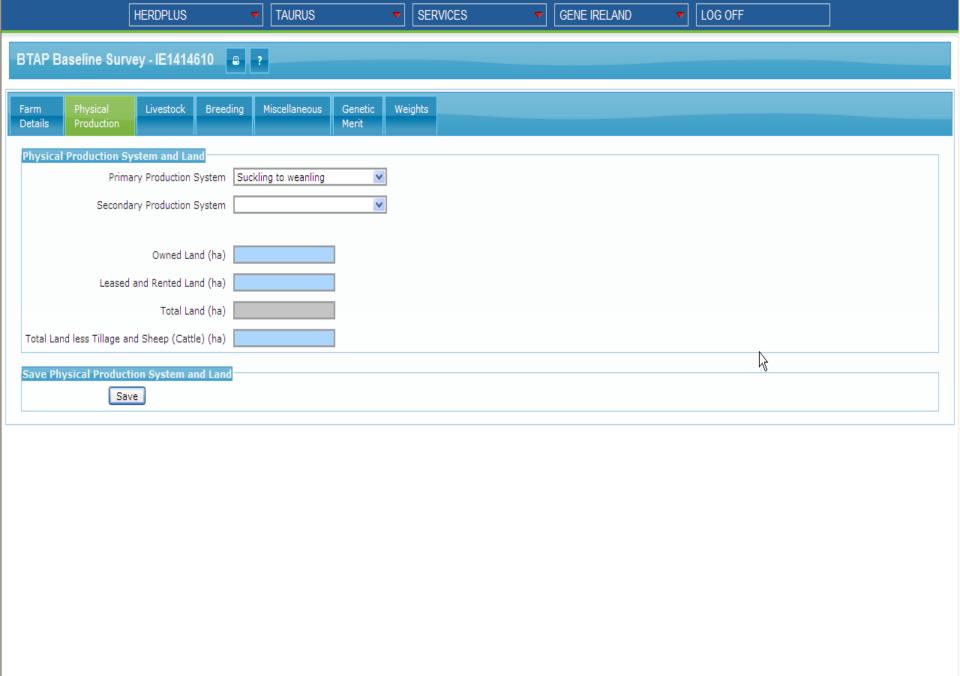


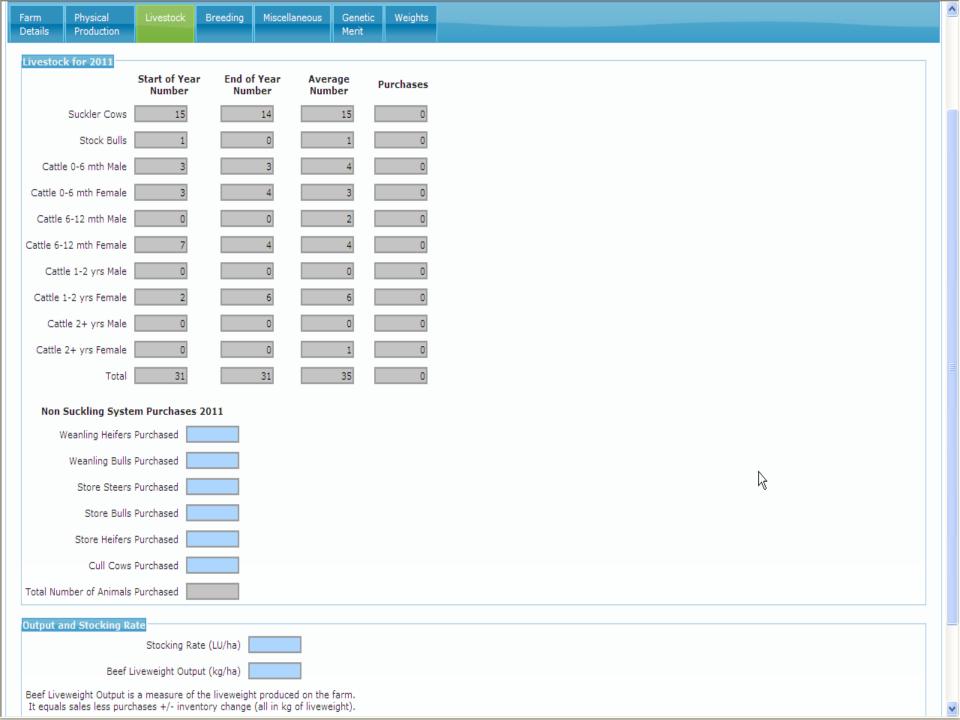


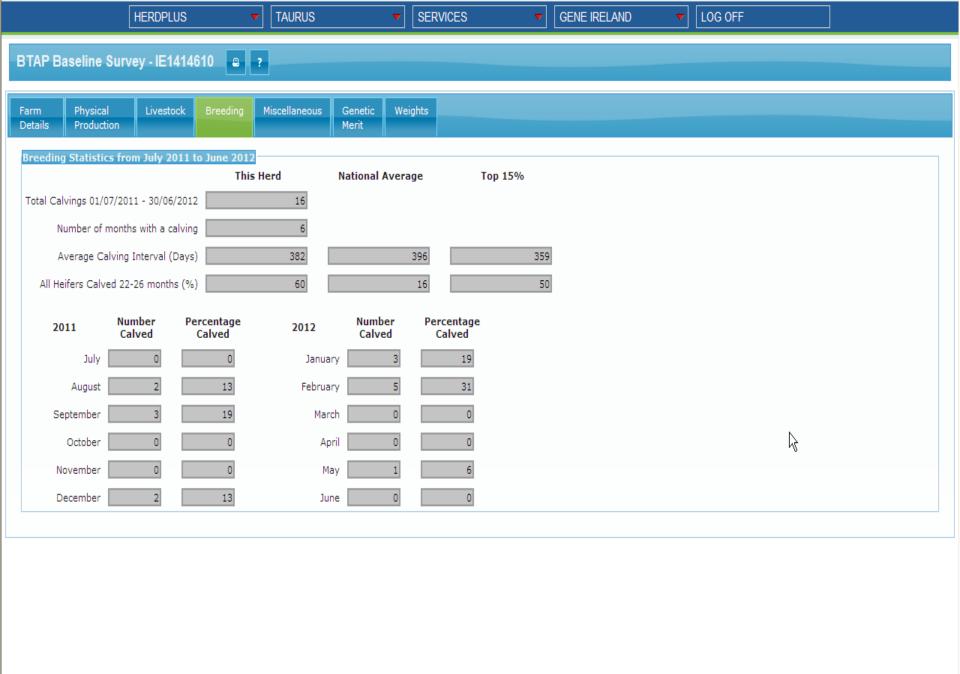
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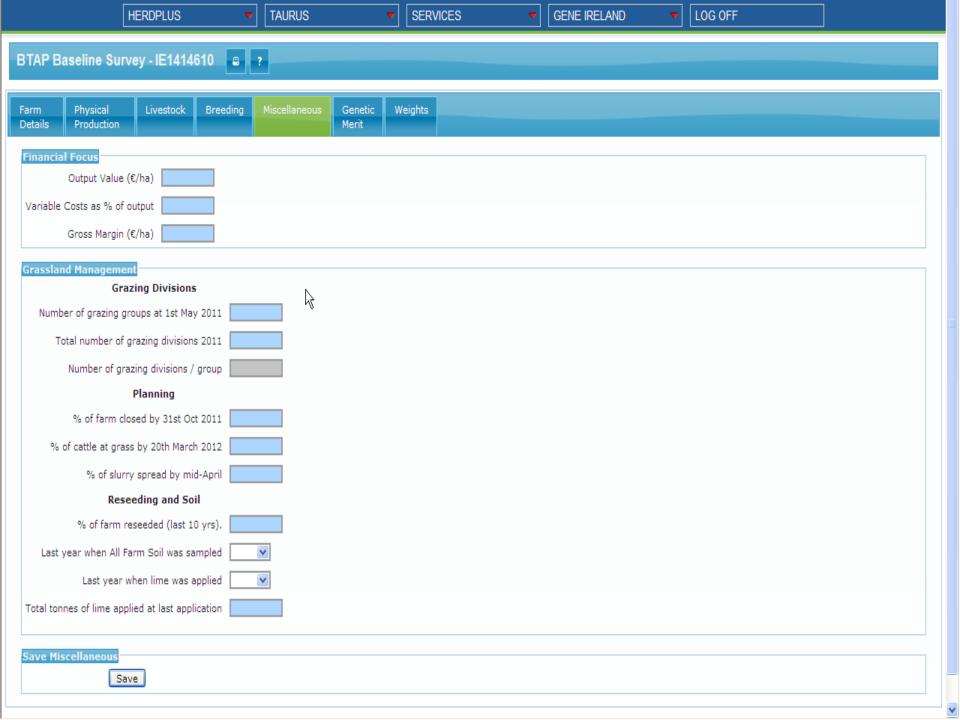


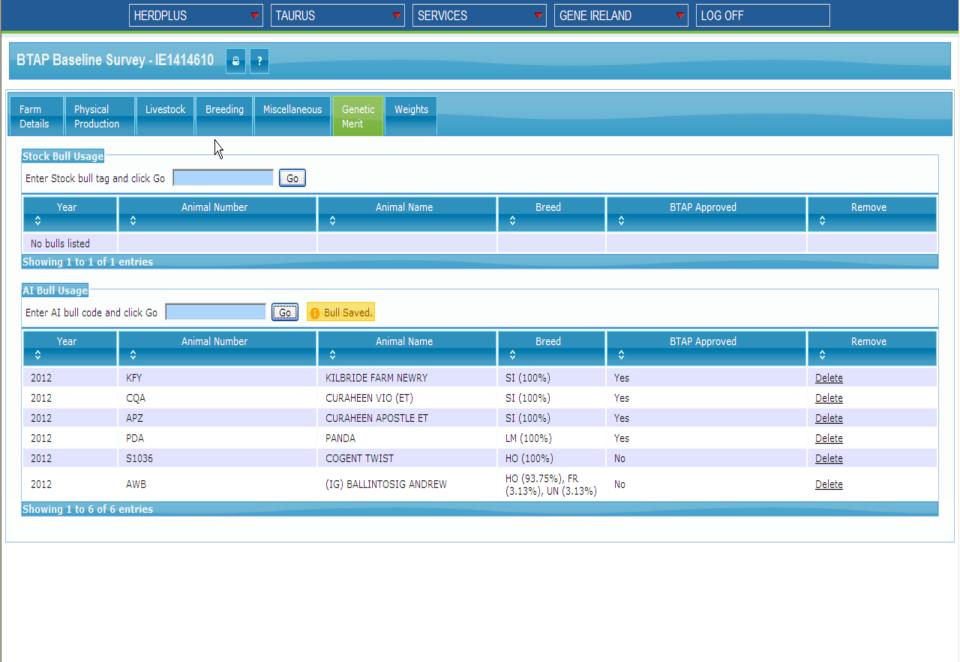
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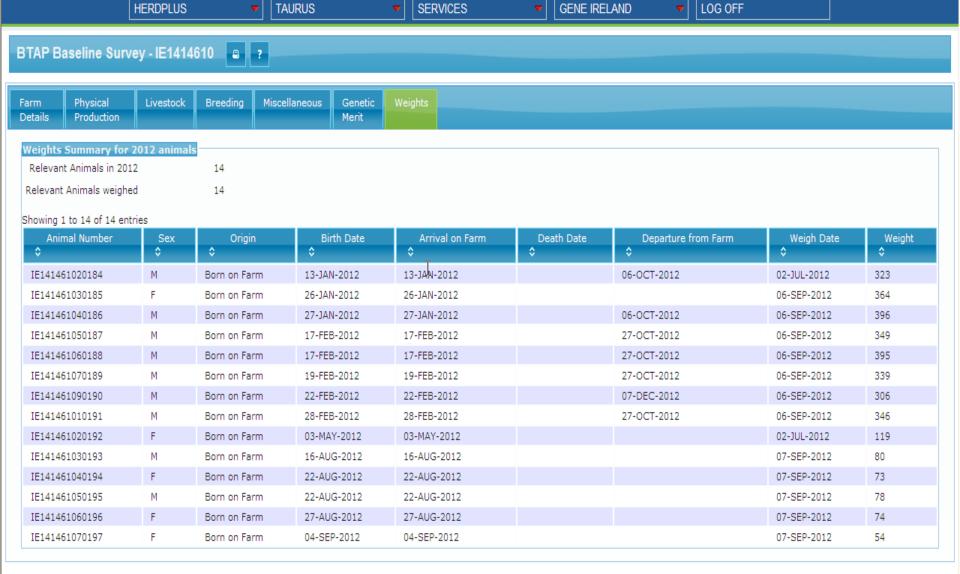












Screens will be updated to better monitor farmer progress on tasks e.g. "Weighing Task 72% Complete" "Pregnancy Scanning 0% Complete".



- ICBF has technicians nationwide carrying out on farm weighing.
- Service was set up to:
 - Collect vital performance data (liveweights) from cattle.
 - Make weighing accessible to all farmers.
- Performance of beef cattle is gauged by weight gain (ADG).
- €60 callout fee covers first 15 cattle.
- Discussion group deals available.







- Scales goes into crush.
- Once animal settles on scales a weight is recorded.

- Weight is displayed on clock.
- Enters handheld via Bluetooth.
- Weights uploaded to ICBF.
- Farmer gets basic print out post weighing.
- Detailed report in post within a few days.







Key Points

- Continuously encourage proper data recording.
- BTAP screens are there for the benefit of all involved.
- Try to have the relevant data entered well before the deadline.
- Only enter accurate data.





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