Overview

• Agreed at last Industry meeting that a steering committee would be set up to finalise the details of the ‘Whole Herd Performance Recording’ approach.

Committee:

• **Pedigree:** Paul Sykes, Peadar Glennon, Richard O’Beirne
• **Commercial:** Denis Large, Angus Woods
• **AI:** Rose Goulding, John Lynch
• **IFJ:** Kieran Mailey
• **DAF:** John Carty
• **ICBF:** Sean Coughlan, Pat Donnellan

• Steering Committee met on 20\(^{th}\) July.
1st Meeting

• 1st Meeting Focus:

• Age & Insemination data

• Calving Ease & Preferential Treatment

• Whole Herd Performance Recording Details

• Penalties
Birthweights

- **Aim:** To collect birthweights on all pedigree calves.
- Birthweights should be made mandatory for a calf to be pedigree registered.
- ‘Actual’ & ‘Estimated’ weights will be accepted.
- Possibility of including this on the DAF registration screen to be investigated.

Inseminations

- **Aim:** To get inseminations recorded in the database within ‘x’ days of the insemination happening.
- A ‘Breeding Chart’ or A.Events type docket book must be sent out to Breeders so as they can return this data.
Calving Ease & Pref. Treatment

Calving Ease

- **Aim:** Get more detailed information on calving difficulty & gestation length.
- Allow more detailed information on calving to be recorded.
- Possibility of including this on the DAF registration screen to also be investigated.

Preferential Treatment

- **Aim:** Get more animal management information at the visit.
- Record Surrogate mothers, condition score, creep feeding, selectively managed for a show.
- ICBF Scorer to record such data on the day of a visit and query animals with an unusually high daily gain (1.7kg/day appears to be the current trigger value).
Whole Herd Performance Recording

Visit Detail

• All animals in scoring range are scored and weighed (150-700 days).

• All animals 1-149 days are weighed.

• All 1st calvers are weighed & scored.

• All other cows are scored.

• Review in future – possibility of weighing 1st calver if still in the herd on her 4th calf.
Penalties

- Currently – different Breed Societies operate broadly similar penalties: 24 hour notifications, excluded from shows etc.

- Going forward - Breeders found to have recorded incorrect data in the ‘Whole Herd Recording’ program must be penalised by ICBF.

- Details of penalties have to be thought through.
  - Complicated and possibly costly area.
  - Proof of transgression must be 100% accurate.
  - Difference between a once off mistake and ongoing data manipulation.