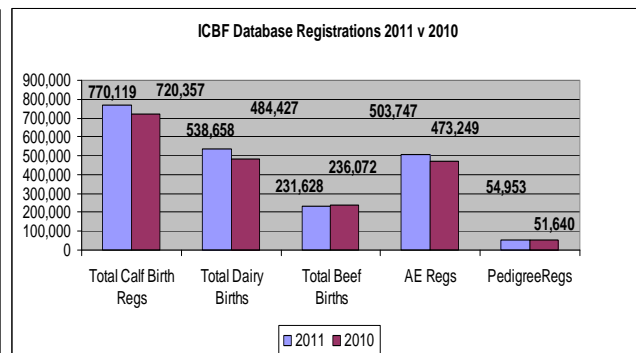
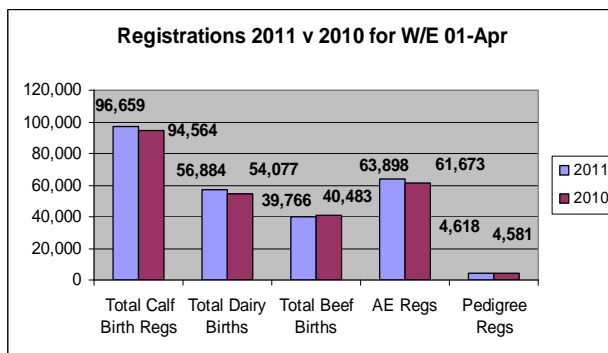


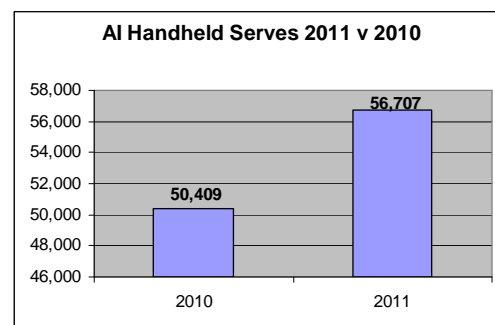
1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Teagasc Beef Conference** – Tuesday 5th April, Killin Hill Mart, Kilkenny.
- ✚ **Breeding Consultation Meeting** – Thursday 14th April, 10:00 to 17:00 – Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise. Invitations and Agenda will be distributed in next few days. This meeting will cover both dairy and beef.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 21th April, 10:00 to 12:30 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board AGM** – Thursday 21th April, 12:30 to 14:30 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland AGM** – Thursday 21th April, 14:30 to 15:00 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 21st April, 15:00 to 17:30 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Tully Bull Sale** – Monday 25th April, 12:00 to 16:00 – Tully Performance Test Centre, Tully.

2 Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFF AIM systems.
- ✚ In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2010 born calves with meal introduced is 589,684 with the number of animals weaned at 513,033.
- ✚ The first of the genomic evaluation reports were released this week.
- ✚ Work is on-going on the Beef Expected Calving report and the Beef Breeding charts.
- ✚ Testing on a new authorisation module for farmers and their service providers is on-going. This will give farmers more flexibility and control in providing authorisation to others to see their data. The intention is to have this live at the end of April.
- ✚ The new 'Sire Errors' forms will be tested early next week, and the first batch should be issued to farmers at the end of next week.
- ✚ Work is on-going in establishing electronic links to the commercial animal health laboratories.
- ✚ Updates to the catalogues, with particular focus on the dairy catalogues are on-going.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2011 compared with 2010.



3 GENÉIRELAND®

Dairy

- + Straws continue to be allocated according to availability.
- + No further orders are being taken for Holstein only packs.
- + A large panel of Jersey and Crossbred bulls are available.
- + Call 1850 600 900 to order.

Beef

- + 211 herds have signed up so far.
- + The average order is 17 straws per herd.
- + More details on the bulls are available in the GENÉIRELAND section of the website.
- + To order straws phone 1850 600 900 or 045 521573.
- + Approx total straws sent out per bull currently available are in the table below.

BREED	AA	BA	BB	CH	CH	CH	HE	LM	LM	PT	SI
CODE	MLJ	KCE	BZP	CSQ	LGL	DZP	GCT	CZH	ERE	CBQ	SXD
# STRAWS	395	450	170	260	680	65	135	670	625	240	240

4 Genetic Evaluations

- + The routine evaluations are on-going. Most evaluations will be completed early next week before an updated genomic run can commence. Official Publication date is April 11th.

5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 22/03/11 to 01/04/11

	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Average Herd Size	Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F + P kg	Average SCC
CARLOW	10	537	54	26.8	4.03	3.32	1.97	351
CAVAN	27	1,064	39	26.1	3.81	3.12	1.81	237
CLARE	14	691	49	30.2	3.95	3.29	2.19	253
CORK STH	299	18,605	62	26.5	4.06	3.41	1.98	303
CORK NTH	243	15,110	62	25.3	4.00	3.42	1.88	282
DONEGAL	4	438	110	29.1	4.05	3.21	2.11	367
DUBLIN	6	319	53	26.9	3.40	3.28	1.80	249
GALWAY	17	1,105	65	24.8	4.30	3.29	1.88	328
KERRY	136	7,083	52	26.8	3.88	3.27	1.92	342
KILDARE	21	1,422	68	26.1	4.16	3.36	1.96	351
KILKENNY	35	2,400	69	26.1	3.92	3.17	1.85	217
LAOIS	17	954	56	24.1	3.88	3.30	1.73	294
LEITRIM	3	108	36	24.2	4.16	3.40	1.83	195
LIMERICK	99	5,480	55	26.3	3.90	3.37	1.91	333
LONGFORD	7	313	45	22.1	4.32	3.17	1.66	272
LOUTH	19	1,651	87	26.1	3.76	3.25	1.83	318
MAYO	32	1,511	47	25.8	3.84	3.36	1.86	371
MEATH	36	2,745	76	27.6	4.00	3.26	2.00	264

MONAGHAN	20	930	47	27.2	3.80	3.20	1.90	242
OFFALY	13	713	55	25.2	4.22	3.29	1.89	340
ROSCOMMON	1	68	68	23.3	3.83	3.42	1.69	655
SLIGO	9	318	35	25.1	3.49	3.30	1.70	365
TIPPERARY NTH	38	2,535	67	25.8	4.25	3.22	1.93	378
TIPPERARY STH	47	3,074	65	25.0	3.98	3.23	1.80	257
WATERFORD	62	4,850	78	26.2	4.08	3.37	1.95	295
WESTMEATH	13	846	65	26.3	3.97	3.08	1.85	266
WEXFORD	43	2,514	58	26.4	3.88	3.29	1.89	209
WICKLOW E	15	911	61	25.2	3.70	3.30	1.76	245
WICKLOW W	6	418	70	25.5	3.76	3.24	1.79	335
	<i>No. Herds Recorded</i>	<i>No. Cows Recorded</i>	<i>Average Herd Size</i>	<i>Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow</i>	<i>Average Fat %</i>	<i>Average Protein %</i>	<i>Average F + P kg</i>	<i>Average SCC</i>
National	1,292	78,713	60	25.9	3.94	3.28	1.87	307

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 22/03/11 to 01/04/11

Provincial	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Average Herd Size	Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F + P kg	Average SCC
Munster	938	57,428	61	26.5	4.01	3.32	1.94	305
Leinster	241	15,743	65	25.7	3.91	3.25	1.84	285
Connacht	62	3,110	50	24.6	3.92	3.35	1.79	383
Ulster	51	2,432	48	27.5	3.89	3.18	1.94	282

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 01/04/11

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 01/04/11	No. EDIY Herds YTD 01/04/11	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 01/04/11	No. EDIY Cows YTD 01/04/11	% Cows EDIY
Munster	2,213	343	15%	126,550	22,525	18%
Progressive	1,380	327	24%	97,067	22,645	23%
Tipperary	44	7	16%	2,797	656	23%
Connacht	70	6	9%	3,656	326	9%
Total	3,707	683	18%	230,070	46,152	20%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 01/04/10	YTD 2011 Cows Recorded 01/01/11 - 01/04/11	2011 vs. 2010 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	108,704	126,550	14.1%
Progressive	90,011	97,067	7.3%
Tipperary	2,092	2,797	25.2%
Connacht	4,689	3,656	-28.3%
Total	205,496	230,070	10.7%

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