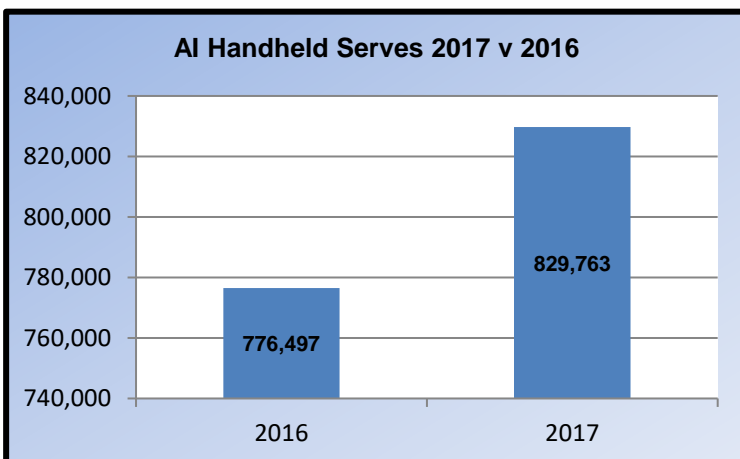
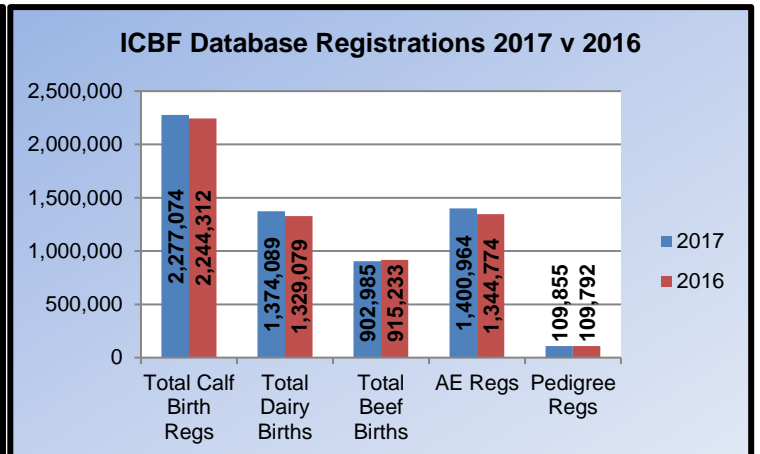
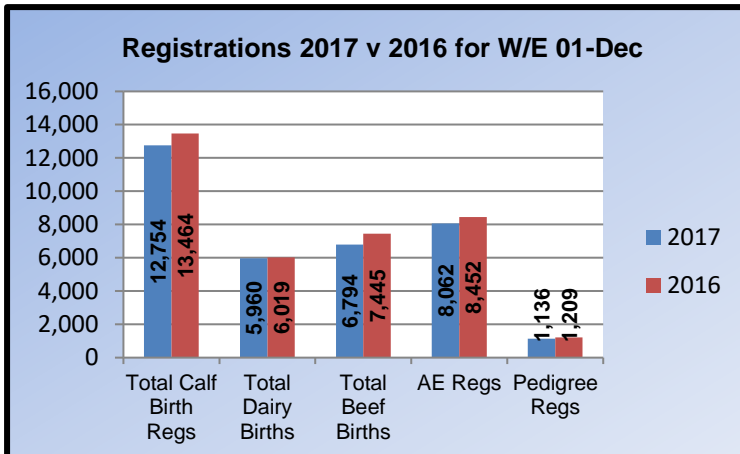


ICBF Weekly Update 1st December 2017

1 Important Dates

ICBF Board Meeting – Friday 15th December 2017 at 10:30am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.

2 Database



- The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFM AIM systems.
- BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. There have been 2,345,051 results received since January 1st, of which 14,580 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,875,281 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

3 Herd Plus®

Stockbull Finder starting to deliver for Pedigree Breeders. Richard Fortune, a County Wexford Salers breeder has recently sold a bull through the online Stockbull Finder. Click [here](#) for more details.



Update to Economic Values in the EBI. Teagasc has updated the economic values, in its Dairy Farm Systems model, which are used in the formulation of the Economic Breeding Index (EBI). Click [here](#) for more details.



- ICBF and the programme partners, have recently launched the exciting new Gene Ireland panel of high replacement index beef bulls for Autumn 2017. Click [here](#) for more details.



4 GENE IRELAND® Beef

- Sign-ups are continuing for the GI Beef Programme.
- 221 herds taking a total of 3530 straws have joined so far.
- The average order is 16 straws per herd.
- Details on the bulls available can be viewed on the ICBF website.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Replacement Index	Across Breed Stars	Total Straws Ordered
AU4214	Johnstown Keith	AU	169	5	475
SI4250	Lis na Ri Gucci	SI	160	5	440
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	153	5	425
SI4322	Kickhams Handsome	SI	145	5	165
AA4089	Intelagri Matteo ET	AA	109	5	440
SH4209	Stoneyroyd Halcyon Matrix P	SH	104	5	275
CH4218	Woodhead Meldrew	CH	99	5	140
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	99	5	400
PT4215	Leacan King	PT	95	4	130
CH4213	Blanchefield Lester	CH	94	4	80
CH4320	Liseron	CH	86	4	140
LJE	Lislea Hermes	BA	82	4	375
HE4292	Allowdale Rory 594	HE	79	4	105

- To learn more or to order straws please telephone **023 8820452**.
- Approximate total straws ordered to date for the bulls are detailed in table.

5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 01/12/17						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 01/12/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 01/12/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 01/12/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 01/12/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3897	1287	33%	398083	143463	36%
Progressive	2369	1012	43%	276594	119304	43%
Tipperary	113	51	45%	11846	5304	45%
Total	6379	2350	37%	686523	268071	39%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 01/12/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 01/12/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	367483	398083	8.3%
Progressive	259000	276594	6.8%
Tipperary	11588	11846	2.2%
Total	638071	686523	7.6%

6 Sheep Ireland

LambPlus Sign-Ups 2018

✚ For any pedigree sheep breeders, the closing date for joining LambPlus for the 2018 season is today (1st December). Sheep Ireland has communicated this date to all existing participants and some new breeders via

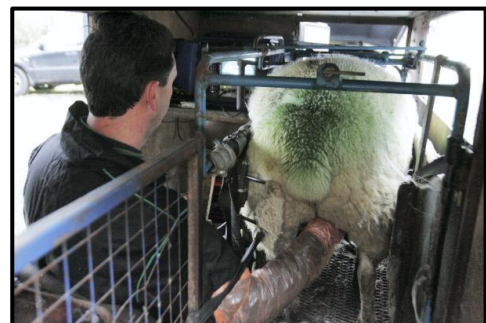
- Letters.
- Weekly updates (This publication).
- Text messages.
- National press.

✚ The number of participants for the year ahead looks to be on par with last year's numbers, but final numbers will not be known until all LambPlus Sign-Ups are fully processed which will take some time.

An Opportunity to Highlight your Flock

✚ Last year Sheep Ireland carried out several case studies on how accurately the Euro-Stars can predict the pregnancy scanning results in performance recording flocks, and the results were extremely encouraging and got a lot of attention on the Sheep Ireland website and social media. You can find these case studies [here](#).

✚ Breeders can currently record pregnancy scan results via their Sheep Ireland online account (see how to [here](#)). As this is an optional trait to record in 2017 Sheep Ireland is willing to help breeders with recording this trait as much as possible. Breeders can either telephone Sheep Ireland (**023 8820451**) and give the results over the telephone or send us a picture (Including ewe ID and number of embryos) via their smart phone to query@sheep.ie or record the information online themselves.



✚ Your flock maybe highlighted on the Sheep Ireland website and elsewhere which will be good publicity for you and your flock. Before any results are published Sheep Ireland will seek the breeders permission to do so.

National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 22-NOV-2017 To 01-DEC-2017

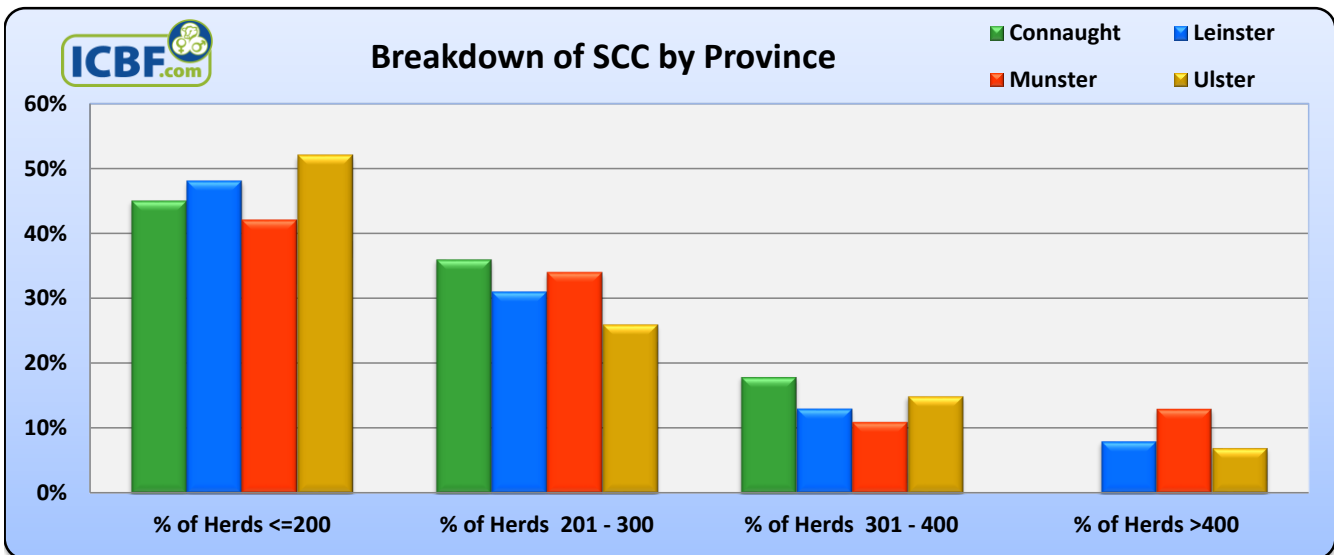
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	11	913	83	17.8	4.25	3.49	1.37	172
Leinster	85	8,220	97	16.2	4.56	3.62	1.30	202
Munster	288	23,395	81	14.1	4.68	3.77	1.18	222
Ulster	27	1,433	53	16.4	4.18	3.48	1.24	198
National Statistics	411	33,961	83	14.8	4.61	3.71	1.21	214

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 22-NOV-2017 To 01-DEC-2017

ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	% of Herds <=200	% of Herds 201 - 300	% of Herds 301 - 400	% of Herds >400	Average SCC*
Connaught	11	913	83	45%	36%	18%	0%	172
Leinster	85	8,220	97	48%	31%	13%	8%	202
Munster	288	23,395	81	42%	34%	11%	13%	222
Ulster	27	1,433	53	52%	26%	15%	7%	198
National Statistics	411	33,961	83	44%	33%	12%	11%	214

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 22-NOV-2017 To 01-DEC-2017

ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Best 20% SCC	Best 40% SCC	Average SCC**	Worst 40% SCC	Worst 20% SCC
Connaught	11	913	83	98	194	208	244	289
Leinster	85	8,220	97	133	175	205	235	307
Munster	288	23,395	81	147	193	217	241	320
Ulster	27	1,433	53	129	155	199	256	318
National Statistics	411	33,961	83	140	190	213	243	318

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

