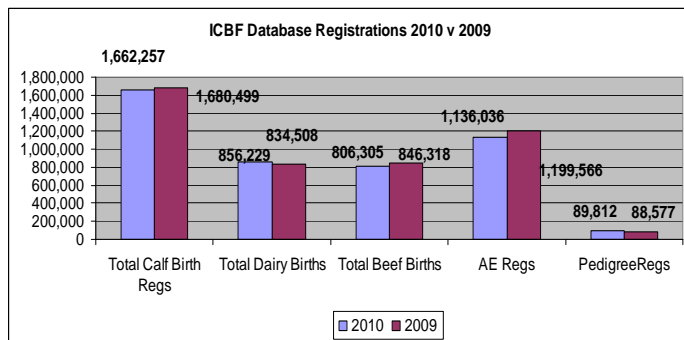
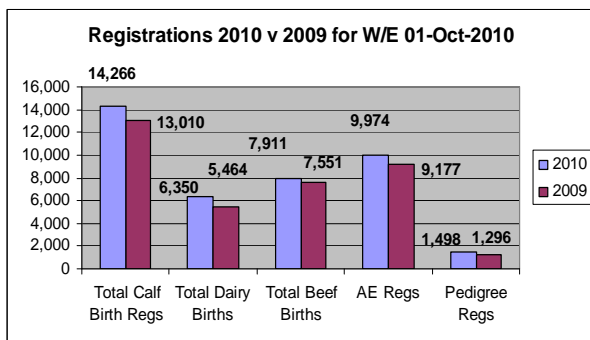


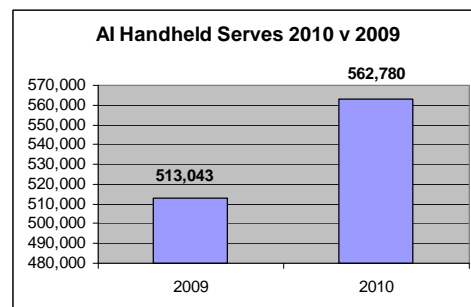
1. Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 21st October, 10:30 to 14:00 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 21st October 14:00 to 16:30 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Beef Breeding Event** – 14:00 to 17:00 Friday 8th October ICBF Tully Central Performance Test Centre, Tully Co. Kildare. This is an invitation only event. If you are interested in attending please text the word CONF to 51101 or call us on 1850-600-900.
- ✚ **Tully Bull High Health Status Sale** – 17:00 Friday 8th October, ICBF Tully Central Performance Test Centre.

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 329,123 with the number of animals weaned at 72,451.
- ✚ Work is continuing on the design of the new catalogue service for both beef and dairy animals.
- ✚ Vets wishing to begin interacting with the AHI/ICBF system can register at <http://www.animalhealthireland.ie/registerpage.php>.
- ✚ A development update to the Beef Slaughter report began this week.
- ✚ The design of a new infrastructure to manage genotypes at ICBF is continuing. A number of very useful webinars with international evaluation units were held this week to get feedback on the proposed design.
- ✚ The migration of the Teagasc advisor application to a new infrastructure has been completed this week and will be rolled out to Teagasc today. This will standardise how Teagasc, Vets, private consultants, etc access the ICBF database.
- ✚ Work on a new infrastructure for communicating with marts is on-going, with a view to getting the data flows on a more efficient and effective basis.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2010 compared with 2009.



3. Sheep Ireland

- ✚ Mature weighing and condition scoring of MALP ewes continues on MALP farms.
- ✚ CPT rams are progressing from the isolation unit into the breeding shed, where the rams are being trained for AI use.
- ✚ Sheep Ireland was very pleased with the amount of visitors to its stand at the National Ploughing Championship and for the feed back and comments received from both Pedigree and Commercial Flock owners on how the breeding programme can be improved and made more attractive to them.
- ✚ LambPlus breeders who have mating completed on farm should submit the data to avoid errors and reduce the recording workload at a later stage.

4. Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 21/09/10 to 01/10/10								
	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	14	826	59	18.4	4.14	3.60	1.42	378
CAVAN	27	1,297	48	18.4	4.02	3.60	1.40	382
CLARE	21	1,280	61	18.7	4.07	3.66	1.45	324
CORK STH	199	13,828	69	19.2	4.06	3.59	1.47	305
CORK NTH	256	19,049	74	19.0	4.29	3.78	1.53	281
DONEGAL	12	1,241	103	19.2	4.39	3.76	1.56	317
DUBLIN	6	284	47	22.9	3.72	3.55	1.66	273
GALWAY	25	1,348	54	19.3	4.19	3.63	1.51	299
KERRY	117	7,864	67	19.1	4.03	3.62	1.46	326
KILDARE	24	1,671	70	21.5	4.04	3.55	1.63	360
KILKENNY	50	3,922	78	17.4	4.21	3.69	1.37	340
LAOIS	24	1,602	67	16.5	4.44	3.72	1.35	385
LEITRIM	6	279	47	16.8	3.82	3.44	1.22	262
LIMERICK	97	6,634	68	19.6	4.03	3.68	1.51	283
LONGFORD	11	578	53	19.9	4.23	3.64	1.57	382
LOUTH	26	2,097	81	23.9	3.81	3.53	1.75	378
MAYO	24	1,209	50	22.7	3.83	3.69	1.71	401
MEATH	49	5,093	104	19.8	3.97	3.51	1.48	319
MONAGHAN	32	1,634	51	21.0	3.99	3.59	1.59	408
OFFALY	14	1,185	85	20.8	3.94	3.50	1.55	308
ROSCOMMON	1	65	65	22.0	4.03	3.56	1.67	299
SLIGO	7	220	31	19.3	3.57	3.60	1.38	459
TIPPERARY NTH	37	3,140	85	18.1	4.48	3.82	1.50	268
TIPPERARY STH	48	3,968	83	17.6	4.22	3.74	1.40	339
WATERFORD	60	4,696	78	18.1	4.29	3.79	1.46	280
WESTMEATH	11	868	79	19.2	3.97	3.71	1.47	266
WEXFORD	63	4,778	76	18.9	4.10	3.69	1.47	329
WICKLOW E	14	966	69	17.5	4.00	3.62	1.33	457
WICKLOW W	8	441	55	19.9	4.00	3.60	1.51	630
	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Average Herd Size	Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F + P kg	Average SCC
National	1,283	92,063	68	19.5	4.06	3.64	1.50	346

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 21/09/10 to 01/10/10								
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	835	60,459	72	18.7	4.18	3.71	1.47	301
Leinster	314	24,311	77	19.7	4.04	3.61	1.51	370
Connacht	63	3,121	50	20.0	3.89	3.58	1.50	344
Ulster	71	4,172	59	19.5	4.13	3.65	1.52	369

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 01/10/10						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 01/10/10	No. EDIY Herds YTD 01/10/10	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 01/10/10	No. EDIY Cows YTD 01/10/10	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,557	1,000	28%	275,592	85,378	31%
Progressive	1,999	763	38%	175,985	66,725	38%
Tipperary	133	57	43%	11,924	5,765	48%
Connacht	150	59	39%	9,978	3,779	38%
Total	5,839	1,879	32%	473,479	161,647	34%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2009 Cows Recorded 01/01/09 - 01/10/09	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 01/10/10	2010 vs. 2009 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	256,079	275,592	7.1%
Progressive	176,128	175,985	-0.1%
Tipperary	11,101	11,924	6.9%
Connacht	9,602	9,978	3.8%
Total	452,910	473,479	4.3%

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