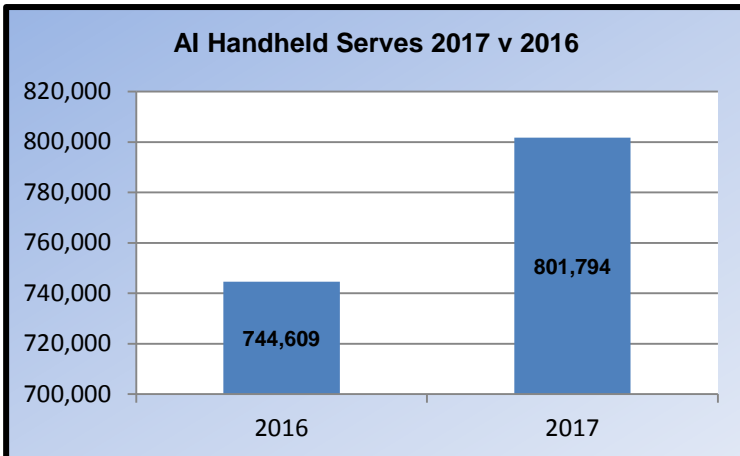
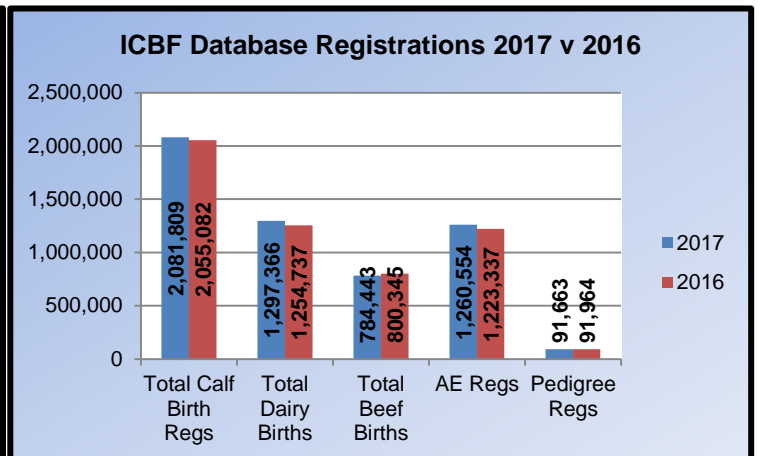
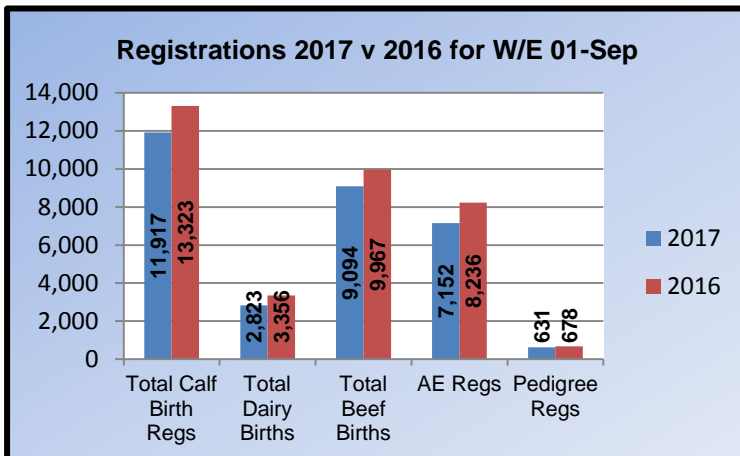


## ICBF Weekly Update 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017

### 1 Important Dates

- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30am in Highfield House, Bandon.
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 2:00pm, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 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 2,147,006 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 14,329 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,677,238 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

### 3 Herd Plus®

- BDGP Carbon Navigator; BDGP participants must submit data annually to allow for an update of the carbon navigator. Click [here](#) for more details.



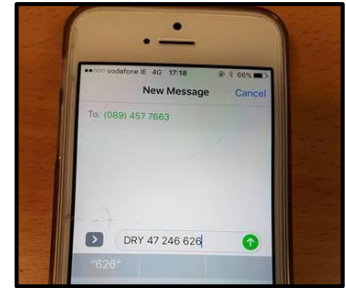
- The latest HerdPlus Beef Bull Tracker reports are now available for viewing online under the reports section. Click [here](#) for more details.



✚ Gene Ireland Progeny; top maternal beef bulls performing very well in a terminal setting. Click [here](#) for more details.



✚ Record events via text message. It is possible to save data to and retrieve data from the ICBF database using text messaging. Click [here](#) for more details.



✚ Scanned your cows recently? You can now record 'Pregnancy Diagnosis' on ICBF.com Click [here](#) for more details.



## 4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 01/09/17						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 01/09/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 01/09/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 01/09/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 01/09/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,853	1,267	33%	390,366	140,392	36%
Progressive	2,316	973	42%	264,792	112,561	43%
Tipperary	111	50	45%	11,542	5,179	45%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,280</b>	<b>2,290</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>666,700</b>	<b>258,132</b>	<b>39%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 01/09/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 01/09/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	353,791	390,366	10.3%
Progressive	248,247	264,792	6.7%
Tipperary	11,129	11,542	3.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>613,167</b>	<b>666,700</b>	<b>8.7%</b>

## 5 Sheep Ireland

### Sheep Ireland Elite Multi-Breed Ram Sale

✚ A very good sale took place last Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August in Tullamore Mart. This was the biggest Sheep Ireland ram sale to date in terms of ram entries and is now the largest catalogued ram sale in Ireland. This largest ever entry of rams was matched by the number of buyers that attended on the day which made for a great sale. In total we saw an 84% clearance which is extremely high given the number of rams presented for sale. For breeders selling rams on the day, the average price of €540 (up from €525 in 2016) was very pleasing. For commercial farmers buying rams on the day the range in prices from €280 up to the sales highest price of €940 meant that there was a ram to suit all budgets.

- ✚ This sale is a great promotion for sheep performance recording in Ireland and a reward for those ram breeders that are committed to breeding high accuracy%, high Euro-Star rams for the industry. The Sheep Ireland sale is becoming a target of commercial sheep farmers who wish to purchase high index animals across a number of different breeds in a single location. We hope this sale will continue to go from strength to strength.
- ✚ We would like to thank everyone involved in the sale including Sheep Ireland staff, Tullamore Mart staff, our auctioneers, breeders who brought rams to the sale and indeed the commercial buyers who ultimately made the sale a success.
- ✚ For the full sale report, go to the Sheep Ireland website or click [here](#)

### CPT Ram Selection 2017

- ✚ The process of identifying our next batch of CPT rams has already started. We are currently contacting breeders with a view to sourcing rams for the month of October for our fresh semen AI programme. Rams will be housed in our CPT centre based on the UCD farm in Lyons Estate. Here rams are held in isolation and trained to provide semen. If semen quality is deemed adequate the rams are used to AI some of our 2,200 CPT commercial ewes.
- ✚ The CPT is one of the most important elements of the Sheep Ireland programme. Using rams which have themselves or their ancestors have been involved in the CPT is highly desirable given the fact that the data generated on these CPT farms is independently collected performance data from grass based commercial sheep farms.
- ✚ If any ram breeder would like their ram to be considered for inclusion in the programme, we would urge them to contact us as soon as possible. We are mainly looking for high index rams, ideally on the Replacement index, however all suggested rams will be considered.

*Some images from the Sheep Ireland sale*



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## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 23-AUG-2017 To 01-SEP-2017

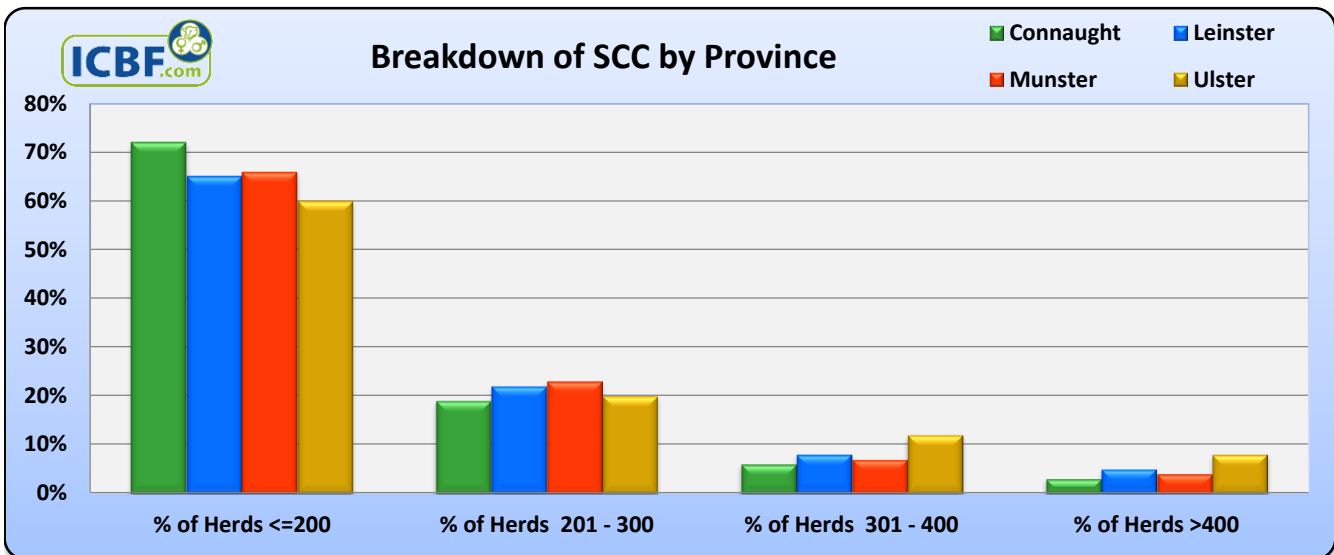
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	32	2,770	87	21.8	4.18	3.57	1.67	149
Leinster	127	15,475	122	19.9	4.23	3.62	1.56	165
Munster	571	56,266	99	20.5	4.18	3.62	1.60	163
Ulster	25	1,589	64	20.1	4.03	3.52	1.51	165
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>76,100</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>4.18</b>	<b>3.61</b>	<b>1.59</b>	<b>163</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 23-AUG-2017 To 01-SEP-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	32	2,770	87	72%	19%	6%	3%	149
Leinster	127	15,475	122	65%	22%	8%	5%	165
Munster	571	56,266	99	66%	23%	7%	4%	163
Ulster	25	1,589	64	60%	20%	12%	8%	165
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>76,100</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>163</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



## % Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 23-AUG-2017 To 01-SEP-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	32	2,770	87	92	133	141	161	231
Leinster	127	15,475	122	108	143	166	187	267
Munster	571	56,266	99	108	144	162	186	248
Ulster	25	1,589	64	92	145	171	198	288
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>76,100</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>249</b>

\*\* Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

