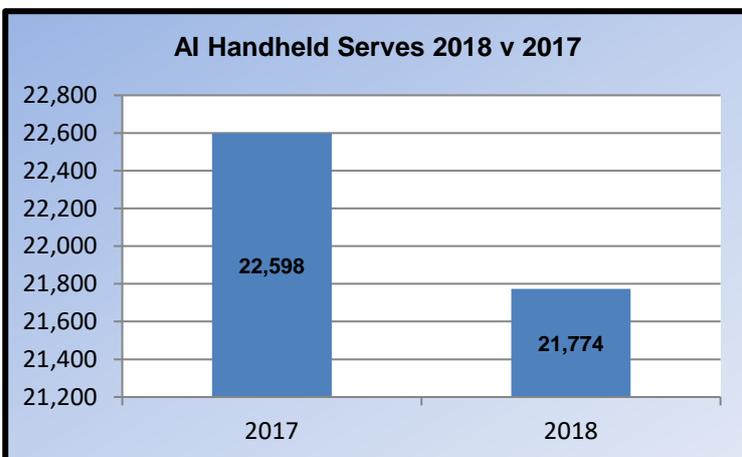
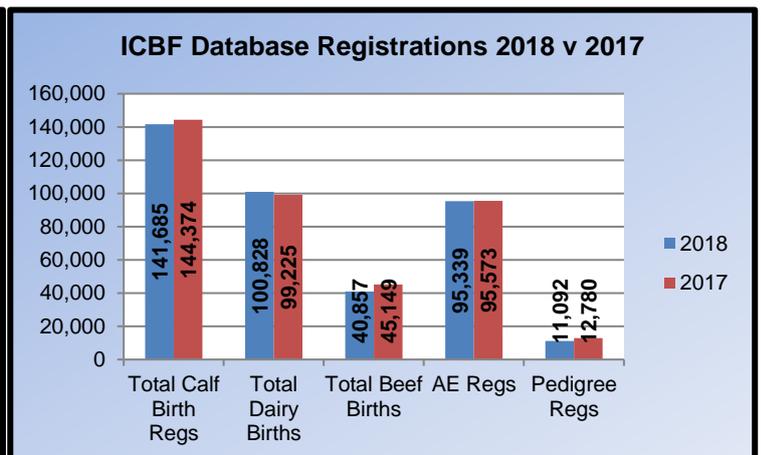
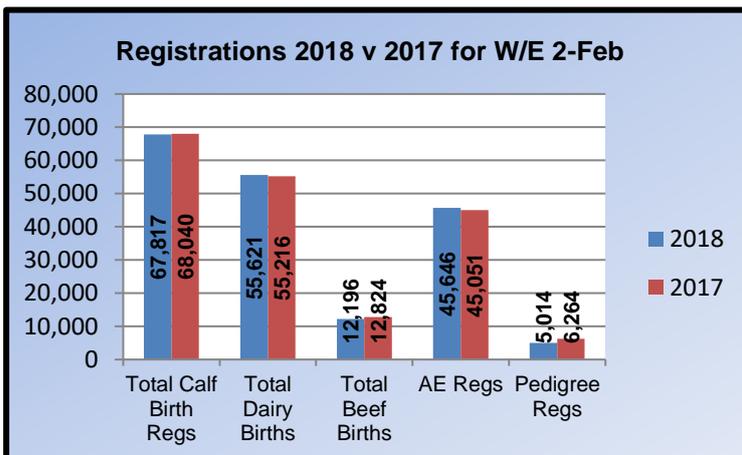


## ICBF Weekly Update 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

### 1 Important Dates

- Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10:00am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00pm, 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 142,871 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 56,651 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 12,064,389 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2018 compared with 2017.

### 3 Herd Plus®

- Genetic Evaluation Time Table. Click [here](#) for more details.



- ICBF is making a change to the Dairy/Dual HerdPlus membership fees. Click [here](#) for further details.



- The Gene Ireland Progeny Test Centre recently slaughtered 33 steers at Slaney Foods International, Bunclody, Co. Wexford. Click [here](#) for more details.



#### 4 GENE IRELAND® Beef

- Orders are continuing for the GI Beef Spring 2018 bulls.

- 34 herds taking a total of 295 straws have joined so far.

- The average order is 9 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
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	€161	5	435
SH4376	Castlehaven Rocky	SH	€156	5	220
SI4322	Kickhams Handsome	SI	€154	5	220
CH4320	Liseron	CH	€127	5	170
SI4347	Leeherd Harry	SI	€122	5	0
SI4350	Rubyjen Here's Johnny	SI	€122	5	10
AA4375	Carrigroe Nationwide	AA	€118	5	0
LM4356	Coisceim Lex	LM	€113	5	20
LM4360	Aherla K 7 P	LM	€109	5	0
LM4358	Montclare Lopez	LM	€106	5	5
AA4357	Mckeague Noddy	AA	€105	5	0
CH4213	Blanchefield Lester	CH	€91	4	85
PT4215	Leacan King	PT	€90	4	130
CH4218	Woodhead Meldrew	CH	€88	4	165
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	€88	4	400
HE4292	Allowdale Rory 594	HE	€83	4	125

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

#### 5 Sheep Ireland

##### Reminder to Record Lambing Information

- As stated previously we are making small changes to the calculation of our DQI percentage this year. Breeders are advised to submit their lambing information as soon as they can to optimise their DQI. Over 2200 lambs have already been entered on to the database which is encouraging to see at this stage of the year. Early lambing flocks are advised to record their 40-day weights promptly and we will be sending regular reminders to breeders throughout this Spring. The 40-day weight can be recorded within 20 – 65 days of age, see [here](#) for a guide as to when you should weigh your lambs.



## International Committee Animal Recording (ICAR)

- ✚ ICAR is the Global standard for Livestock Data, and their Annual Conference is due to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> February in Auckland New Zealand. Several representatives from ICBF and Teagasc will attend this hugely informative event. This conference has previously taken place in Cork in 2012 and aims to promote the development and improvement of animal identification, performance recording and evaluation in farm animal production. While this event covers many different species, there will be very interesting presentations that focus on Sheep Genetics. You can keep up to date with this year's conference [here](#) or view previous years presentations on their [website](#).

## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 24-JAN-2018 To 02-FEB-2018

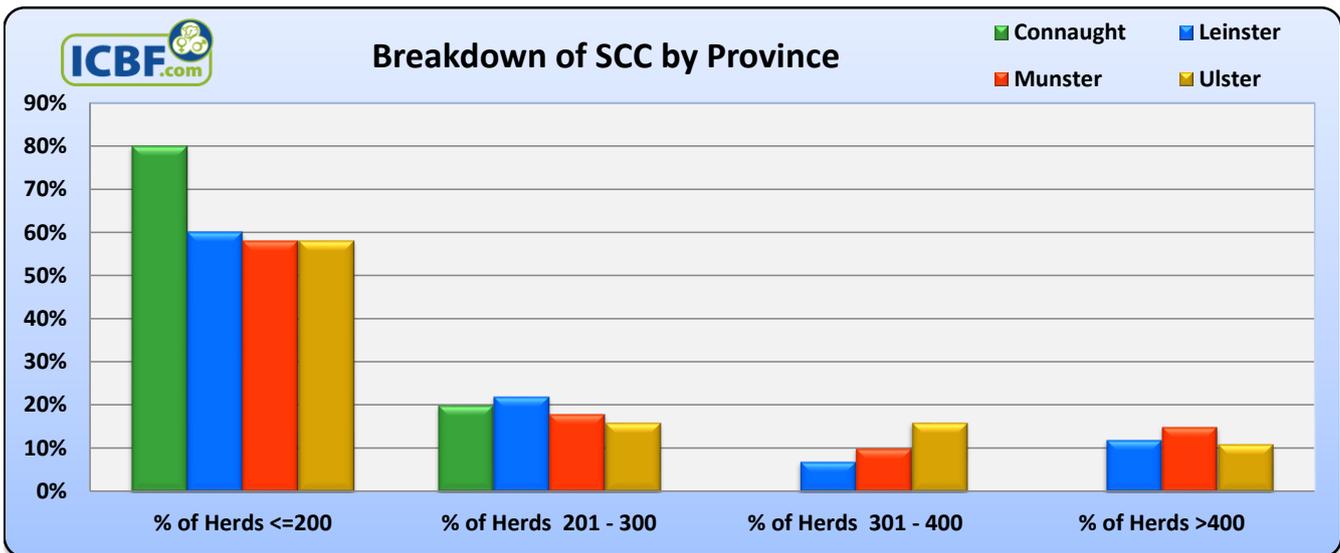
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	5	256	51	26.4	3.92	3.15	1.87	118
Leinster	60	4,463	74	22.9	4.39	3.40	1.78	183
Munster	80	4,663	58	21.1	4.33	3.39	1.61	186
Ulster	19	1,035	54	25.0	4.22	3.30	1.87	167
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>10,417</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>4.33</b>	<b>3.38</b>	<b>1.71</b>	<b>180</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 24-JAN-2018 To 02-FEB-2018

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	5	256	51	80%	20%	0%	0%	118
Leinster	60	4,463	74	60%	22%	7%	12%	183
Munster	80	4,663	58	58%	18%	10%	15%	186
Ulster	19	1,035	54	58%	16%	16%	11%	167
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>10,417</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>180</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



## % Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 24-JAN-2018 To 02-FEB-2018

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	5	256	51	64	96	115	145	212
Leinster	60	4,463	74	111	161	183	205	299
Munster	80	4,663	58	99	160	184	207	330
Ulster	19	1,035	54	89	147	162	205	339
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>10,417</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>315</b>

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

