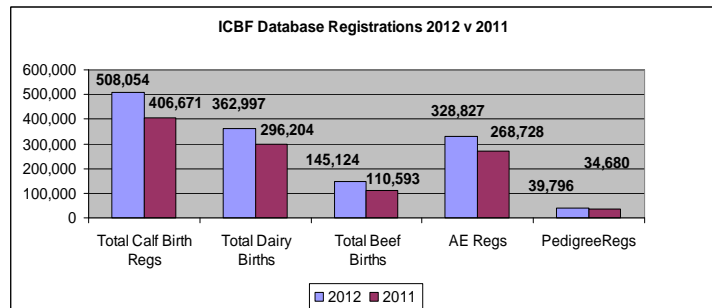
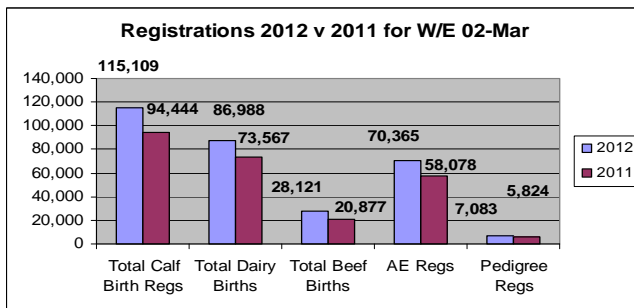


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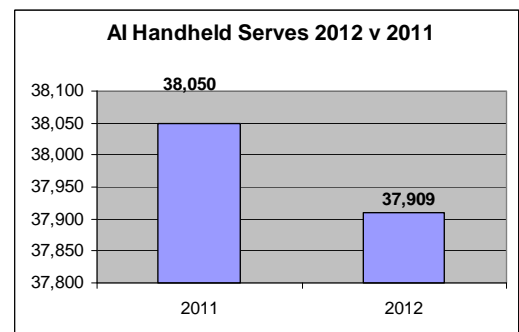
1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Breeding Consultation Meetings** – Wednesday 14th March, 10:30 to 17:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Audit & Finance Sub Committee Meeting** - Thursday 15th March, 10:30 to 14:00, Horse & Jockey.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** - Thursday 29th March, 10:30 to 14:00, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICAR 2012 Conference** www.icar2012.ie – Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June, Cork.
- ✚ **Sheep 2012** – Saturday 30th June, Athenry.

2 Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFF AIM systems.
- ✚ In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2011 born calves with meal introduced is 587,753 with the number of animals weaned at 505,258.
- ✚ Distribution of the 5 Year Trend report has continued this week to all Suckler Scheme participants along with a Suckler Cow 'Milk and Docility' survey. Farmers will also receive their annual supply of freepost Animal Events envelopes.
- ✚ BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. Around 505,000 tissue tags for BVD testing have been purchased at this stage. Around 110,000 samples have been returned at this stage, with a 0.58% BVD PI Positive rate.
- ✚ Pilot testing is continuing on the new 'Bull-Tracker' report for pedigree herds.
- ✚ A weight recording report is under development at the moment, which will be distributed to farmers involved in weight recording after each submission of weights.
- ✚ Some further developments to further enhance the loading of genotype information to the database is continuing.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2012 compared with 2011.



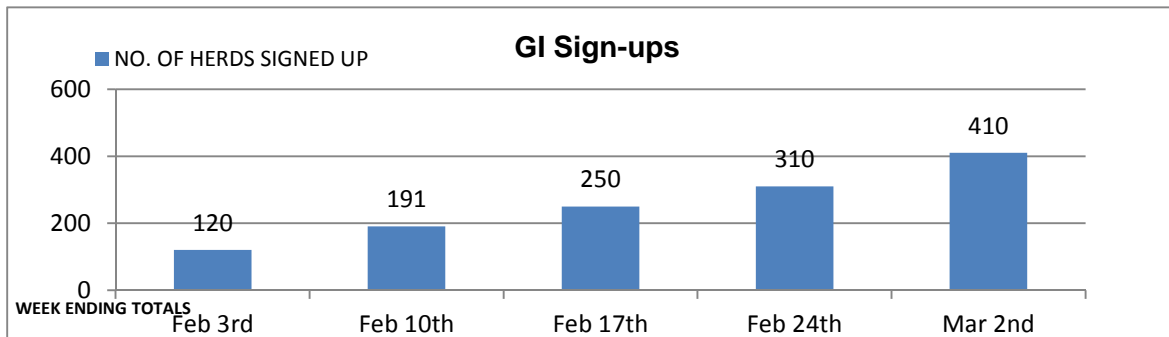
3 Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ A new genomic run was completed this week with just over 700 dairy animals receiving a genomic EBI.
- ✚ The February beef evaluation results for animals linear scored between January 16th and February 15th is nearing completion and will be uploaded to the database early next week.
- ✚ Extracts have commenced for the next routine big evaluation for all dairy and beef traits.

4 GENÉIRLAND®

Dairy

- Herds continue to be signed up by phone and post.
- Packs of straws will be allocated from next week onwards.
- Potential bull lists and catalogues are available in the GENÉIRLAND section of the ICBF website.



5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 02/03/12						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 02/03/12	No. EDIY Herds YTD 02/03/12	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 02/03/12	No. EDIY Cows YTD 02/03/12	% Cows EDIY
Munster	1,031	64	6%	52,562	4,247	8%
Progressive	1,138	239	21%	68,970	14,624	21%
Tipperary	15	0	0%	688	0	0%
Total	2,184	303	14%	122,220	18,871	15%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2011 Cows Recorded 01/01/11 - 02/03/11	YTD 2012 Cows Recorded 01/01/12 - 02/03/12	2012 vs. 2011 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	50,302	52,562	4.3%
Progressive	73,145	68,970	-6.1%
Tipperary	647	688	6.0%
Total	124,094	122,220	-1.5%

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 21/02/12 to 02/03/12								
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	552	25,963	47	25.5	4.15	3.31	1.91	308
Leinster	251	15,692	63	24.6	4.11	3.27	1.82	290
Connacht	32	1,469	46	24.9	3.90	3.20	1.77	283
Ulster	48	2,261	47	25.1	3.83	3.21	1.77	247

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 21/02/12 to 02/03/12

	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	12	586	49	27.5	4.40	3.37	2.14	338
CAVAN	22	869	40	25.3	3.82	3.21	1.78	177
CLARE	4	177	44	30.3	3.78	3.21	2.12	349
CORK STH	190	8,761	46	25.3	4.18	3.32	1.90	273
CORK NTH	153	7,861	51	24.7	4.38	3.37	1.91	312
DONEGAL	5	551	110	26.8	3.88	3.28	1.92	266
DUBLIN	3	184	61	24.6	4.05	3.12	1.76	271
GALWAY	12	654	55	24.8	3.99	3.16	1.77	251
KERRY	74	3,030	41	24.7	4.00	3.18	1.77	365
KILDARE	27	1,870	69	25.7	4.05	3.24	1.87	327
KILKENNY	28	1,853	66	21.4	4.07	3.18	1.55	231
LAOIS	22	1,364	62	27.0	3.87	3.34	1.95	218
LEITRIM	6	251	42	24.9	3.86	3.21	1.76	237
LIMERICK	77	3,165	41	28.3	4.11	3.29	2.09	289
LONGFORD	5	267	53	23.9	4.17	3.19	1.76	386
LOUTH	18	1,153	64	24.2	4.05	3.38	1.80	241
MAYO	14	564	40	24.9	3.86	3.22	1.76	360
MEATH	36	2,337	65	23.5	4.25	3.33	1.78	334
MONAGHAN	21	841	40	23.2	3.80	3.13	1.61	297
OFFALY	11	772	70	26.5	4.57	3.21	2.06	272
ROSCOMMON	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
SLIGO	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
TIPPERARY NTH	13	593	46	24.7	4.10	3.40	1.85	311
TIPPERARY STH	18	1,093	61	20.9	4.31	3.38	1.61	339
WATERFORD	23	1,283	56	25.4	4.33	3.34	1.95	228
WESTMEATH	11	508	46	23.7	3.96	3.35	1.73	313
WEXFORD	40	2,073	52	24.4	4.00	3.26	1.77	251
WICKLOW E	22	1,478	67	22.2	4.06	3.29	1.63	294
WICKLOW W	16	1,247	78	25.6	4.17	3.29	1.91	292
	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	883	45,385	52	23.3	3.80	3.04	1.59	270

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