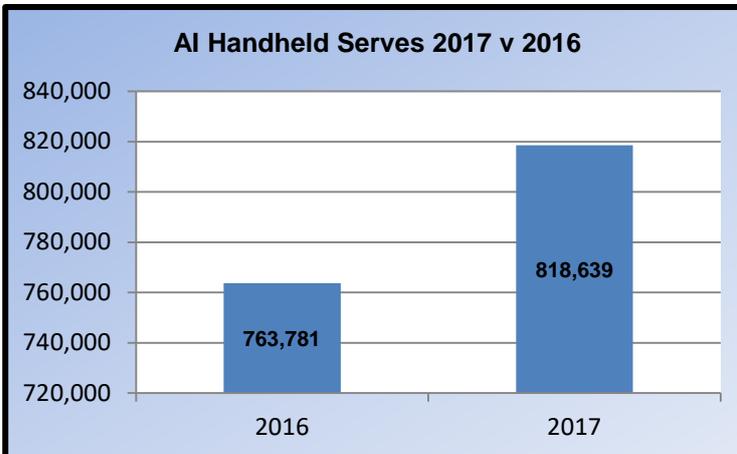
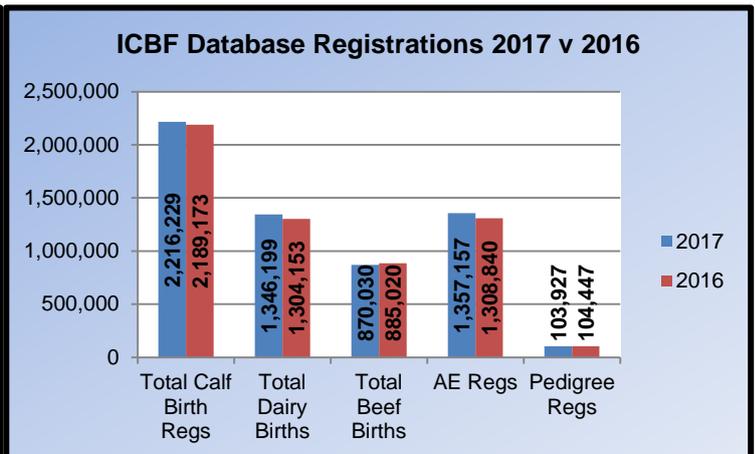
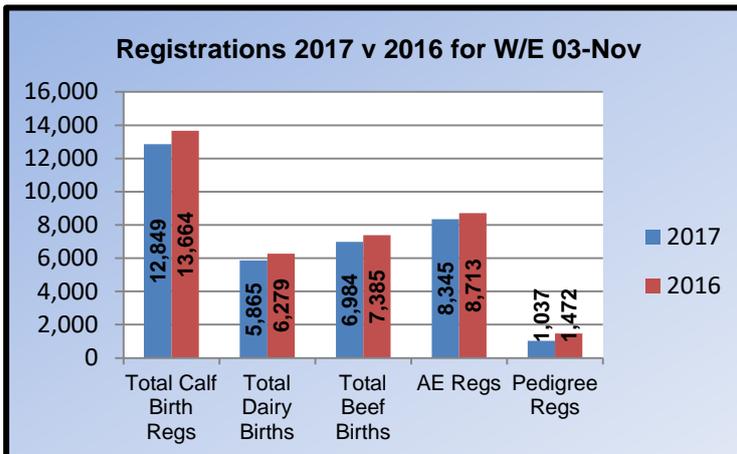


ICBF Weekly Update 3rd November 2017

1 Important Dates

- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 9th November at 10:30am, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 23rd November at 2:00pm, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Friday 17th 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 2,280.61 results received since January 1st, of which 14,783 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,810.841 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

3 Herd Plus®

- ICBF and Teagasc launched a new decision support tool, the C.O.W. (Cow's Own Worth), to aid in culling and retention decisions of dairy females on the 31st October. Click [here](#) for more details.



- The new C.O.W. profile has been accessed by over 1,000 distinct herds since it was launched on Tuesday morning. Click [here](#) for further details.



- We have taken the latest dairy cow population figures and broken them down county by county so we can see which counties are the most heavily populated. Click [here](#) for more details.



- Bull Nostalgia: Ballybane Lad. Click [here](#) for more details.



4 GENÉ IRELAND® Beef

- Sign-ups are continuing for the GI beef programme.
- 142 herds taking a total of 2130 straws have joined so far.
- The average order is 15 straws per herd.
- Details on the bulls available can be viewed on the ICBF website.
- To learn more or to order straws please telephone **23 8820452**.
- Approximate total straws ordered to date for the bulls are detailed in table.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Replacement Index	Across Breed Stars	Total Straws Ordered
AU4214	Johnstown Keith	AU	169	5	270
SI4250	Lis na Ri Gucci	SI	160	5	270
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	153	5	350
SI4322	Kickhams Handsome	SI	145	5	100
LM4351	Grenache	LM	125	5	300
AA4089	Intelagri Matteo ET	AA	109	5	320
SH4209	Stoneyroyd Halcyon Matrix P	SH	104	5	190
CH4218	Woodhead Meldrew	CH	99	5	75
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	99	5	380
PT4215	Leacan King	PT	95	4	40
CH4213	Blanchefield Lester	CH	94	4	45
CH4251	Goldstar Ludwig	CH	89	4	300
CH4320	Liseron	CH	86	4	55
CH4252	Cavelands Levi	CH	85	4	280
LJE	Lislea Hermes	BA	82	4	350
HE4292	Allowdale Rory 594	HE	79	4	40

5 Tully

- ✚ ABP representatives and approximately 70 ABP suppliers attended the Gene Ireland Progeny Test Centre in Tully, Co. Kildare on Thursday 2nd November.
- ✚ ICBF speakers included Stephen Conroy, Niall Kilrane, Ciarán Costello and Representative from AHI.
- ✚ Topics presented and discussed included:
 1. Animal Health.
 2. EURO-STAR indexes - Profitability Using the EURO-STARs.
 3. Gene Ireland beef program.
 4. Dairy beef Gene Ireland program.
 5. Tully – importance of feed efficiency in finisher systems.
- ✚ It was a very positive event and we hope to host more of these in the future.



6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 03/11/17						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 03/11/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 03/11/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 03/11/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 03/11/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,883	1,279	33%	394,694	141,841	36%
Progressive	2,350	998	42%	271,440	116,142	43%
Tipperary	113	51	45%	11,816	5,289	45%
Total	6,346	2,328	37%	677,950	263,272	39%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 03/11/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 03/11/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	364,491	394,694	8.3%
Progressive	255,125	271,440	6.4%
Tipperary	11,379	11,816	3.8%
Total	630,995	677,950	7.4%

7 Sheep Ireland

LambPlus Sign-up Forms 2018

- ✚ We have begun to circulate our LambPlus sign-up forms this week and by next week all existing breeders and new society breeders should have received one. If by some reason that a breeder doesn't receive a form the relevant information will also be available on our website, which is available to download. As always our deadline for receipt of the sign-ups is Friday 1st December but we will be sending regular reminders to all current LambPlus members.
- ✚ The fee structure that was introduced last year will remain in place and is as follows:
 - €50 for breeders that are members of flockbooks who host their flockbooks on the Sheep Ireland database (Belclare, Beltex, Galway, Rouge, Texel and Vendeen).
 - €100 for breeders that are members of flockbooks that do not use the Sheep Ireland database to host their flockbooks.

Breed Society Meeting

- ✚ Yesterday (Thursday 2nd November) members of the Sheep Ireland Board met with breed society representatives. The meeting proved to be very positive in general with societies raising some of their concerns with us. It is very encouraging to see all parties involved working together, striving for breed improvement across all breeds. All societies were given the opportunity to put forward topics for discussion; we would like to remind breeders that if they should ever wish to raise an issue we would encourage them to contact Sheep Ireland directly or indeed Board members themselves. We have Board members specifically that represent the Flockbooks and the LambPlus program. Any issues raised will be up for discussion at the next Board meeting and will be dealt with accordingly, to see Sheep Ireland's current Board structure please click [here](#).

Data to be recorded

- ✚ A reminder to flocks that you can still record mating's for the 2017/2018 season; although this is not mandatory for all breeds we encourage breeders to record this information as it will speed up the process of recording lambing information next Spring. A useful report will be generated as soon as you do so. Although not incorporated in our DQI calculation at the moment, the DQI will be under review and may be included in the future.
- ✚ Pregnancy scans can also be recorded, but unfortunately at the moment this has to be recorded individually on each ewe. If breeders wish to send us a copy of their pregnancy scan results we would be happy to load them onto the database and we can generate some statistics based on the results.

National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 25-OCT-2017 To 03-NOV-2017

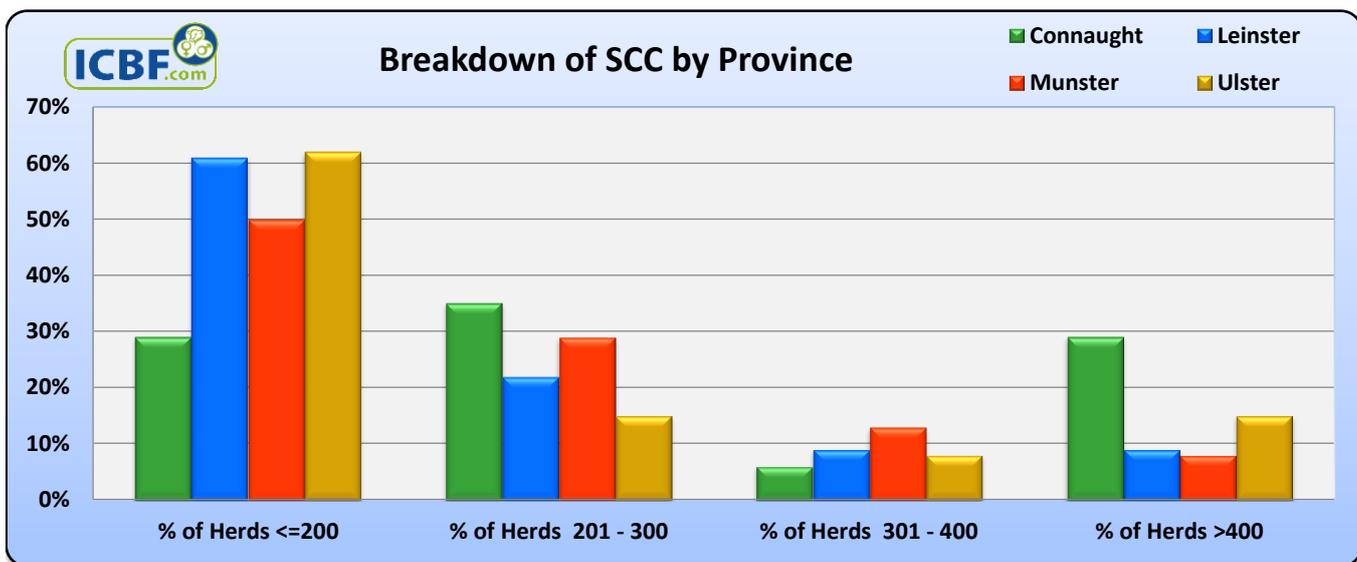
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	17	1,318	78	14.6	4.72	3.75	1.20	230
Leinster	93	10,171	109	15.3	4.63	3.80	1.28	177
Munster	419	37,962	91	14.3	4.62	3.83	1.20	206
Ulster	13	901	69	16.5	4.39	3.75	1.33	181
National Statistics	542	50,352	93	14.5	4.62	3.82	1.22	201

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 25-OCT-2017 To 03-NOV-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	17	1,318	78	29%	35%	6%	29%	230
Leinster	93	10,171	109	61%	22%	9%	9%	177
Munster	419	37,962	91	50%	29%	13%	8%	206
Ulster	13	901	69	62%	15%	8%	15%	181
National Statistics	542	50,352	93	51%	27%	12%	9%	201

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 25-OCT-2017 To 03-NOV-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	17	1,318	78	97	231	263	281	442
Leinster	93	10,171	109	105	152	170	196	263
Munster	419	37,962	91	138	179	201	226	304
Ulster	13	901	69	106	162	169	212	329
National Statistics	542	50,352	93	132	174	196	223	304

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

