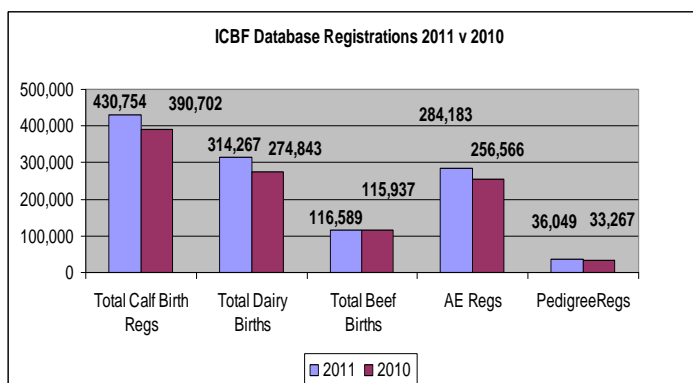
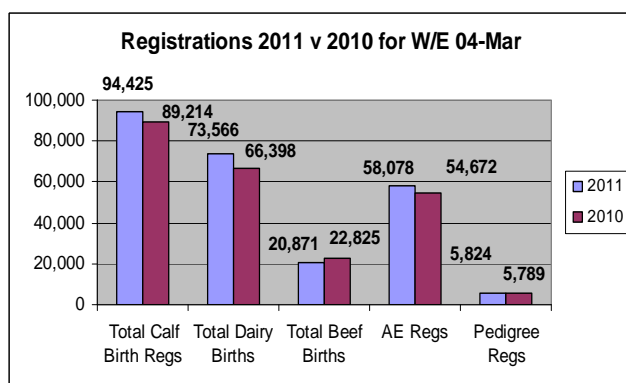


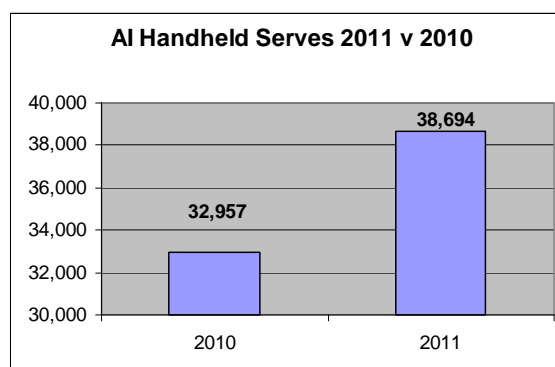
## 1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 10:00 to 14:00 – Horse & Jockey Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 10:00 to 14:00 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 14:00 to 17:00 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Tully Bull Sale** – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 12:00 to 16:00 – Tully Performance Test Centre, Tully.

## 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 582,733 with the number of animals weaned at 500,857.
- ✚ As the newly launched genotyping process progresses, on-going development tweaks are being carried out. Farmer requests continue to be processed on a daily basis.
- ✚ Development on a number of updates to the Sire Advice programme began this week.
- ✚ Some developments to support the Dairy Efficiency Programme (DEP) are expected to be completed next week.
- ✚ Testing on a new authorisation module for farmers and their service providers is on-going. This will give farmers more flexibility and control in providing authorisation to others to see their data.
- ✚ Development of a new 'Weight Profile' is now complete. It will be live early next week. It will link up with the Teagasc Better Farms data collection process, but will also be available to all beef farmers.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2011 compared with 2010.



## 3 GENEIRLAND®

### Dairy

- ✚ 600 herds are signed up to receive straws.
- ✚ Straws have been allocated to 450 herds.
- ✚ There is still some availability for all the breeds.

✚ Call 1850 600 900 to order.

## Beef

✚ 131 herds have signed up so far.

✚ The BB bull KYR has become the 6<sup>th</sup> BB tested through the program.

✚ More details on the bulls are available in the GEN€IR€LAND section of the website.

✚ To order straws phone 1850 600 900 or 045 521573.

✚ Approx total straws sent out per bull currently available are in the table below.

BREED	AA	BA	BB	CH	CH	CH	HE	LM	LM	PT	SA	SI
CODE	MLJ	KCE	BZP	CSQ	LGL	DZP	GCT	CZH	ERE	CBQ	BHU	SXD
# STRAWS	325	380	20	80	330	20	104	460	150	154	645	30

## 4 Genetic Evaluations

✚ New beef proofs were loaded to the database this week for animals linear scored and weighed between 16th January and 15th February.

✚ Extracts for the April big evaluation are underway.

## 5 Milk Recording

### National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 22/02/11 to 04/03/11

	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	5	277	55	27.2	4.23	3.37	2.07	332
CAVAN	24	914	38	20.7	4.30	3.63	1.64	265
CLARE	6	289	48	28.1	3.69	3.22	1.94	344
CORK STH	154	7,436	48	24.9	4.12	3.34	1.86	319
CORK NTH	155	8,126	52	21.7	4.27	3.59	1.71	265
DONEGAL	4	329	82	21.6	4.08	3.24	1.58	295
DUBLIN	3	135	45	25.8	4.22	3.28	1.94	270
GALWAY	8	392	49	23.5	3.80	3.22	1.65	293
KERRY	65	2,879	44	25.2	4.06	3.21	1.83	357
KILDARE	16	1,197	75	27.7	3.99	3.40	2.05	552
KILKENNY	22	1,354	62	24.2	4.18	3.40	1.83	283
LAOIS	17	829	49	26.6	4.01	3.32	1.95	271
LEITRIM	2	67	34	23.0	4.24	3.45	1.77	286
LIMERICK	64	2,840	44	28.0	3.97	3.31	2.04	292
LONGFORD	8	414	52	18.5	3.91	3.52	1.37	292
LOUTH	10	999	100	27.1	3.79	3.51	1.98	483
MAYO	27	1,165	43	24.8	3.75	3.29	1.75	384
MEATH	47	3,462	74	24.3	4.21	3.40	1.85	332
MONAGHAN	21	845	40	24.6	3.80	3.24	1.73	336
OFFALY	11	545	50	22.2	4.28	3.31	1.68	429
ROSCOMMON								
SLIGO	4	122	31	26.7	3.16	3.06	1.66	407
TIPPERARY NTH	14	596	43	24.1	4.08	3.43	1.81	354
TIPPERARY STH	15	850	57	21.7	4.05	3.50	1.64	333
WATERFORD	32	2,186	68	24.3	4.27	3.38	1.86	241

WESTMEATH	11	654	59	24.2	3.87	3.35	1.75	389
WEXFORD	32	1,927	60	22.9	4.12	3.45	1.73	286
WICKLOW E	21	1,375	65	24.1	3.71	3.38	1.71	362
WICKLOW W	15	1,245	83	26.3	4.03	3.34	1.94	550
	<i>No. Herds Recorded</i>	<i>No. Cows Recorded</i>	<i>Average Herd Size</i>	<i>Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow</i>	<i>Average Fat %</i>	<i>Average Protein %</i>	<i>Average F + P kg</i>	<i>Average SCC</i>
National	813	43,449	55	24.4	4.01	3.36	1.80	343

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 22/02/11 to 04/03/11

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	505	25,202	50	24.8	4.06	3.37	1.84	313
Leinster	218	14,413	66	24.7	4.03	3.39	1.83	372
Connacht	41	1,746	43	24.5	3.74	3.26	1.71	343
Ulster	49	2,088	43	22.3	4.06	3.37	1.66	299

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 04/03/11

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 04/03/11	No. EDIY Herds YTD 04/03/11	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 04/03/11	No. EDIY Cows YTD 04/03/11	% Cows EDIY
Munster	1,069	82	8%	56,680	5,448	10%
Progressive	1,086	233	21%	71,546	15,465	22%
Tipperary	19	1	5%	809	41	5%
Connacht	69	6	9%	3,594	326	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,243</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>132,629</b>	<b>21,280</b>	<b>16%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 04/03/10	YTD 2011 Cows Recorded 01/01/11 - 04/03/11	2011 vs. 2010 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	52,340	56,680	7.7%
Progressive	62,691	71,546	12.4%
Tipperary	556	809	31.3%
Connacht	3,118	3,594	13.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>118,705</b>	<b>132,629</b>	<b>10.5%</b>

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