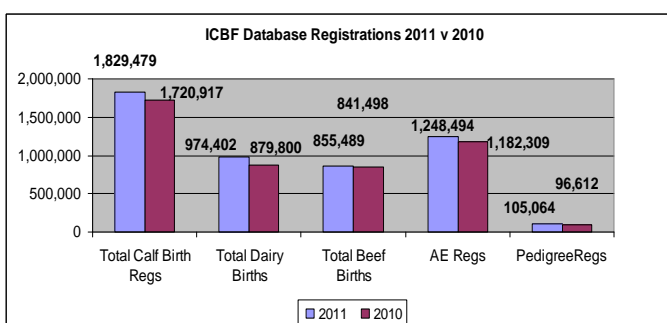
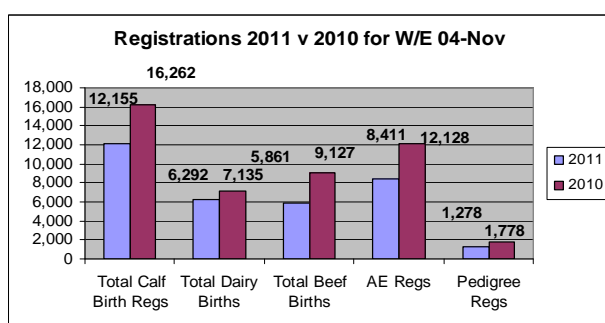


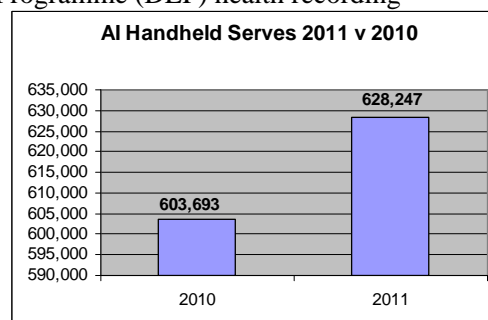
1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Breeding Consultation Industry Meetings** - Thursday 17th November, 11:00 to 17:00 – Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** - Thursday 24th November, 10:00 to 14:00, Horse & Jockey.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** - Thursday 1st December, 10:30 to 14:00, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** - Thursday 1st December, 14:00 to 16:30, Portlaoise.

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 437,130 with the number of animals weaned at 188,862.
- ✚ Around 4,500 herds have already completed their Dairy Efficiency Programme (DEP) health recording requirements for 2011. There are around 6,500 herds in the DEP.
- ✚ Testing continues on the prototype of a new cattle weighing scales with blue-tooth integration to ICBF handheld software. We are dealing with the testing issues as they arise.
- ✚ Work is on-going in building the systems that will support the upcoming national BVD eradication programme.
- ✚ The loading of the high density beef genotype files to the ICBF database is on-going.



- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2011 compared with 2010.

3 GENÉIRLAND®

Beef

- ✚ Sign-ups for the autumn program are going well.
- ✚ 155 herds have signed up so far.
- ✚ More details on the bulls are available in the GENÉIRLAND section of the website.
- ✚ To order straws phone 1850 600 900 or 045 521573.
- ✚ Approximate total straws sent out per bull currently available are in the table below.

BREED	BB	BB	CH	HE	PT	SI	SI
CODE	BZP	RWS	DZP	GCT	CBQ	SXD	APZ
# STRAWS	430	360	335	250	395	410	500

Dairy

- ✚ There are 75 herds signed up to the programme so far taking a total of 2,470 straws.
- ✚ An updated catalogue is available on the ICBF website.
- ✚ Calls continue to be made to potential participants.
- ✚ Call 1850 600 900 to take part in the programme.

4 Sheep Ireland

- ✚ This week has primarily involved communicating with a number of different societies in relation to the upcoming lambing season and our hopes to get more pedigree breeders signed up for 2012. There are a number of events approaching in the coming weeks where Sheep Ireland will be trying to illustrate to breed societies the potential benefits of our LambPlus service. We have been invited to speak at a number AGMs and this will present a great opportunity to educate breeders on a wider scale.
- ✚ We are beginning to get new breeders signing up already for the coming year; we will continue to engage with interested breeders and societies to increase the level of participation. In order for us to accelerate the rate of pedigree breeders joining the scheme, it is clear that we will need a multi-faceted approach. Sheep Ireland will continue to attend as many events as possible to promote LambPlus. Society representatives will also play a key role in the process to help our message reach non-recording breeders, as part of this we hope to make contact with all non-recording breeders in coming weeks.
- ✚ There are a number of LambPlus breeders who firmly acknowledge the potential of the Euro-Star evaluations and these have been actively promoting the scheme among other breeders, and this has been delivering great results. The work that Teagasc has been doing over the course of the year has also led to a mind-set change among many breeders. The challenge is now to turn this positive mind-set into active recording breeders who are in time going to deliver more profitable rams to the Irish sheep industry. We must keep in mind that this is the objective, the sustainability and future viability of the industry depends on it.

5 Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ New test evaluations for dairy fertility, maternal milk, and calving were distributed during the week. Feedback on the proofs is welcomed. Presentations on the maternal milk and calving were given at the herd book technical meeting held on Tuesday.
- ✚ Extracts for new genetic evaluations are currently underway.
- ✚ New monthly linear evaluation for beef animals scored between 15th Sep and 15th Oct have now been published.

6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 04/11/11						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 04/11/11	No. EDIY Herds YTD 04/11/11	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 04/11/11	No. EDIY Cows YTD 04/11/11	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,671	1,041	28%	303,336	95,324	31%
Progressive	2,387	913	38%	217,634	92,954	43%
Tipperary	144	64	44%	13,126	6,323	48%
Total	6,202	2,018	33%	534,096	194,601	36%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 04/11/10	YTD 2011 Cows Recorded 01/01/11 - 04/11/11	2011 vs 2010 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	277,526	303,336	8.5%
Progressive	194,967	217,634	10.4%
Tipperary	11,946	13,126	9.0%
Total	484,439	534,096	9.3%

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 25/10/11 to 04/11/11								
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	919	62,737	68	15.0	4.54	3.84	1.26	278
Leinster	259	18,396	71	17.8	4.30	3.63	1.41	263
Connacht	55	3,318	60	17.3	4.12	3.61	1.34	298
Ulster	60	3,460	58	16.0	4.24	3.57	1.25	282

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 25/10/11 to 04/11/11

	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	11	696	63	14.2	4.63	3.79	1.20	208
CAVAN	25	1,357	54	16.0	4.30	3.56	1.26	306
CLARE	33	1,792	54	14.6	4.54	3.82	1.22	277
CORK STH	255	15,843	62	14.7	4.57	3.82	1.23	259
CORK NTH	254	16,958	67	15.0	4.65	3.97	1.29	279
DONEGAL	10	994	99	14.7	4.37	3.64	1.18	297
DUBLIN	1	31	31	24.0	3.59	3.55	1.71	67
GALWAY	27	1,718	64	13.2	4.61	3.77	1.11	347
KERRY	130	8,351	64	14.7	4.38	3.64	1.18	346
KILDARE	18	1,384	77	19.8	4.34	3.61	1.57	298
KILKENNY	36	2,744	76	15.5	4.48	3.80	1.28	259
LAOIS	29	1,894	65	14.6	4.40	3.78	1.19	227
LEITRIM	5	257	51	16.0	3.81	3.26	1.13	348
LIMERICK	127	8,891	70	15.4	4.36	3.79	1.26	294
LONGFORD	4	261	65	15.3	4.56	3.62	1.25	307
LOUTH	14	978	70	18.7	4.12	3.36	1.40	293
MAYO	17	1,074	63	17.2	4.09	3.60	1.32	313
MEATH	43	3,503	81	19.4	4.26	3.44	1.49	259
MONAGHAN	25	1,109	44	17.4	4.06	3.50	1.32	242
OFFALY	16	997	62	17.7	4.33	3.62	1.41	299
ROSCOMMON	2	84	42	19.7	3.93	3.56	1.48	229
SLIGO	4	185	46	20.6	4.17	3.84	1.65	254
TIPPERARY NTH	35	2,756	79	13.2	4.50	3.89	1.11	364
TIPPERARY STH	58	4,558	79	13.9	4.60	3.89	1.18	276
WATERFORD	48	3,588	75	14.7	4.58	3.96	1.26	239
WESTMEATH	14	1,115	80	16.8	4.67	3.83	1.43	250
WEXFORD	47	3,045	65	15.3	4.64	3.88	1.30	291
WICKLOW E	14	984	70	18.2	4.18	3.57	1.41	268
WICKLOW W	12	764	64	21.9	3.95	3.39	1.61	394
	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	1,314	87,911	65	16.6	4.33	3.68	1.33	279

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