

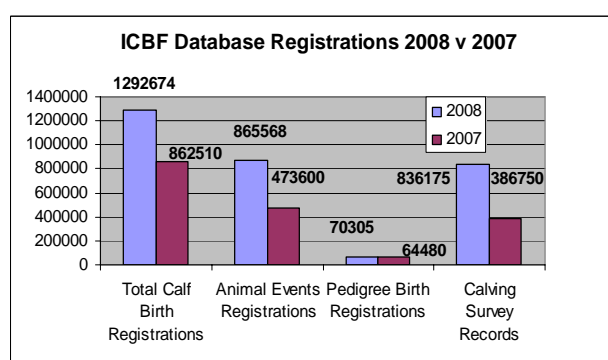
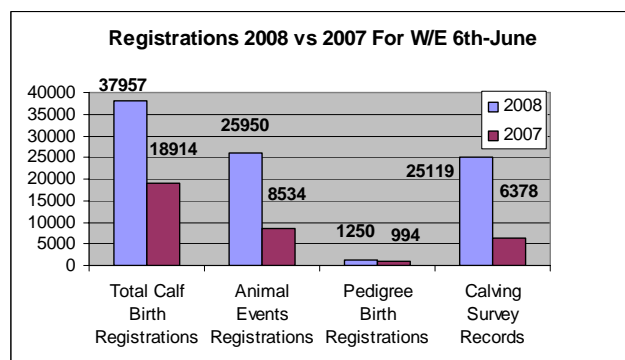


**UPDATE – for period 31<sup>st</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

**1 Important Dates**

- ✚ **16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June** – ICAR and Interbull meetings, Niagara Falls, USA.
- ✚ **20<sup>th</sup> June** - Farmfest '08, Teagasc Major Event of the Year, Athenry.
- ✚ **17<sup>th</sup> July, 10:30am** – ICBF Board Meeting, Comfort Inn Portlaoise.
- ✚ **9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October** – World Holstein Friesian Conference hosted by Ireland at Killarney & Millstreet. For details see [www.ihfa.ie](http://www.ihfa.ie).
- ✚ **11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October** – International Beef Expo being hosted in Ireland at Kilkenny Mart.

**2 Database Update**



- ✚ 348,381 inseminations have been received so far in 2008, compared with 240,814 in 2007 for the same period.
- ✚ Over 415,000 birth registrations from new Animal Events users have been received as part of the Suckler Scheme.
- ✚ Further batches of Sire Errors and Pre-weaning forms have been issued to Suckler Scheme participants this week.
- ✚ The on-line herdbook functionality is being progressed by a number of herdbooks, with the live link already sent to one herdbook.
- ✚ Work on enhancing the EBI profiles for HerdPlus users is on-going. The expectation is to have this completed next week.
- ✚ A re-designed linear scoring and weight recording report is under development and will be completed over the next couple of weeks.

**3 Genetic Evaluations**

- ✚ ICBF staff attended a veterinary fertility workshop in the Silversprings hotel on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June and gave a presentation on the influence of genetics on fertility.
- ✚ Work continues on various genetic evaluation enhancements and research projects in collaboration with Moorepark, Grange and UCD.



**4 Milk Recording**

**National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 27/05/08 to 05/06/08**

	<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>
<b>CARLOW</b>	17	1,031	61	26.6	3.76	3.46	1.92	280
<b>CAVAN</b>	55	3,095	56	26.2	3.67	3.37	1.84	303
<b>CLARE</b>	27	1,397	52	28.1	3.44	3.38	1.92	217
<b>CORK STH</b>	248	15,441	62	26.2	3.73	3.42	1.87	238
<b>CORK NTH</b>	214	14,551	68	26.3	3.60	3.42	1.85	308
<b>DONEGAL</b>	22	1,815	83	24.6	4.01	3.41	1.83	332
<b>DUBLIN</b>	5	296	59	27.1	3.47	3.53	1.90	418
<b>GALWAY</b>	24	1,395	58	28.8	3.63	3.33	2.00	289
<b>KERRY</b>	142	8,178	58	27.8	3.61	3.37	1.94	278
<b>KILDARE</b>	24	1,770	74	27.4	3.55	3.38	1.90	351
<b>KILKENNY</b>	38	2,810	74	24.0	3.76	3.46	1.73	264
<b>LAOIS</b>	29	1,951	67	24.9	3.59	3.45	1.75	255
<b>LEITRIM</b>	5	249	50	25.2	3.78	3.38	1.80	370
<b>LIMERICK</b>	129	9,066	70	26.4	3.60	3.38	1.84	261
<b>LONGFORD</b>	11	638	58	25.5	3.93	3.47	1.89	345
<b>LOUTH</b>	22	1,638	74	26.1	3.57	3.39	1.82	232
<b>MAYO</b>	28	1,311	47	29.6	3.06	3.42	1.92	274
<b>MEATH</b>	66	6,922	105	24.8	3.67	3.43	1.76	320
<b>MONAGHAN</b>	38	1,787	47	28.2	3.50	3.33	1.93	290
<b>OFFALY</b>	17	1,212	71	27.5	3.69	3.45	1.96	240
<b>ROSCOMMON</b>	8	468	59	26.5	3.89	3.40	1.93	470
<b>SLIGO</b>	9	352	39	28.4	3.23	3.44	1.89	288
<b>TIPPERARY NTH</b>	51	3,215	63	24.9	3.72	3.50	1.80	242
<b>TIPPERARY STH</b>	71	4,765	67	24.6	3.68	3.41	1.74	240
<b>WATERFORD</b>	50	4,310	86	24.7	3.89	3.46	1.82	307
<b>WESTMEATH</b>	25	1,726	69	25.7	3.50	3.38	1.77	261
<b>WEXFORD</b>	59	4,133	70	25.8	3.70	3.46	1.85	214
<b>WICKLOW E</b>	20	1,311	66	26.8	3.30	3.39	1.79	259
<b>WICKLOW W</b>	14	926	66	28.7	3.75	3.38	2.05	314
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<b>National</b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>97,759</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>3.42</b>	<b>1.86</b>	<b>292</b>



National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 27/05/08 to 05/06/08								
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	932	60,923	65	26.1	3.66	3.42	1.85	261
Leinster	347	26,364	76	26.2	3.63	3.43	1.85	289
Connacht	74	3,775	51	27.7	3.52	3.39	1.91	338
Ulster	115	6,697	58	26.3	3.73	3.37	1.87	308

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 06/06/08						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 06/06/08	No. EDIY Herds YTD 06/06/08	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 06/06/08	No. EDIY Cows YTD 06/06/08	% Cows EDIY
Progressive	2,175	851	39%	160,871	59,587	37%
Dairygold	1,547	507	33%	104,287	35,089	34%
Kerry	1,143	241	21%	71,588	14,365	20%
SWS	902	125	14%	56,233	7,950	14%
Tipperary	166	68	41%	11,485	4,933	43%
Arrabawn	163	135	83%	11,467	9,635	84%
Connacht	133	43	32%	7,616	2,205	29%
Donegal	37	37	100%	3,047	3,047	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,266</b>	<b>2,007</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>426,594</b>	<b>136,811</b>	<b>32%</b>

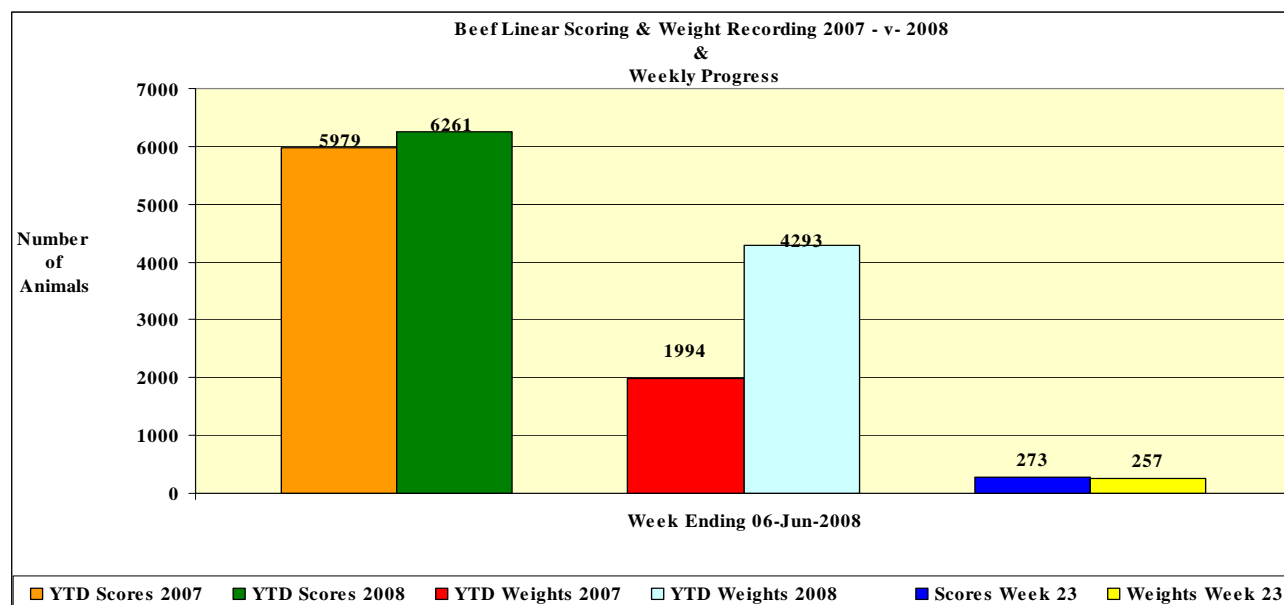
Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison				
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2006 Cows Recorded 01/01/06 - 06/06/06	YTD 2007 Cows Recorded 01/01/07 - 06/06/07	YTD 2008 Cows Recorded 01/01/08 - 06/06/08	2008 vs 2007 Year on Year Difference (%)
Progressive	138,535	146,970	160,871	8.6%
Dairygold	91,793	98,137	104,287	5.9%
Kerry	64,286	65,105	71,588	9.1%
SWS	53,768	55,454	56,233	1.4%
Tipperary	10,301	11,029	11,485	4.0%
Arrabawn	9,951	10,741	11,467	6.3%
Connacht	6,844	8,454	7,616	-11.0%
Donegal	3,818	3,182	3,047	-4.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>379,296</b>	<b>399,072</b>	<b>426,594</b>	<b>6.5%</b>

## 5 Tully

- ✚ All bull inspections have finished and a total of 115 bulls have passed inspections and health clearance from Nass DVO.
- ✚ Health testing letters were sent out to breeders on the 3-6-08.
- ✚ A final list of bulls will be sent out to breed societies on the 9-6-08.



## 6 GROW – Linear Scoring & Weight Recording



## 7 GEN€Ireland



### Dairy

- Recorded inseminations from the 2008 spring programme currently at 32% of straws dispatched (~ 15,500 records). 70% from Technician herds, 30% from DIY herds.

### Beef

- Payments are being sent to farmers with recorded inseminations from the Autumn 2007 programme.
- Working with AI companies and Breed Societies on drawing up a shortlist of potentials for inclusion on the Autumn 2008 panel.
- Developing a flyer with photos of the bulls involved and a sign up form that can be distributed at Ag events and also posted to farmers.

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