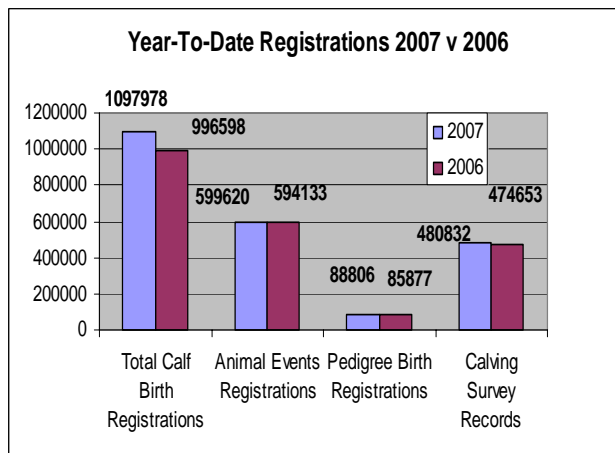
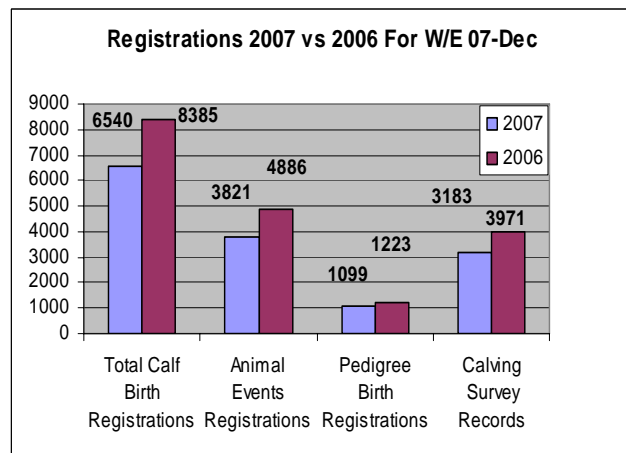




UPDATE – for period 1st - 7th December 2007

1 Database Update



- # 365,222 inseminations have been received so far in 2007 from the AI handheld, compared with 163,847 in 2006 for the same period.
- # Preparations are continuing in order to be ready for the commencement of the Suckler Cow Welfare Scheme. Developments and changes to a number of screens and forms are underway.
- # Production of the personalised farmer notebooks for the 2008 season from the database are continuing, with the further batches going to farmers this week.
- # The implementation of the new hardware solution and database upgrade is taking place this weekend. As previously mentioned, **please note that all systems are down until Tuesday morning @ 9am.**
- # Further work took place this week on the Sire Advice solution in advance of the spring breeding season.

2 Tully

- # A total of 51 bulls have entered Tully and pre entry isolation for the December intake.
- # A final list of bulls that entered Tully and their EBI indexes will be sent out to breed societies next week.
- # The next IBR test of the bulls in Tully and pre entry isolation will take place on the 11-12-07.

3 GENÉIRÉLAND

- # Preparation is underway for the Spring 2008 programme. The list of bulls put forward by the participating AI Companies is available on the ICBF website. Note: not all these bulls will be going in the programme.
- # New web-screens are being designed for both herd-owners and AI companies (incl Field Staff). This will ensure all parties have direct access to data that is relevant to their involvement in the programme.

4 Genetic Evaluations

- # A new calving performance evaluation has been completed using the new MIX99 software. The new software facilitates the incorporation of parities >5 and also is an Animal Model which replaces the previous Sire-Mgs model.
- # These proofs will be used in the January 2008 dairy (EBI) and beef (SBV) index updates.
- # Files for the upcoming December INTERBULL evaluations were forwarded to INTERBULL ahead of next Tuesdays deadline.



* Contact have been made this week with the French Normande society and the Animal Evaluation Unit in New Zealand to establish the feasibility of working with respectively Normande and Jersey foreign proofs in the Irish evaluation.

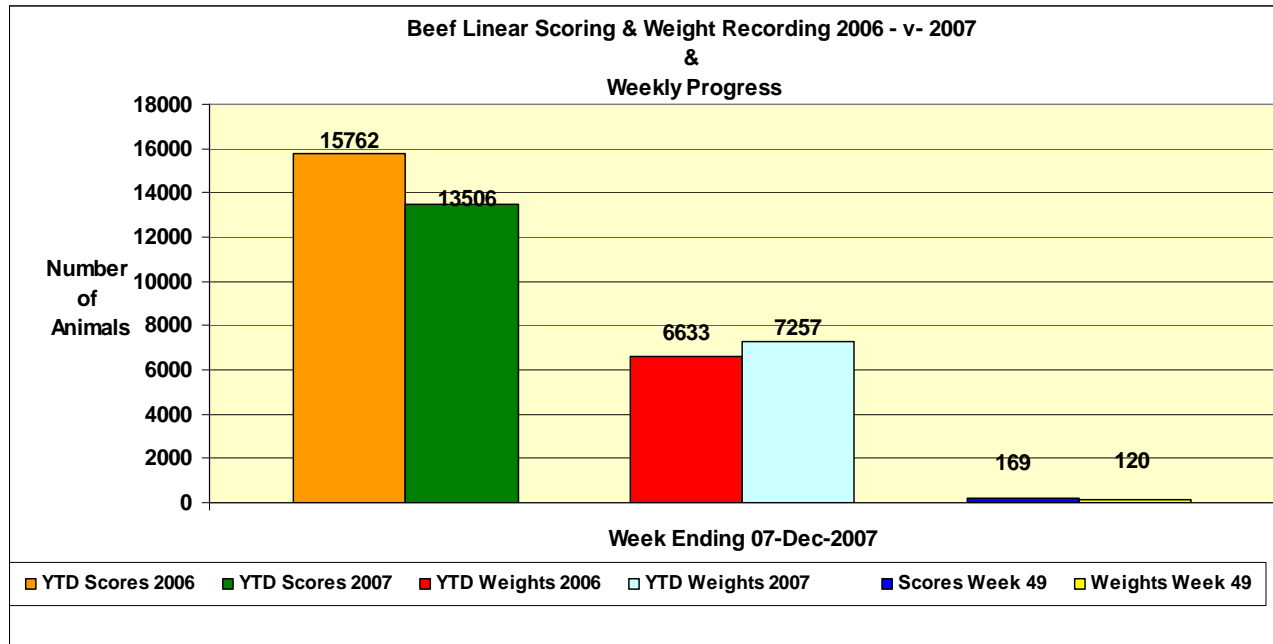
5 Milk Recording Processing – this week and year to date

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 07/12/07						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 07/12/07	No. EDIY Herds YTD 07/12/07	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 07/12/07	No. EDIY Cows YTD 07/12/07	% Cows EDIY
Progressive	2,142	686	32%	171,335	53,451	31%
Dairygold	1,593	555	35%	112,516	40,622	36%
Kerry	1,034	70	7%	72,355	5,688	8%
SWS	932	111	12%	61,532	7,525	12%
Tipperary	170	71	42%	12,349	5,245	42%
Arrabawn	169	128	76%	12,079	9,249	77%
Connacht	154	68	44%	10,304	4,474	43%
Donegal	43	43	100%	3,920	3,920	100%
Total	6,237	1,732	28%	456,390	130,174	29%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison				
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2005 Cows Recorded 01/01/05 - 07/12/05	YTD 2006 Cows Recorded 01/01/06 - 07/12/06	YTD 2007 Cows Recorded 01/01/07 - 07/12/07	2007 vs 2006 Year on Year Difference (%)
Progressive	154,347	162,077	171,335	5.4%
Dairygold	98,869	104,560	112,516	7.1%
Kerry	67,934	70,816	72,355	2.1%
SWS	55,898	60,493	61,532	1.7%
Tipperary	9,473	11,887	12,349	3.7%
Arrabawn	7,201	11,118	12,079	8.0%
Connacht	7,465	9,341	10,304	9.3%
Donegal	4,737	5,281	3,920	-34.7%
Total	405,924	435,573	456,390	4.6%



6 Linear Scoring & Weight Recording



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