

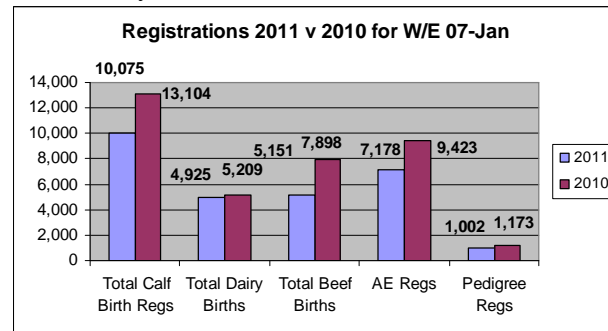
1 Important Dates

- + **Wednesday 26th January** - HerdPlus & GENIREL User day + announcement of results and presentation of EBI €100 discussion Group awards 2010.
- + **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 27th January, 10:30 to 14:00 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- + **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 27th January, 14:00 to 16:30 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.

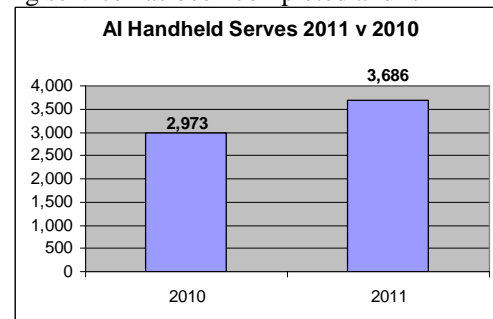
2 Database

- + The stats below are compiled with the assistance of DAFF AIM systems.

- + In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2010 born calves with meal introduced is 542,973 with the number of animals weaned at 431,100.
- + The generation of a ‘5 Year Trend’ report for suckler herds is currently underway. This will be distributed to all Suckler Scheme participants in the second half of January as part of the distribution of the 2011 Notebooks and return envelopes.



- + The design of a new infrastructure to manage genotypes at ICBF has been largely completed and testing/tweaking of the solution will take place over the coming weeks.
- + The building of the solution to allow farmers avail of the genotyping service has been completed and is currently being tested. It will be launched at the Herdplus/GENIREL Ireland user conference on January 26th.
- + A new process for the reporting to breeders of sire errors on calf registrations is now ready for testing and this testing process will begin next week.
- + The generation of the Herdplus packs to support the spring calving season is continuing.
- + The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2011 compared with 2010.



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- + **MXZ (IG) MONAMORE ELECTRON** is now available for the Autumn 2010 participants and will be distributed to 135 herds next week.

4 Genetic Evaluations

- + A new genomic run is currently underway. This run includes the first batch of 3k genotypes imputed to 50k. Results will be available next week.
- + Genetic parameter estimation between carcass cut weights and existing traits in the beef performance evaluation have commenced with a view to potentially including the carcass cut traits as part of the routine evaluation in 2011.

- ✚ Test runs for the female fertility evaluations are ongoing. Reliabilities for the new evaluation are now running.

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