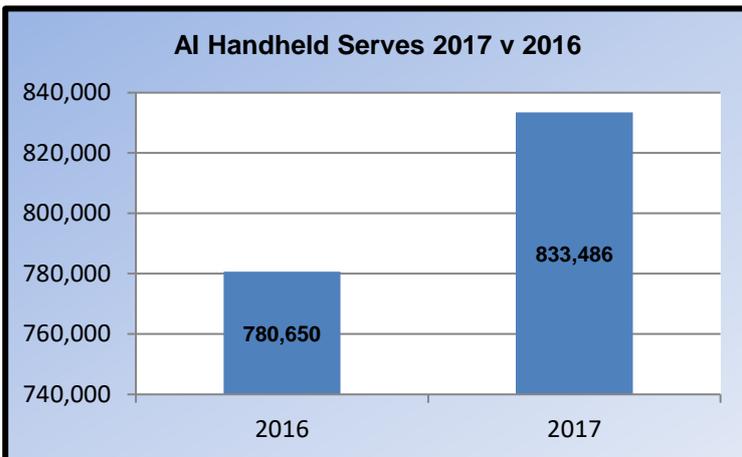
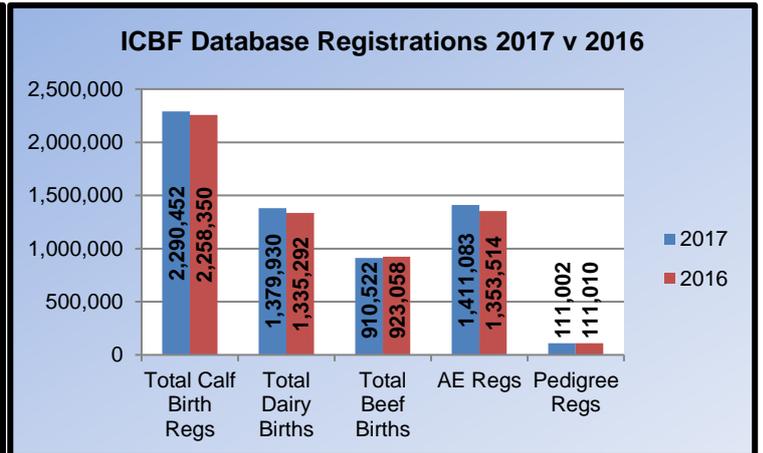
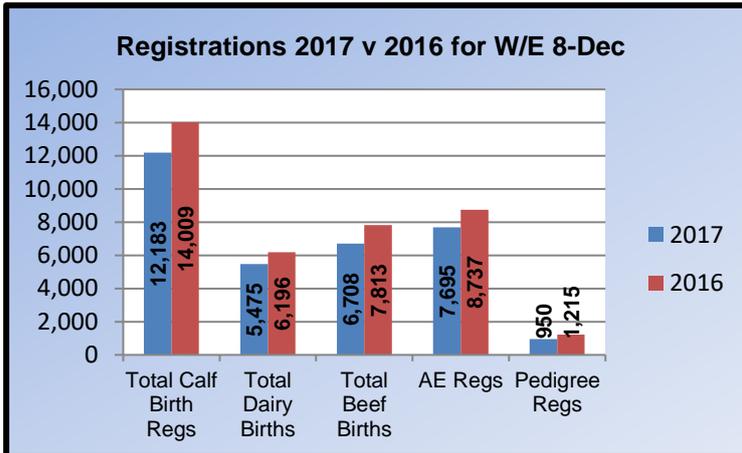


## ICBF Weekly Update 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### 1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Audit & Finance Meeting** – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9:00am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 10:30am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.

### 2 Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFM AIM systems.
- ✚ BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. There have been 2,358,807 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 13,767 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,889,037 results have now been received.
- ✚ The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

### 3 Herd Plus®

✚ Gene Ireland is the name given to the Dairy breeding programme in Ireland. An effective breeding programme is necessary to ensure an adequate supply of top genetic bulls from a wide range of high EBI sires for farmers to choose from each year. Click [here](#) for more details.

✚ Genotyping females can play a significant role for identifying the most profitable heifers to breed as replacements. Genomics is breeding using DNA to help better predict how well an animal will perform in the future. Click [here](#) for more details.

✚ Breanross Faithful (BFF) was an Angus bull that was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1990 . He was bred by Tom Reynolds, Mohill, Co. Leitrim and his semen was marketed by Progressive Genetics.Code: BFF. Click [here](#) for further details.



✚ We have just released the stats on the number of views that the new 'Stockbull Finder' service has received and they make for excellent reading. Click [here](#) for further details.



#### 4 GENE IRELAND® Beef

✚ Sign-ups are continuing for the GI Beef Programme.

✚ 277 herds taking a total of 4135 straws have joined so far.

✚ The average order is 15 straws per herd.

✚ The Simmental bull SI4250 has reached the 500 straw target this week.

✚ Details on the bulls available can be viewed on the ICBF website.

✚ To learn more or to order straws please telephone **023 8820452**.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Replacement Index	Across Breed Stars	Total Straws Ordered
AU4214	Johnstown Keith	AU	169	5	475
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	153	5	425
SI4322	Kickhams Handsome	SI	145	5	165
AA4089	Intelagri Matteo ET	AA	109	5	460
SH4209	Stoneyroyd Halcyon Matrix P	SH	104	5	300
CH4218	Woodhead Meldrew	CH	99	5	150
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	99	5	400
PT4215	Leacan King	PT	95	4	130
CH4213	Blanchefield Lester	CH	94	4	80
CH4320	Liseron	CH	86	4	140
LJE	Lislea Hermes	BA	82	4	375
HE4292	Allowdale Rory 594	HE	79	4	110

✚ Approximate total straws ordered to date for the bulls are detailed in graph above.

#### 5 Tully

✚ The Gene Ireland Progeny Test Centre recently slaughtered 52 bulls at Slaney Foods International, Bunclody, Co. Wexford. The progeny were sired by 20 different AI sires across 8 different breeds. It consisted of 52 August and September 2017 born bulls. The average carcass weight for the group was 377 kilos. Click [here](#) for more.



## 6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 08/12/17						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 08/12/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 08/12/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 08/12/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 08/12/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,899	1,288	33%	398,458	143,547	36%
Progressive	2,370	1,013	43%	277,431	119,739	43%
Tipperary	113	51	45%	11,852	5,304	45%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,382</b>	<b>2,352</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>687,741</b>	<b>268,590</b>	<b>39%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 08/12/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 08/12/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	367,876	398,458	8.3%
Progressive	259,893	277,431	6.7%
Tipperary	11,591	11,852	2.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>639,360</b>	<b>687,741</b>	<b>7.6%</b>

## 7 Sheep Ireland

### CPT Ram Update

- All breeders have received a letter this week letting them know how their ram performed throughout the CPT. Also as part of our ongoing effort to try and promote the CPT and help the farmers that are involved in the programme, we have developed a cert that breeders can display at shows and sales. This certificate shows that breeders had a stock ram involved in Sheep Ireland's national progeny test programme. Please see example of certificate.



### LambPlus Sign-ups 2018

- The LambPlus sign-up deadline has passed. The number of breeders that have signed up for the 2018 season looks to be on a par with last year's figures which is encouraging. Final figures are not yet available as we are still processing sign-up forms. A full summary will be included in next week's update.

### Lambing Notebooks

- We hope to send out Lambing Notebooks to all breeders in the coming days once we have gone through all the sign-up forms. We are aware that some breeds are at the point of lambing and will prioritise these breeds first.

## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 29-NOV-2017 To 08-DEC-2017

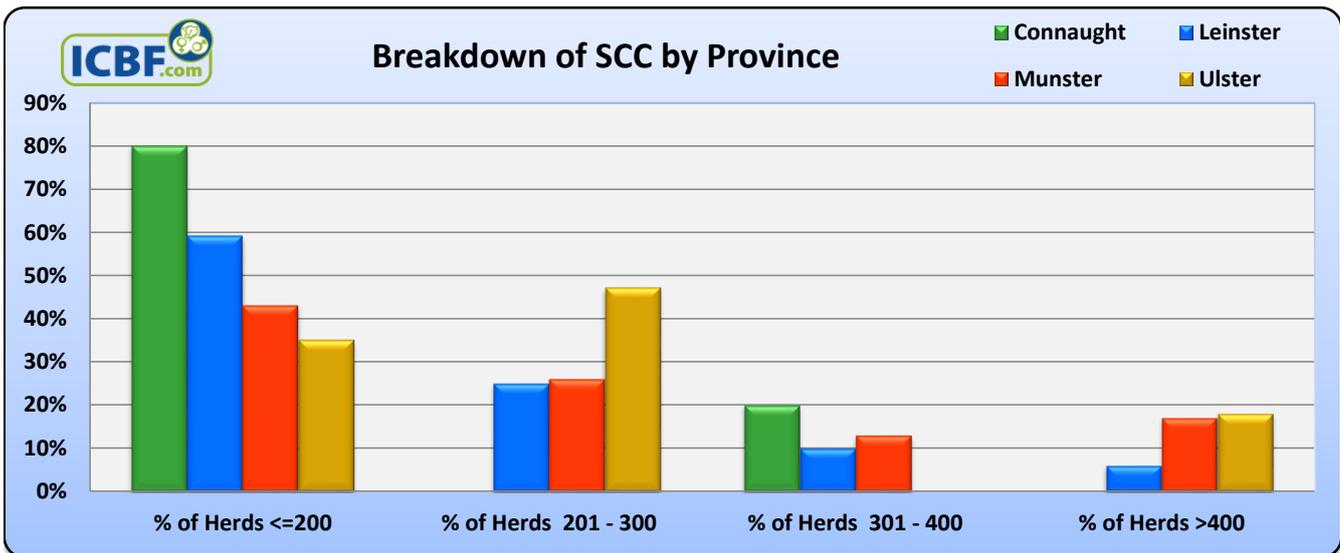
No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
<b>Connaught</b>	10	762	76	19.2	4.44	3.62	168
<b>Leinster</b>	68	7,158	105	19.5	4.53	3.62	180
<b>Munster</b>	223	16,668	75	15.0	4.64	3.73	225
<b>Ulster</b>	17	1,109	65	16.1	4.38	3.57	218
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>25,697</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>4.60</b>	<b>3.69</b>	<b>212</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 29-NOV-2017 To 08-DEC-2017

No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	% of Herds <=200	% of Herds 201 - 300	% of Herds 301 - 400	% of Herds >400	Average SCC*
<b>Connaught</b>	10	762	76%	0%	20%	0%	168
<b>Leinster</b>	68	7,158	59%	25%	10%	6%	180
<b>Munster</b>	223	16,668	43%	26%	13%	17%	225
<b>Ulster</b>	17	1,109	35%	47%	0%	18%	218
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>25,697</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>212</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



## % Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 29-NOV-2017 To 08-DEC-2017

No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Best 20% SCC	Best 40% SCC	Average SCC**	Worst 40% SCC	Worst 20% SCC
<b>Connaught</b>	10	762	139	161	177	191	223
<b>Leinster</b>	68	7,158	119	157	191	204	279
<b>Munster</b>	223	16,668	138	187	213	253	366
<b>Ulster</b>	17	1,109	136	227	238	243	280
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>25,697</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>341</b>

\*\* Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

