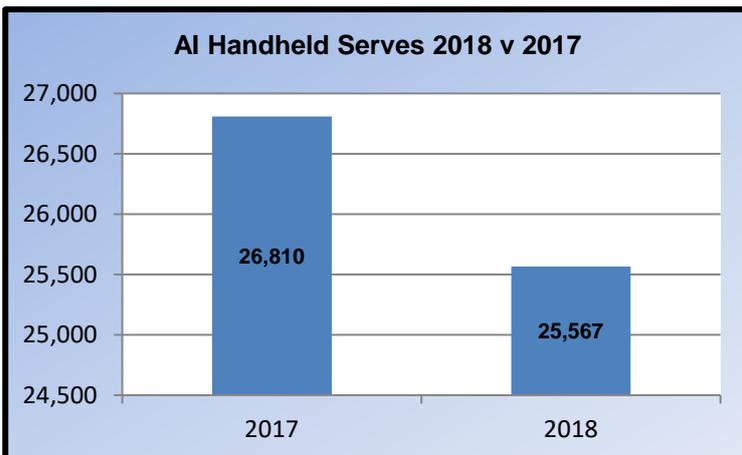
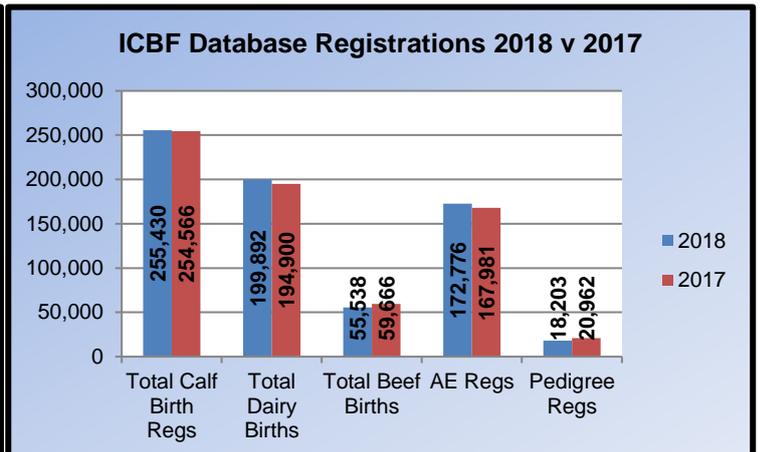
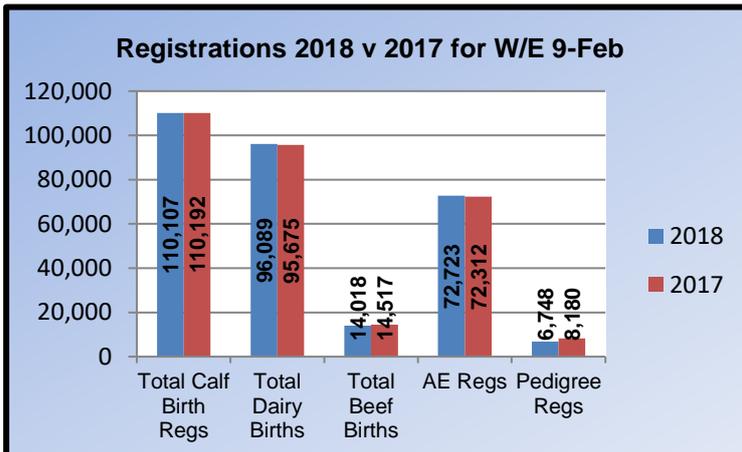


## ICBF Weekly Update 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### 1 Important Dates

- Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10:00am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00pm, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.



- 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 235,141 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 92,271 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 12,156,658 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2018 compared with 2017.

### 2 Herd Plus®

We have improved the existing Current Milk Recording Profile to make the data more useful for management decisions. The profile is available to all milk recording herds. Click [here](#) for more details.



**Calf Defects** – Please let us know if your calf is born with a defect! Click [here](#) for more details.



✚ If you wish to select alternative animals, there is a facility available in your ICBF account. Please complete this process by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Click [here](#) for further details.



✚ The Gene Ireland Progeny Test Centre recently slaughtered 18 heifers at Slaney Foods International, Bunclody, Co. Wexford. The progeny were sired by 10 different AI sires across 6 different breeds. Click [here](#) for further details.



### 3 GENE IRELAND® Beef

✚ Orders are continuing for the GI Beef Spring 2018 bulls.

✚ 65 herds taking a total of 780 straws have joined so far.

✚ The average order is 12 straws per herd.

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

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

✚ Approximate total straws

ordered to date for the bulls are detailed above.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Replacement Index	Across Breed Stars	Total Straws Ordered
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	€161	5	440
SH4376	Castlehaven Rocky	SH	€156	5	240
SI4322	Kickhams Handsome	SI	€154	5	220
CH4320	Liseron	CH	€127	5	170
SI4347	Leeherd Harry	SI	€122	5	20
SI4350	Rubyjen Here's Johnny	SI	€122	5	20
AA4375	Carrigroe Nationwide	AA	€118	5	20
LM4356	Coisceim Lex	LM	€113	5	25
LM4360	Aherla K 7 P	LM	€109	5	10
LM4358	Montclare Lopez	LM	€106	5	15
AA4357	Mckeague Noddy	AA	€105	5	10
CH4213	Blanchefield Lester	CH	€91	4	90
PT4215	Leacan King	PT	€90	4	130
CH4218	Woodhead Meldrew	CH	€88	4	170
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	€88	4	405
HE4292	Allowdale Rory 594	HE	€83	4	125

### 4 GENE IRELAND® Dairy

✚ Programme has commenced with an excellent group of bulls this Spring.

✚ The panel consists of 60 Holstein Friesians, 7 Pure Friesians, 5 Jerseys, 4 Crossbreds and 2 Norwegian Reds.

#### BREED PACKS AND AVERAGE EBI'S

- Holstein-Friesian: €285
- Pure Friesian: €91
- Multi Breed: €202

✚ Multi-breed pack may contain Holstein, Friesian, Norwegian Red, Jersey and Crossbred bulls.

✚ To order straws please telephone **023 8820452** or check website for details.

## 5 Sheep Ireland

### Texel Sire Genotyping Project

- ✚ This is an exciting new phase for the Irish Texel Sheep Society. By having these sires genotyped this will allow breeders to sire verify any lamb in the flock book, to promote major genes and build up a bank of Texel genotypes which will allow the breed to identify good/bad genes at a much earlier stage for the benefit of the breed. We are delighted that the facility to order these Genotypes is being done by breeders through their personal Sheep Ireland accounts.
- ✚ The deadline for ordering free genotypes for stock rams for the 2017/2018 season is fast approaching. Stock rams that were used to sire 2018 born lambs must be genotyped. DNA tags can be ordered free of charge (which also includes the genotyping cost) by breeders via their Sheep Ireland account up until next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018. After this date the full cost of genotyping will apply. To avail of the free genotyping, it is necessary to identify what rams had been used this season, this is done by recording the rams' mating's. Once this is done it is then possible to order a DNA kit on the Genomic Services page free of charge. Help pages are provided on both the mating and genomic services pages should you need any further assistance. For specific queries on ram eligibility breeders are advised to contact the [Texel Society](#) directly.
- ✚ For a simple Guide as to how you can order a DNA tag please see [here](#).



### CPT Lambing Labour

- ✚ With less than a month to go we are putting the final touches to our lambing rota. We still have availability for lambing experience on our CPT flocks, anyone interested in gaining experience is advised to [contact us](#) so we can get the rota fully finalised in the coming week.

## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 31-JAN-2018 To 09-FEB-2018

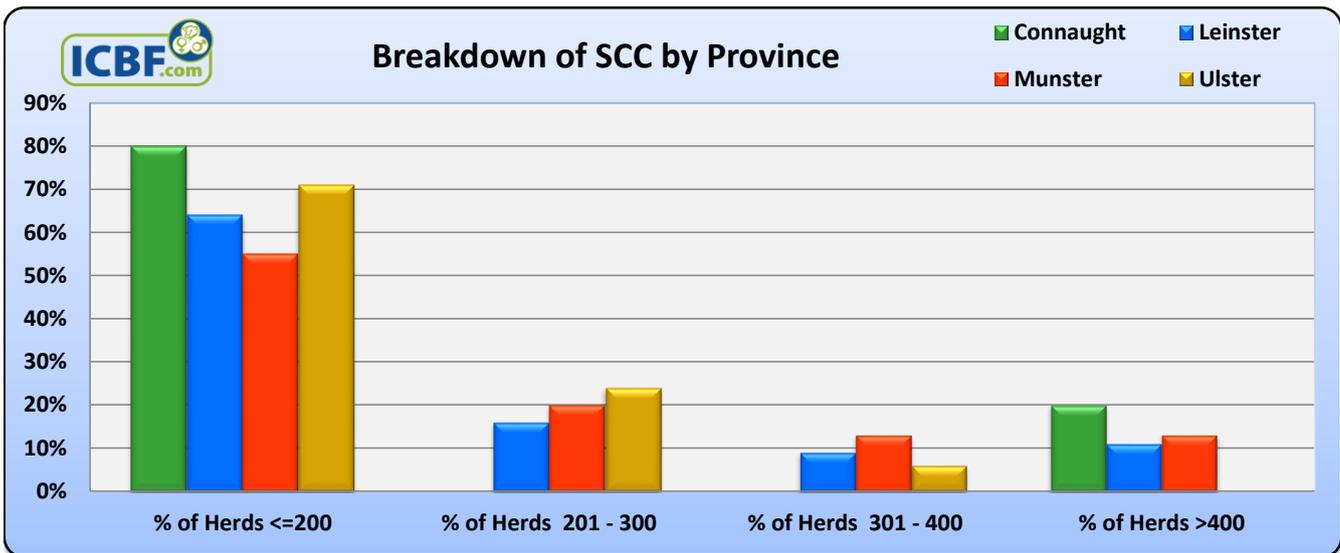
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	5	258	52	25.0	3.93	3.22	1.79	179
Leinster	64	4,603	72	23.9	4.30	3.36	1.83	170
Munster	86	4,630	54	22.7	4.31	3.37	1.74	188
Ulster	17	855	50	24.4	4.00	3.35	1.78	161
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>10,346</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>4.26</b>	<b>3.36</b>	<b>1.78</b>	<b>178</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 31-JAN-2018 To 09-FEB-2018

ICBF.com	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*
Connaught	5	258	52	80%	0%	0%	20%	179
Leinster	64	4,603	72	64%	16%	9%	11%	170
Munster	86	4,630	54	55%	20%	13%	13%	188
Ulster	17	855	50	71%	24%	6%	0%	161
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>10,346</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>178</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



## % Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 31-JAN-2018 To 09-FEB-2018

ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Best 20% SCC	Best 40% SCC	Average SCC**	Worst 40% SCC	Worst 20% SCC
Connaught	5	258	52	107	147	167	177	306
Leinster	64	4,603	72	96	143	163	191	305
Munster	86	4,630	54	105	155	186	219	334
Ulster	17	855	50	109	145	162	175	241
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>10,346</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>326</b>

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

