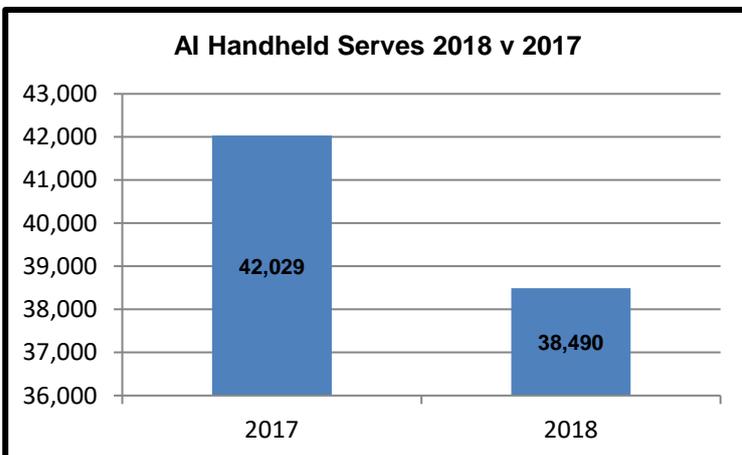
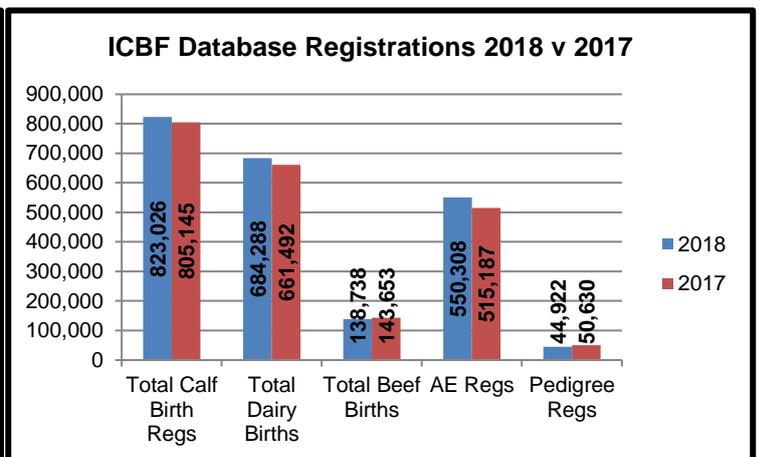
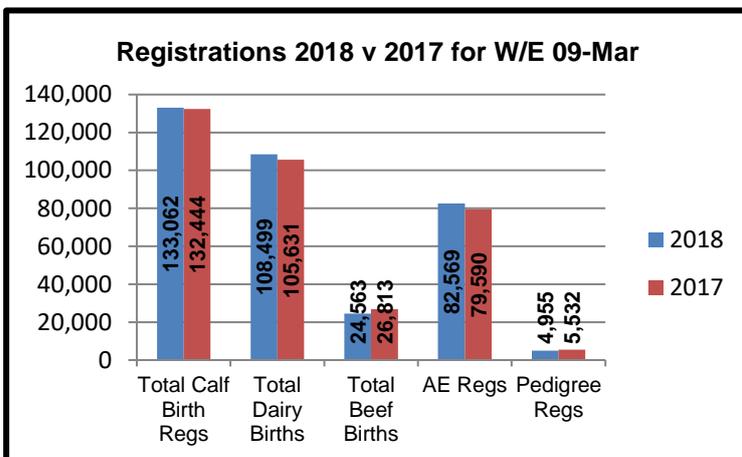


ICBF Weekly Update 9th March 2018

1 Important Dates

- Audit & Finance Meeting** – Thursday 29th March at 10:00am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 5th April at 10:00am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 5th April at 2:00pm, 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 756,388 results received since January 1st, of which 102,160 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 12,677,902 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2018 compared with 2017.

3 GENE IRELAND® Dairy Programme

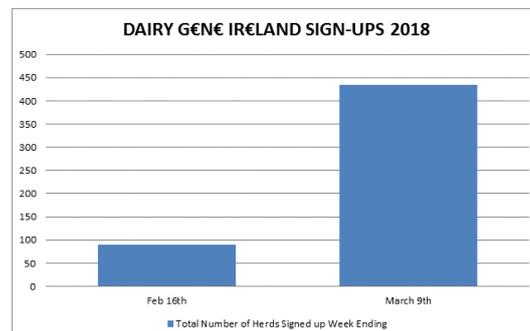
- ✚ There is 434 herds signed up to the programme taking a total of 16,218 straws.
- ✚ Postal and telephone sign-ups are ongoing.
- ✚ The panel consists of 60 Holstein Friesians, 7 Pure Friesians, 5 Jerseys, 4 Crossbreds and 2 Norwegian Reds.

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.
- ✚ Allocations will commence as soon as semen becomes available.
- ✚ To Learn more or to Order straws please telephone **023 8820452** or check website for details.

[Click here for potential Holstein/Friesian Dairy list](#)

[Click here for potential Pure Friesian, Norwegian Red, Jersey and Jersey Crossbred list](#)



4 Herd Plus®

- ✚ ICBF have just launched a new and improved version of the HerdPlus Dairy Sire Advice Application today. [Click here](#) for more details.



- ✚ 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.



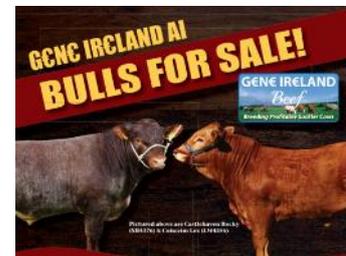
- AI Company Geno Tracking Request - All the different stages from the date requested to genotype published can be tracked using the Genotype tracking screen. Click [here](#) for further details.



- County Wexford Salers Breeder Reaching new heights – WHPR Breeder Profile. Click [here](#) for further details.



- ICBF and the programme partners are now selling 5 GENE IRELAND AI bulls that have met their target semen requirement. These bulls have been primarily selected based on their Replacement Index. Click [here](#) for more details.



5 GENE IRELAND® Beef

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

- 207 herds taking a total of 3065 straws have ordered so far.

- The average order is 15 straws per herd

- The Simmental bull SI4322 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 phone **023 8820452**.

- Approximate total straws ordered to date for the bulls are detailed in Table.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Replacement Index	Across Breed Stars	Total Straws Ordered
SA4461	Spiddal Pat	SA	€155	5	75
SI4347	Leeherd Harry	SI	€122	5	235
SI4350	Rubyjen Here's Johnny	SI	€122	5	95
AA4375	Carrigroe Nationwide	AA	€118	5	250
LM4356	Coisceim Lex	LM	€113	5	455
LM4360	Aherla K 7 P	LM	€109	5	130
LM4358	Montclare Lopez	LM	€106	5	75
AA4357	Mckeague Noddy	AA	€105	5	75
CH4213	Blanchefield Lester	CH	€91	4	130
PT4215	Leacan King	PT	€90	4	160
CH4218	Woodhead Meldrew	CH	€88	4	270
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	€88	4	460
HE4292	Allowdale Rory 594	HE	€83	4	230

6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 09/03/18						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 09/03/18	No. EDIY Herds YTD 09/03/18	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 09/03/18	No. EDIY Cows YTD 09/03/18	% Cows EDIY
Munster	814	61	7%	55,518	5,151	9%
Progressive	761	124	16%	58,905	10,225	17%
Tipperary	7	1	14%	398	40	10%
Total	1,582	186	12%	114,821	15,416	13%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 09/03/17	YTD 2018 Cows Recorded 01/01/18 - 09/03/18	2018 vs 2017 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	65,033	55,518	-14.6%
Progressive	64,916	58,905	-9.3%
Tipperary	526	398	-24.3%
Total	130,475	114,821	-12.0%

7 Sheep Ireland

CPT Lambing

CPT lambing has now commenced on 3 out of our 4 CPT flocks. We collect large amounts of data on ewes and lambs at this time, which is carefully inputted to the Sheep Ireland database. As we have mentioned previously pen boards really help us with this recording. This means we can easily track what lambs have been fostered off and ones that are being reared as pets. As soon as lambs are old enough to be tagged their information is added to the live database straight away. This is vital so we can identify any potential recording issues that there may be. As of today, almost 300 lambs have already been added to the database. All the ewes in this program were AI'd by stock rams from pedigree breeders, and their progeny will now be intensely recorded and the information fed into the Sheep Ireland EuroStars.

Sheep Ireland are now on Snapchat

We are now on [Snapchat](#) as well as [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)! This is a great way to keep up to date with what we are up to especially over this busy CPT lambing period. You will be able to see first-hand the high intensity CPT lambing period and how we manage to record all of the data.



Sean Coughlan Chief Executive, ICBF & Sheep Ireland, Highfield House, Shinagh, Bandon Co. Cork., Phone: +353 238 820 222, Email info@icbf.com, **Registered Office:** Irish Cattle Breeding Federation Society Ltd trading as "ICBF", Highfield House, Shinagh, Bandon, Co Cork. Registered Dublin, Ireland. Registration Number 4914R, Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1893 to 1978. Web: www.icbf.com.
Registered Office: Sheep Database CLG trading as "Sheep Ireland". Highfield House, Shinagh, Bandon, Co Cork. Registered Dublin, Ireland. Registration Number 465004, Companies Acts 1963 to 2006. Web: www.sheep.ie.

National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 28-FEB-2018 To 09-MAR-2018

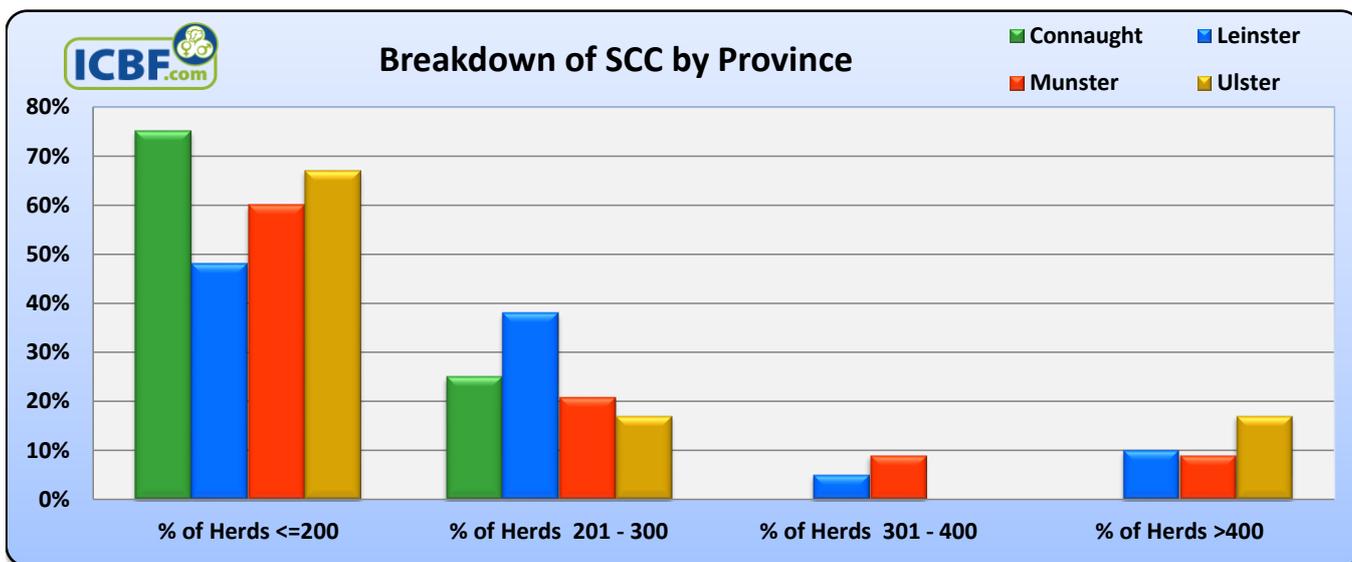
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	4	395	99	22.5	5.21	3.51	1.87	171
Leinster	21	1,615	77	22.5	4.44	3.38	1.75	200
Munster	141	9,829	70	24.8	4.43	3.30	1.91	165
Ulster	6	314	52	27.6	3.94	3.30	1.99	130
National Statistics	173	12,252	71	24.5	4.43	3.31	1.89	168

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 28-FEB-2018 To 09-MAR-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	4	395	99	75%	25%	0%	0%	171
Leinster	21	1,615	77	48%	38%	5%	10%	200
Munster	141	9,829	70	60%	21%	9%	9%	165
Ulster	6	314	52	67%	17%	0%	17%	130
National Statistics	173	12,252	71	59%	23%	9%	9%	168

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 28-FEB-2018 To 09-MAR-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	4	395	99	122	138	162	185	236
Leinster	21	1,615	77	162	167	234	249	284
Munster	141	9,829	70	93	142	181	199	285
Ulster	6	314	52	84	90	102	114	255
National Statistics	173	12,252	71	96	150	181	205	288

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

