



**UPDATE – for period 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

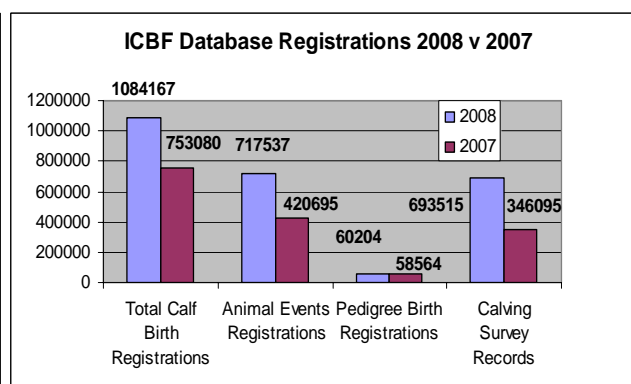
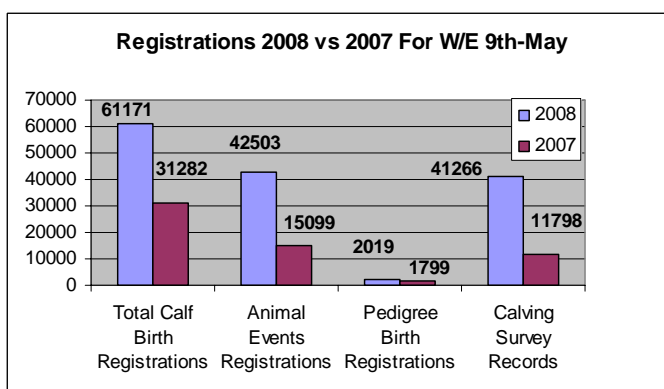
**1 Important Dates**

- ✚ **16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June** – ICAR and Interbull meetings, Niagara Falls, USA.
- ✚ **20<sup>th</sup> June** - Farmfest '08, Teagasc Major Event of the Year, Athenry.
- ✚ **17<sup>th</sup> July, 10:30am** – ICBF Board Meeting, Comfort Inn Portlaoise.
- ✚ **9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October** – World Holstein Friesian Conference hosted by Ireland at Killarney & Millstreet. For details see [www.ihfa.ie](http://www.ihfa.ie).
- ✚ **11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October** – International Beef Expo being hosted in Ireland at Kilkenny Mart.

**2 Cattle Breeding Statistics**

The 2007 Cattle Breeding Statistics are now available on our website under "publications" on [www.icbf.com](http://www.icbf.com).

**3 Database Update**



- ✚ 197,262 inseminations have been received so far in 2008, compared with 137,036 in 2007 for the same period. Work is continuing on ensuring that the replications are operating at a satisfactory speed during peak times.
- ✚ Over 315,000 birth registrations from new Animal Events users have been received as part of the Suckler Scheme.
- ✚ The first of the 'Pre-Weaning' forms will go out next week, and the sire error forms continue to be processed.
- ✚ Work has been completed on the latest Genetic Evaluation run, and work on generating the various reports farmers is on-going.
- ✚ The microwave broadband solution, implemented for the member organisations, continues to operate satisfactorily.

**4 Tully**

- ✚ The closing date for applications for the next intake to Tully is the 9-5-08.



- ✦ The final list of bulls will be sent to DAFF's Naas Veterinary Office on the 13-5-08 for TB and brucellosis clearance.
- ✦ Bull inspections will take place from the 16-5-08.

## 5 HerdPlus

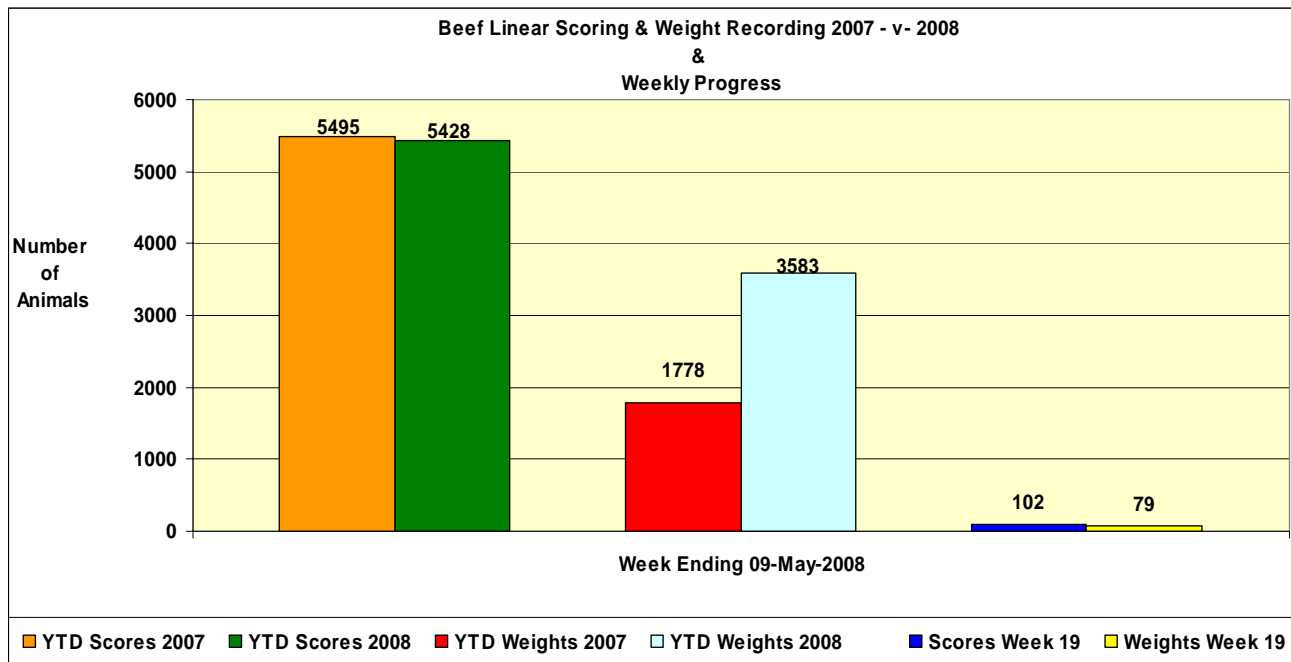


- ✦ Beef Herdplus, GENIreland and GROW were promoted at the Beef Open day at Grange.
- ✦ Many of the queries were from Suckler farmers that up to now would not have had any dealings with ICBF and are now starting to record Sires & calving ease survey records etc.
- ✦ Testing of the Beef Euro-Star report is almost complete and reports will be posted next week.

## 6 Genetic Evaluations

- ✦ Genetic evaluations of beef and dairy have now been completed and the proofs are available on the website.
- ✦ Work continues on various aspects to enhance the genetic evaluations and presentation of information.
- ✦ This work will be on going over the next number of months and will be presented to the respective industries in due course.
- ✦ Work on using digital carcass images for use in beef genetic evaluations commenced this week.

## 7 GROW – Linear Scoring & Weight Recording





## 8 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 09/05/08						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 09/05/08	No. EDIY Herds YTD 09/05/08	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 09/05/08	No. EDIY Cows YTD 09/05/08	% Cows EDIY
Progressive	1,999	699	35%	138,122	46,581	34%
Dairygold	1,400	428	31%	87,276	27,489	31%
Kerry	1,018	164	16%	58,672	9,385	16%
SWS	875	114	13%	49,588	6,269	13%
Tipperary	144	52	36%	9,033	3,337	37%
Arrabawn	142	119	84%	9,216	7,789	85%
Connacht	116	32	28%	6,301	1,546	25%
Donegal	7	7	100%	923	923	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,701</b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>359,131</b>	<b>103,319</b>	<b>29%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison				
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2006 Cows Recorded 01/01/06 - 09/05/06	YTD 2007 Cows Recorded 01/01/07 - 09/05/07	YTD 2008 Cows Recorded 01/01/08 - 09/05/08	2008 vs 2007 Year on Year Difference (%)
Progressive	120,807	127,661	138,122	7.6%
Dairygold	77,335	84,541	87,276	3.1%
Kerry	55,349	56,902	58,672	3.0%
SWS	47,317	49,543	49,588	0.1%
Tipperary	7,838	9,250	9,033	-2.4%
Arrabawn	6,440	8,666	9,216	6.0%
Connacht	5,818	6,624	6,301	-5.1%
Donegal	749	1,103	923	-19.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>321,653</b>	<b>344,290</b>	<b>359,131</b>	<b>4.1%</b>

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