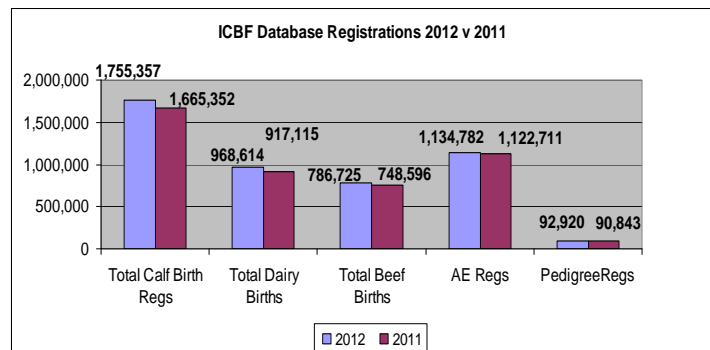
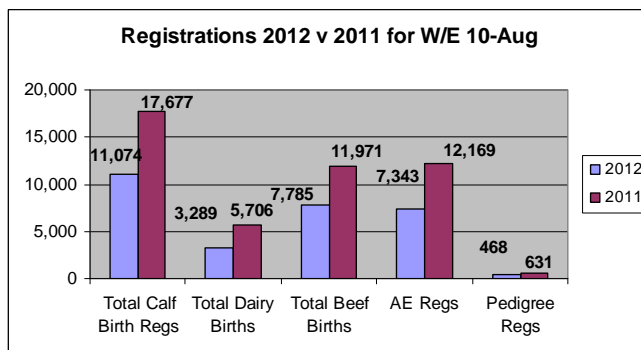


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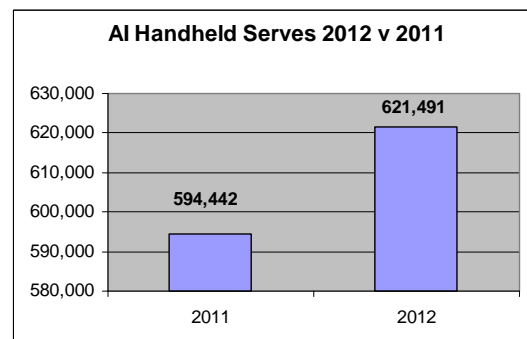
1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Euro-Star Implementation Meeting** – Tuesday 21st Aug, 10:00 to 12:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Herdbook Technical Meeting** – Tuesday 21st Aug, 13:30 to 16:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** - Thursday 6th September, 10:30 to 14:00, ICBF, Highfield House, Bandon.
- ✚ **Dairy & Beef Industry Consultation Meetings** – Wednesday 12th Sept, 10:00 – 17:00, ICBF, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Interim Sheep Board** – Thursday 20th September, 11:00 – 14:00, ICBF, Highfield House, Bandon.

2 Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFM AIM systems.
- ✚ In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2011 born calves with meal introduced is 645,078 with the number of animals weaned at 585,733.
- ✚ BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. Around 580,000 tissue tags for BVD testing have been purchased at this stage. Around 424,000 samples have been returned at this stage, with a 0.62% BVD Virus Positive rate.
- ✚ The 2011/2012 Dairy and Beef calving reports have been run, and should be available in the coming week.
- ✚ The Co-Op performance Reports have been run and are currently being posted and are also available online.
- ✚ A significant amount of work continues on the modification of systems to incorporate proposed changes to the Beef EuroStar indexes.
- ✚ Work is continuing on the back-end ICBF web infrastructure with a view to making it more standardised and robust.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2012 compared with 2011.



3 Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ Routine evaluations are almost complete and loading of proofs to the database is on-going. Once complete a new genomic evaluation will be done for all dairy animals. Official publication of proofs is Monday 20th August.

4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 10/08/12						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 10/08/12	No. EDIY Herds YTD 10/08/12	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 10/08/12	No. EDIY Cows YTD 10/08/12	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,733	1,086	29%	302,425	94,278	31%
Progressive	2,443	986	40%	218,400	90,069	41%
Tipperary	119	42	35%	9,903	3,255	33%
Total	6,295	2,114	34%	530,728	187,602	35%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2011 Cows Recorded 01/01/11 - 10/08/11	YTD 2012 Cows Recorded 01/01/12 - 10/08/12	2012 vs. 2011 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	298,982	302,425	1.1%
Progressive	210,212	218,400	3.7%
Tipperary	12,994	9,903	-31.2%
Total	522,188	530,728	1.6%

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 31/07/12 to 10/08/12								
Provincial	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Average Herd Size	Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F + P kg	Average SCC
Munster	818	65,015	79	20.8	3.97	3.42	1.54	216
Leinster	276	21,997	80	21.2	3.86	3.38	1.54	243
Connacht	61	4,428	73	18.6	4.09	3.39	1.39	233
Ulster	66	4,762	72	19.9	3.79	3.25	1.40	235

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