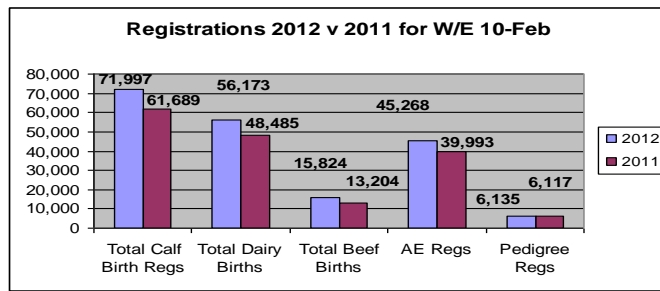
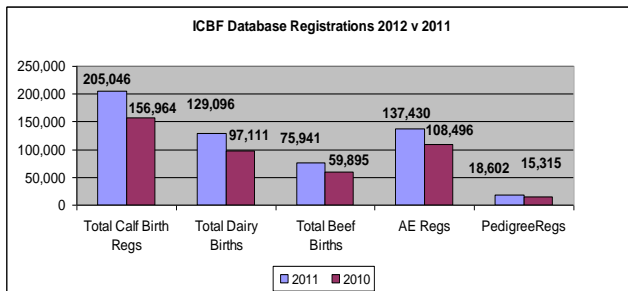


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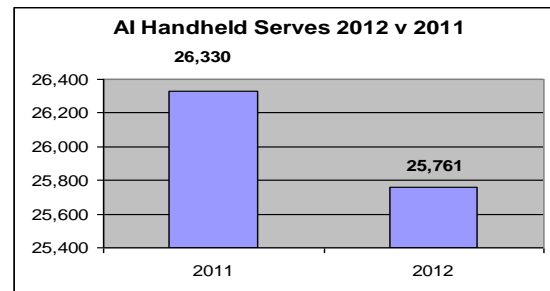
### 1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Herdbook Technical Breeding Consultation Meetings** – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 10:30 to 13:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Breeding Consultation Meetings** – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30 to 17:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Audit & Finance Sub Committee Meeting** - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30 to 14:00, Horse & Jockey.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30 to 14:00, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 14:00 to 16:30, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICAR 2012 Conference** [www.icar2012.ie](http://www.icar2012.ie) – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Cork.
- ✚ **Sheep 2012** – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Athenry.

### 2 Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFF AIM systems.
- ✚ In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2011 born calves with meal introduced is 575,582 with the number of animals weaned at 481,158.
- ✚ BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. Around 7100 herds have purchased a total of 443,000 tissue tags for BVD testing at this stage. Around 20,000 samples have been returned at this stage, with a 0.84% BVD PI Positive rate.
- ✚ The development of a new 'Bull-Tracker' report for pedigree herds is on-going and will be entering pilot testing over the next couple of weeks.
- ✚ The Co-op performance reports for 2011 were distributed this week.
- ✚ A weight recording report is under development at the moment, which will be distributed to farmers involved in weight recording after each submission of weights.
- ✚ Some further developments to further enhance the loading of genotype information to the database is continuing.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2012 compared with 2011.



### 3 Genetic Evaluations

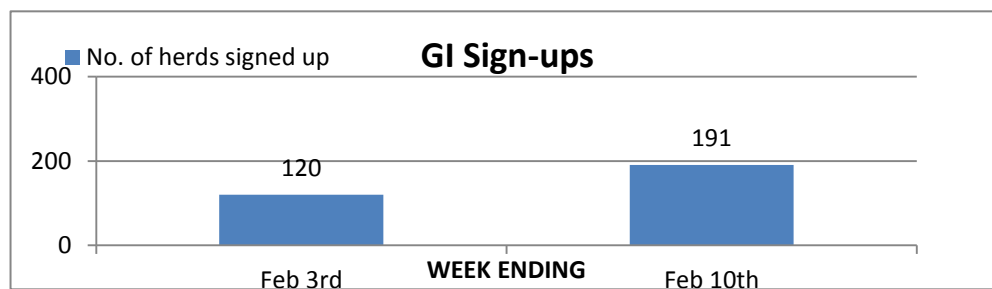
- ✚ EBVs from the February mini beef run for animals linear scored between 16<sup>th</sup> November and 16<sup>th</sup> January have been loaded to the database and are now published on the web site.
- ✚ Pat Donnellan and Ross Evans met with Hereford breeders at the Hereford Prime event at Corrin Mart on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> this week to discuss current and upcoming developments in beef breeding related to the Hereford breed.

- Francis Kearney gave a talk at the AgBioDiv2012 Conference held in the National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG) on Thursday 9th February 2012 titled "ICBF's contribution to the conservation of livestock genetic resources in Ireland".
- EBIs for Norwegian Red bulls were updated this week after we received new proofs from Norway on their bulls. As a result we applied new conversions for fertility based on the changes made in the December evaluation. Production proofs did not change as this information comes from Interbull.

## 4 GENE IRELAND®

### Dairy

- Sign-ups are coming in at a steady pace
- Potential bull lists and catalogues are available in the GENE IRELAND section of the ICBF website.



## 5 Milk Recording

### National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 31/01/12 to 10/02/12

	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Average Herd Size	Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F + P kg	Average SCC
CARLOW	6	366	61	28.4	4.08	3.42	2.13	294
CAVAN	22	895	41	20.3	3.92	3.31	1.47	271
CLARE	4	195	49	28.3	3.87	3.13	1.98	354
CORK STH	89	4,172	47	23.9	4.32	3.37	1.84	277
CORK NTH	47	2,963	63	24.9	4.19	3.45	1.90	289
DONEGAL	8	282	35	22.1	4.17	3.40	1.67	246
DUBLIN	4	218	55	23.3	4.12	3.43	1.76	333
GALWAY	9	390	43	27.9	4.13	3.24	2.06	236
KERRY	33	1,600	48	26.0	3.98	3.31	1.90	347
KILDARE	12	785	65	25.5	4.19	3.29	1.91	415
KILKENNY	8	266	33	22.4	4.26	3.38	1.71	211
LAOIS	17	572	34	20.7	4.29	3.44	1.60	318
LEITRIM	4	138	35	23.3	3.68	3.11	1.58	150
LIMERICK	21	1,177	56	26.2	4.09	3.33	1.94	270
LONGFORD	3	85	28	21.0	4.94	3.38	1.75	406
LOUTH	13	927	71	27.8	4.14	3.46	2.11	233
MAYO	9	483	54	21.9	3.69	3.28	1.53	283
MEATH	42	2,877	69	24.1	4.04	3.30	1.77	259
MONAGHAN	18	742	41	25.9	3.80	3.25	1.83	271
OFFALY	5	222	44	22.0	4.01	3.40	1.63	518
ROSCOMMON	1	111	111	22.4	3.97	3.20	1.61	89

SLIGO	7	394	56	19.9	4.03	3.33	1.46	314
TIPPERARY NTH	4	208	52	25.0	3.80	3.32	1.78	213
TIPPERARY STH	3	274	91	16.9	4.08	3.24	1.24	218
WATERFORD	10	718	72	26.9	3.99	3.36	1.98	253
WESTMEATH	16	905	57	23.8	4.30	3.32	1.81	251
WEXFORD	27	1,755	65	23.4	4.09	3.39	1.75	264
WICKLOW E	11	662	60	21.4	3.78	3.33	1.52	291
WICKLOW W	9	440	49	25.5	4.46	3.33	1.99	296
	<b>No. Herds Recorded</b>	<b>No. Cows Recorded</b>	<b>Average Herd Size</b>	<b>Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow</b>	<b>Average Fat %</b>	<b>Average Protein %</b>	<b>Average F + P kg</b>	<b>Average SCC</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>24,822</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>4.08</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>1.77</b>	<b>282</b>

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 31/01/12 to 10/02/12								
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	223	11,307	51	24.6	4.10	3.31	1.83	282
Leinster	173	10,080	58	23.8	4.18	3.37	1.80	315
Connacht	30	1,516	51	23.1	3.90	3.23	1.65	214
Ulster	48	1,919	40	22.8	3.96	3.32	1.66	263

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 10/02/12						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 10/02/12	No. EDIY Herds YTD 10/02/12	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 10/02/12	No. EDIY Cows YTD 10/02/12	% Cows EDIY
Munster	464	19	4%	24,596	1,418	6%
Progressive	824	116	14%	48,375	7,359	15%
Tipperary	6	0	0%	282	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>73,253</b>	<b>8,777</b>	<b>12%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2011 Cows Recorded 01/01/11 - 10/02/11	YTD 2012 Cows Recorded 01/01/12 - 10/02/12	2012 vs 2011 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	28,107	24,596	-14.3%
Progressive	56,915	48,375	-17.7%
Tipperary	508	282	-80.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,530</b>	<b>73,253</b>	<b>-16.8%</b>

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