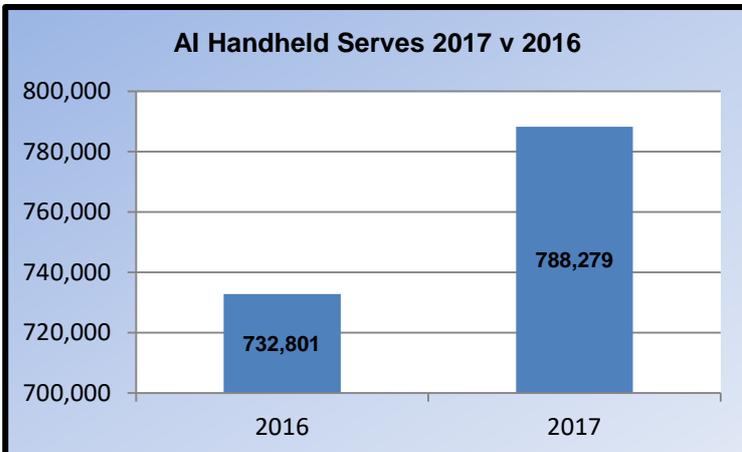
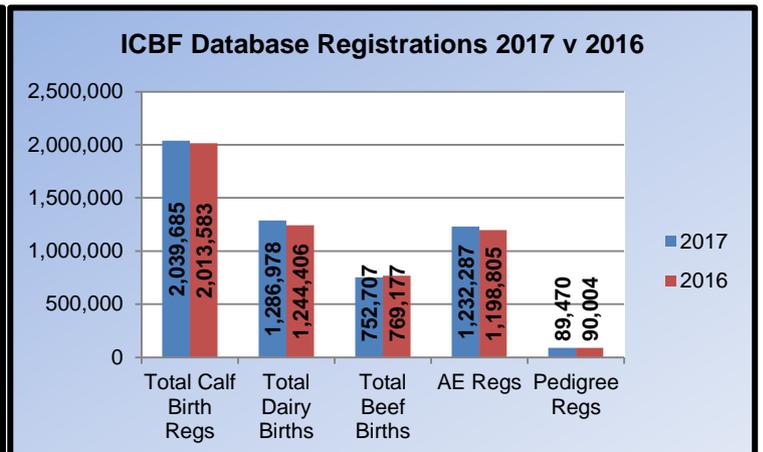
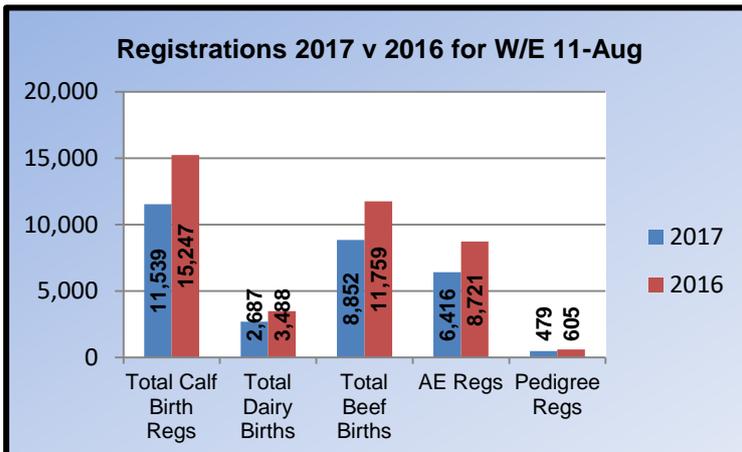


ICBF Weekly Update 11th August 2017

1 Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 7th September at 10:30am in Highfield House, Bandon.
- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 14th September at 2:00pm, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 16th November at 10:30am, 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 2,101,633 results received since January 1st, of which 13,996 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,631,865 results have now been received.
- ✚ The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

3 Herd Plus®

- ✚ The first calves from the 2016 Gene Ireland beef bulls are currently being born on farms. Pictured below is a Gene Ireland sired heifer. Click [here](#) for more details.



- ✚ John O'Hanlon runs a 45 cow suckler to weanling/store system in Co. Longford. In this short video clip John goes through his herd's targets for the BDGP and what he plans to do to meet those targets. Click [here](#) for more details.



The following is the schedule for the release of the next genetic evaluations: 5th September 2017 Official Publication of AI Sire Excel File(s), Animal Search, Active Bull Lists and Herd Profiles available on ICBF website. Click [here](#) for further details.



Tullamore Farm is a new suckler and sheep demonstration farm which has been set up by the Irish Farmers Journal as a means to demonstrate best practice for Irish beef and sheep farmers in areas such as breeding, grassland management, health and finance. Click [here](#) for further details.



Insemination data is significant for the purpose of genetic evaluations for fertility and gestation lengths. Click [here](#) for more details.



4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 11/08/17						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 11/08/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 11/08/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 11/08/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 11/08/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,851	1,264	33%	389,445	139,761	36%
Progressive	2,303	960	42%	262,462	110,806	42%
Tipperary	111	50	45%	11,472	5,131	45%
Total	6,265	2,274	36%	663,379	255,698	39%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 11/08/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 11/08/17	2017 vs. 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	352,324	389,445	10.5%
Progressive	245,572	262,462	6.9%
Tipperary	10,841	11,472	5.8%
Total	608,737	663,379	9.0%

5 Sheep Ireland

Sheep Ireland Multi-Breed LambPlus Ram Sale – Saturday 26th August Tullamore

We wish to remind breeders that the deadline for entries for the Sheep Ireland Multi-Breed LambPlus Ram sale is this coming Monday 14th August 2017. Please be aware after this date we cannot allow entries to be accepted. If breeders are concerned that their entries will not be returned in time we will accept a photocopy of the entry form by email before the close of business on Monday.

- A copy of the entry form can be obtained from our website by clicking [here](#). The sale entry criteria will also be contained in this document. Substitute rams will be accepted until Monday the 21st August. The catalogue will be available on our website the week prior to the sale and also as a hard copy on the day of the sale.

Pictures

- We are always looking for pictures of rams and this would be a good way to advertise your ram before the sale. If you are interested in sending us in a picture we may put it up on Facebook with the breeder name and lot number for the sale. We may also use these pictures to advertise this sale.
- If interested please forward pictures to query@sheep.ie titled Ram Pic.

Mayo Breeding Sheep Event

- This week Teagasc held a Farm Walk on Joe Scahill's farm in Westport and this was attended by our own Eamon Wall. There were various topics covered including grassland management, sheep health and sheep breeding. It drew a good crowd and proved to be a very informative day for all involved.
- This year Sheep Ireland offered a free parentage recording service for hill sheep groups, interested in parentage recording. Parentage recording is the first step for hill groups interested in performance recording, this is vital to build ancestry data which gives us more information on the bloodlines that are performing the best for them. This also allows breeders to avoid some cases of potential inbreeding.
- The setting up of flock-books for these hill groups would also prove very beneficial as this would allow animals to be pedigree registered and would facilitate the tracking of animal movements.
- Sheep Ireland will continue to encourage the establishment of parentage recording programmes. For any new hill breeders that are interested in parentage recording you can contact us and we will get your flock information loaded onto the Sheep Ireland system. For any breeders that have recorded lambing information this year it is not too late to submit this data. This data can still be entered on your personal Sheep Ireland online account and can also be sent to us to be uploaded if necessary.

Below are pictures of the Farm Walk: Joe Scahill's farm, Westport, Co. Mayo



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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 02-AUG-2017 To 11-AUG-2017

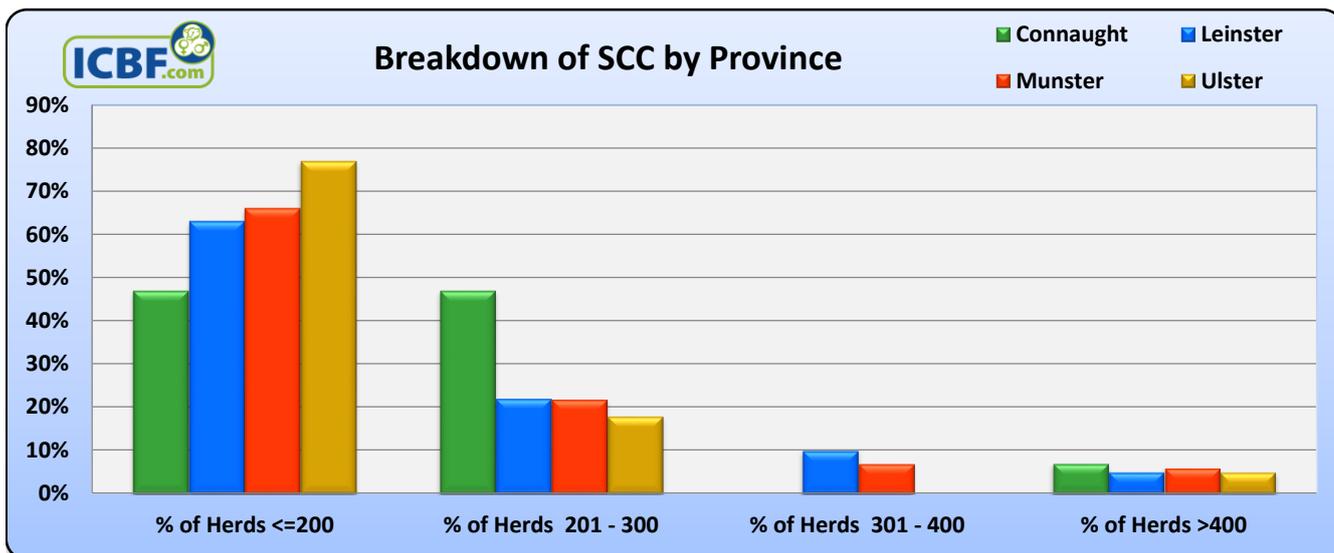
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	15	1,077	72	23.6	4.04	3.48	1.77	166
Leinster	111	11,638	105	22.6	3.95	3.48	1.67	163
Munster	545	48,938	90	22.3	4.01	3.51	1.67	165
Ulster	22	1,760	80	22.3	3.65	3.30	1.54	127
National Statistics	694	63,533	92	22.4	3.99	3.50	1.67	164

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 02-AUG-2017 To 11-AUG-2017

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	15	1,077	72	47%	47%	0%	7%	166
Leinster	111	11,638	105	63%	22%	10%	5%	163
Munster	545	48,938	90	66%	22%	7%	6%	165
Ulster	22	1,760	80	77%	18%	0%	5%	127
National Statistics	694	63,533	92	65%	22%	7%	6%	164

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 02-AUG-2017 To 11-AUG-2017

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	15	1,077	72	104	149	201	210	273
Leinster	111	11,638	105	101	141	159	186	269
Munster	545	48,938	90	101	145	165	182	253
Ulster	22	1,760	80	79	104	123	141	205
National Statistics	694	63,533	92	100	142	161	182	257

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

