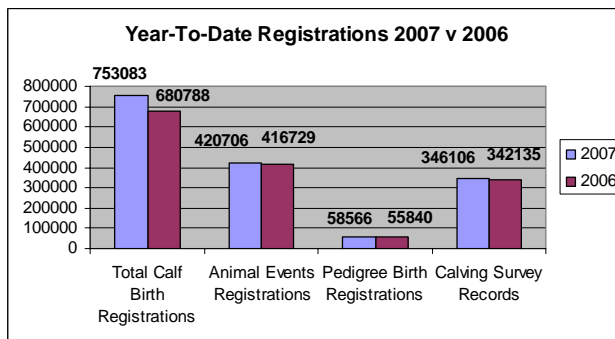
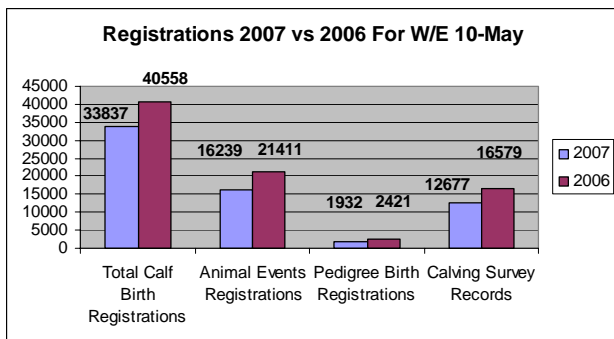


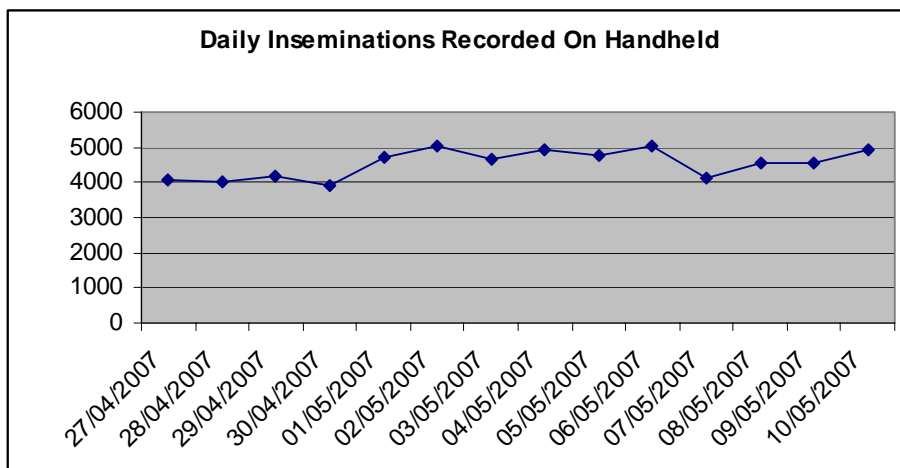


UPDATE – for period 4th - 11th May 2007

1 Database Update



138,804 inseminations have been received so far in 2007, compared with 46,956 in 2006 for the same period. This week will likely have seen the peak in the number of daily inseminations.



- The use of the Sire Advice program has now dropped away completely and the initial 'lessons learned' from the season are being compiled in advance of a meeting of the Sire Advice working group towards the end of June.
- Some tweaks to the new Herdbook front end are continuing and further iteration of the facility has been issued this week. A meeting has been scheduled with IHFA for next week to work through some of the specific requirements on the dairy side.
- Next week, we will issue to the herdbooks a composite template for the web based query of each Herdbook by external users. A small number of herdbooks have provided some guidance as to how they might like it to look.
- The new season fertility reports continue to be generated on a daily basis, and are being issued to HerdPlus members.

2 Genetic Evaluations

Dairy Genetic evaluations

Proofs from the latest set of genetic evaluations are currently being processed and uploaded. INTERBULL files for Milk (Holstein-Friesian and Montbeliarde) and fertility (Holstein-Friesian) are due for official release next week. Official release to the Irish dairy industry is scheduled for Monday 28th but it is anticipated an initial AI bull list will be circulated before this.



Beef Genetic Evaluations

New evaluations for beef performance and calving have been completed and are being uploaded to the database in conjunction with the dairy evaluations. Maternal weaning weight, fertility and survival evaluations are ongoing. A new across breed linear type evaluation has been completed and will also be uploaded to the database in anticipation of the changeover from the current within breed linear evaluations in June

International Evaluations

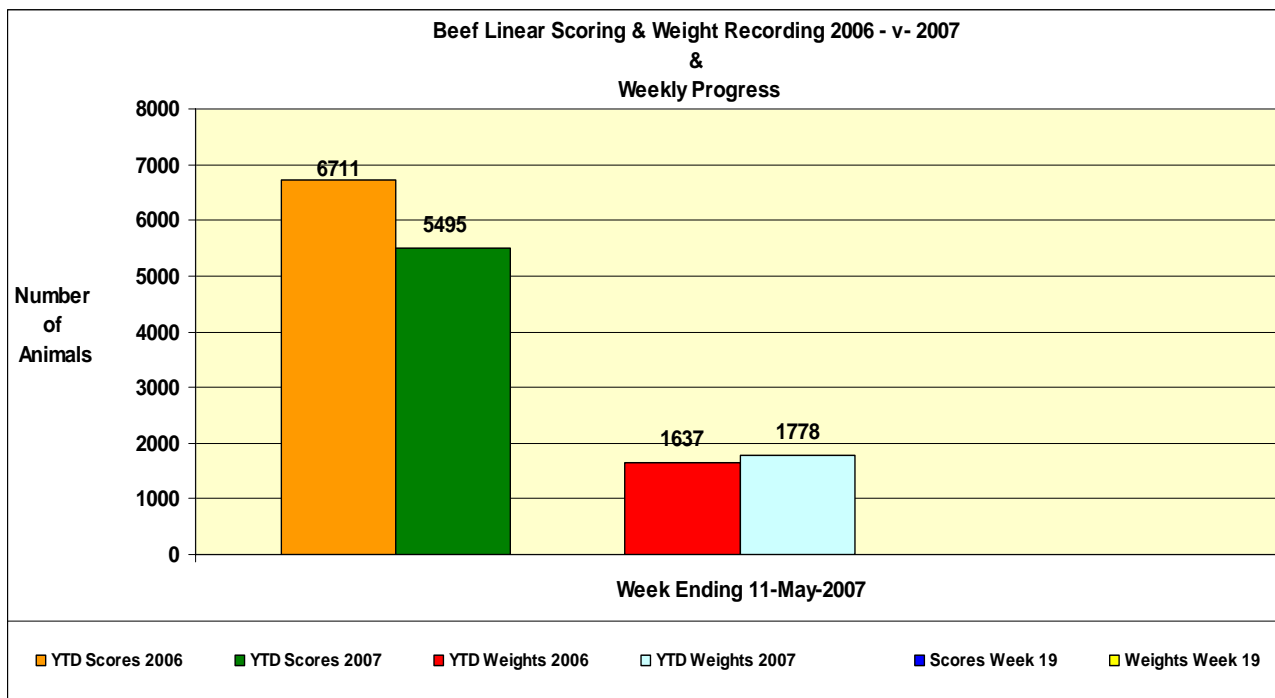
Beef performance, calving and linear proofs from France (INRA) have been received and will be used in the development of conversion formula which will allow the genetic merit of French born animals to be incorporated into the Euro-Star figures for a range of traits for Limousine and Charolais animals.

3 Beef Linear Scoring

Review

A review of the linear scoring and weight recording service has been initiated. The review is considering all aspects of the service and its link with genetic evaluations. It is being conducted with a view to implementing changes for the autumn of 2007.

Weekly Progress



4 Tully

- ✚ 8 Bulls were sold for export on the 11-5-07.
- ✚ Cleaning of yards and sheds and maintenance of feed boxes and gates will start from the 11-5-07.
- ✚ Two bulls will be exported to Northern Ireland on the 12-5-07



5 Milk Recording

Industry Test Turnaround April 2007

Industry national average for Apr 2007 was 7.5 days. Nationally 3,131 tests were processed covering some 170,793 animals. The Organisation with the best turnaround in Apr 07 was **Kerry** with an average of **5.2 days**. Each Milk Recording Organisation (MRO) is furnished with an Intranet Report on their respective turnaround performance. This gives the Organisations the details on how much time is taken in the different steps in the milk recording process.

Processing

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2005 Cows Recorded 01/01/05 - 11/05/05	YTD 2006 Cows Recorded 01/01/06 - 11/05/06	YTD 2007 Cows Recorded 01/01/07 - 11/05/07	2007 vs 2006 Year on Year Difference (%)
Progressive	126,224	123,937	130,681	5.2%
Dairygold	70,786	80,930	85,561	5.4%
Kerry	54,056	56,500	57,748	2.2%
SWS	46,483	48,207	50,375	4.3%
Tipperary	7,112	8,159	9,819	16.9%
Arrabawn	4,991	6,688	9,349	28.5%
Connacht	5,853	5,854	6,876	14.9%
Donegal	464	749	1,560	52.0%
Total	315,969	331,024	351,969	6.0%

Milk Recording Organisation	2007 Herds Recorded Week 04/05/07 - 11/05/07
Progressive	272
Dairygold	85
Kerry	188
SWS	156
Arrabawn	30
Tipperary	19
Connacht	20
Donegal	5
Total	775

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