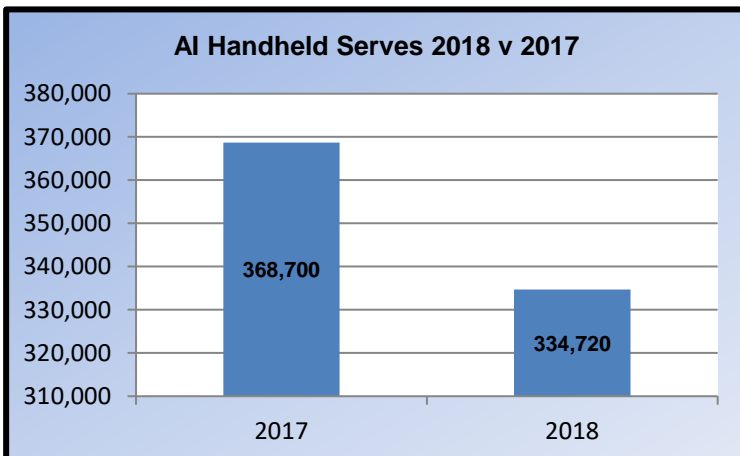
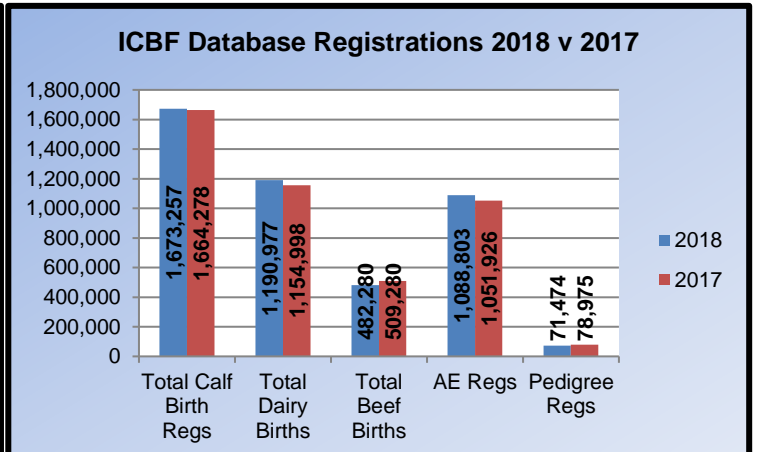
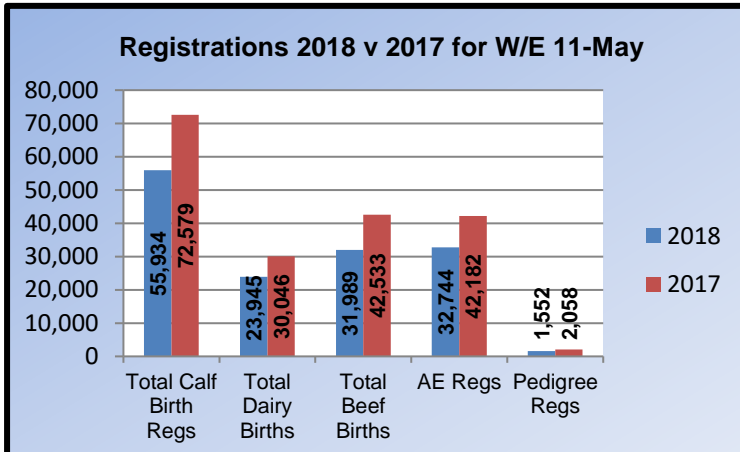


ICBF Weekly Update 11th May 2018

1 Important Date

- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 21st June at 10:30am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 21st June at 2:00pm, 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 1,684,533 results received since January 1st, of which 59,799 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 13,606,031 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2018 compared with 2017.

3 Herd Plus®

- 5 Star Cows** Delivering on Weaning Performance. Click [here](#) for more details.



- Gene Ireland Focus – Progeny Performance:** Curaheen Earp (SI2152). Click [here](#) for more details.



<p>✚ Beef Cow Population by County 2017. Click here for further details.</p>		<p>✚ Pedigree Parthenaise herd seeing Genetic gain in Co. Wexford. Click here for further deals.</p>	
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<p>✚ HerdPlus Graduate Program. Click here for further details.</p>	
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4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 11/05/18						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 11/05/18	No. EDIY Herds YTD 11/05/18	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 11/05/18	No. EDIY Cows YTD 11/05/18	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,171	1,026	32%	304,955	111,151	36%
Progressive	1,763	674	38%	188,494	73,040	39%
Tipperary	76	28	37%	7,701	2,749	36%
Total	5,010	7,575	151%	501,150	186,940	37%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 11/05/17	YTD 2018 Cows Recorded 01/01/18 - 11/05/18	2018 vs 2017 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	331,985	304,955	-8.1%
Progressive	211,565	188,494	-10.9%
Tipperary	8,994	7,701	-14.4%
Total	552,544	501,150	-9.3%

5 Sheep Ireland

M&F Scanning Correlation

- ✚ This week, Sheep Ireland's Muscle and Fat Scanning Technicians came together to have a correlation day. The Muscle and Fat Scanning is a huge source of data for Sheep Ireland. The purpose of holding the Muscle and Fat Scanning Correlation day is to ensure that the Scanning Technicians are very consistent with the measurements they are taking.



Weaning Weights

- ✚ At this stage, early lambing flocks should now have taken a weaning weight for their lambs. Breeders should enter the weaning weights of the lambs in a timely manner, to achieve a good DQI Score. It is important for breeders to note, that a lamb requires a weight to be taken in each weight bracket in order for the lamb to receive accurate Euro-Star evaluations. For more Information on when lambs should be weighed click [here](#).

CPT 40-Day Weights

- ✚ As well as recording a weight for all CPT Ewes and Lambs, a Health Inspection was also carried out. This Health Inspection includes a Dag Score and Body Condition Score as well as incidences of Lameness and Mastitis being recorded.
- ✚ Dag Score: Over 2500 CPT Lambs were scored for Dagginess during the process of the 40-Day Weighing, and there were some significant results showing up. Lambs that were recorded with dags (Score 1, 2 & 3; 26% of lambs) averaged 16.8kg while lambs that were scored as clean (Score 4 & 5) averaged 18.4kg.
- ✚ Similarly, the recording of Lameness showed interesting results. 8% of all lambs recorded showed signs of lameness, and on average these lambs were 0.4kg lighter at 40 days.
- ✚ These results are currently being used in the Health Index, which is part of both the Replacement and Terminal Index. We would encourage LambPlus breeders to carry out at least one, if not two Health Inspections every year. The ideal time to do a Health Inspection is at weaning or mating. The Health Inspection can now be recorded using the LambPlus App, as well as on the website. For more information on the Health Inspection please click [here](#).

National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 02-MAY-2018 To 11-MAY-2018

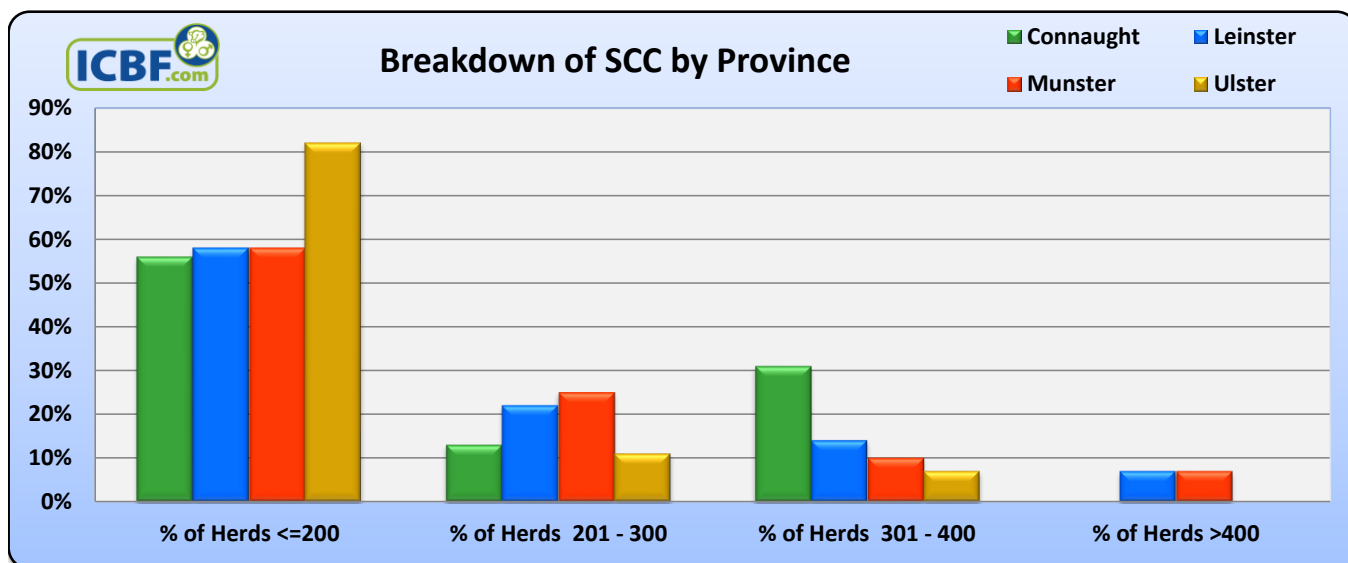
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	16	1,432	90	27.1	3.74	3.48	1.95	175
Leinster	116	12,870	111	26.9	3.76	3.48	1.95	170
Munster	463	44,352	96	27.3	3.81	3.39	1.96	166
Ulster	28	2,622	94	28.4	3.72	3.43	2.02	141
National Statistics	625	61,412	98	27.3	3.79	3.41	1.96	166

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 02-MAY-2018 To 11-MAY-2018

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	16	1,432	90	56%	13%	31%	0%	175
Leinster	116	12,870	111	58%	22%	14%	7%	170
Munster	463	44,352	96	58%	25%	10%	7%	166
Ulster	28	2,622	94	82%	11%	7%	0%	141
National Statistics	625	61,412	98	59%	23%	11%	7%	166

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 02-MAY-2018 To 11-MAY-2018

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	16	1,432	90	110	163	179	202	317
Leinster	116	12,870	111	100	144	166	207	303
Munster	463	44,352	96	95	146	174	203	280
Ulster	28	2,622	94	104	120	127	142	188
National Statistics	625	61,412	98	98	142	170	202	281

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

