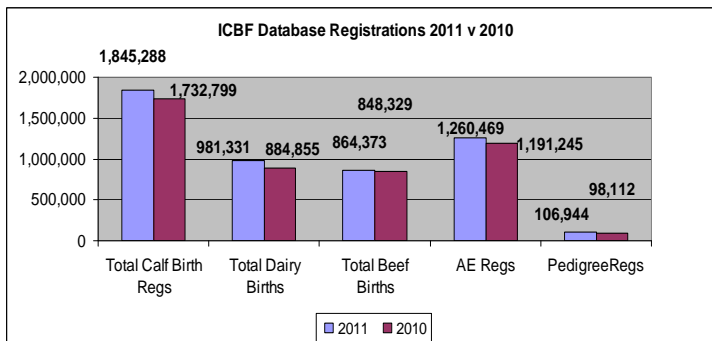
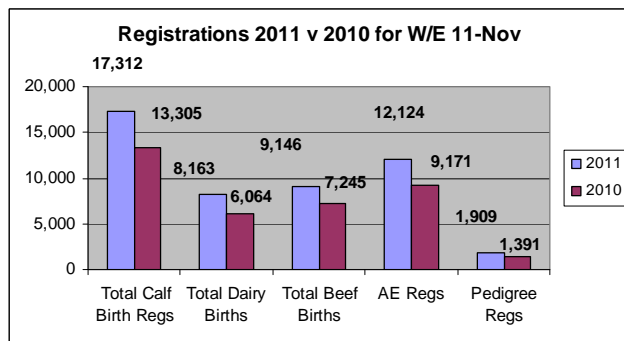


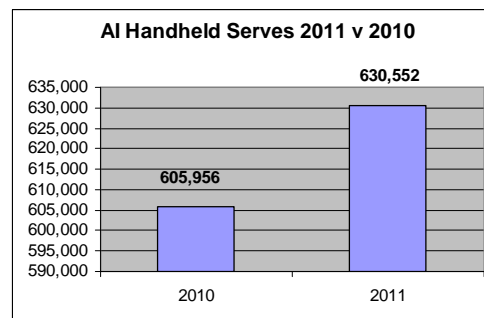
## 1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Breeding Consultation Industry Meetings** - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 10:00 to 17:00 – Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise. Agenda will be distributed on Monday 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ✚ **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 10:00 to 14:00, Horse & Jockey.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 10:30 to 14:00, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 14:00 to 16:30, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **HerdPlus<sup>®</sup> and GENÉIRÉLAND<sup>®</sup> User Day** - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 10:00 to 14:00, Corran Mart, Rathcormac.

## 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 451,366 with the number of animals weaned at 222,579.
- ✚ Around 5,400 herds have already completed their Dairy Efficiency Programme (DEP) health recording requirements for 2011. There are around 6,500 herds in the DEP.
- ✚ Testing continues on the prototype of a new cattle weighing scales with blue-tooth integration to ICBF handheld software. We are dealing with the testing issues as they arise.
- ✚ The link that allows a farmer to upload a 'Tru-test' weight file is now live.
- ✚ Work is on-going in building the systems that will support the up-coming national BVD eradication programme.
- ✚ The loading of the high density beef genotype files to the ICBF database is on-going.



- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2011 compared with 2010.

## 3 GENÉIRÉLAND<sup>®</sup>

### Beef

- ✚ 158 herds have signed up to the Autumn program so far.
- ✚ More details on the bulls are available in the GENÉIRÉLAND section of the website.

- ✚ To order straws phone 1850 600 900 or 045 521573.
- ✚ Approximate total straws sent out per bull currently available are in the table below.

BREED	BB	BB	CH	HE	PT	SI	SI
CODE	BZP	RWS	DZP	GCT	CBQ	SXD	APZ
# STRAWS	430	370	345	245	405	420	540

## Dairy

- ✚ There are 88 herds signed up to the programme so far taking a total of 2,915 straws.
- ✚ Straws were allocated to 17 herd owners this week and will continue to be allocated to the remainder of the herds on a daily basis.
- ✚ Straws of 4 of the bulls are available now. The other 2 bulls will be available in December.
- ✚ Calls continue to be made to potential participants.
- ✚ Call 1850 600 900 to take part in the programme.

## 4 Sheep Ireland

- ✚ Next Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, Sheep Ireland will be in attendance at one of Teagasc's regional sheep meetings. The venue is the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny and the event is due to commence at 8.00pm. We have sent out invitations for the event to all pedigree breeders in the region. Donegal is unique in the fact that there are a huge number of pedigree breeders within the county. Approximately 25% of Irish pedigree Texel breeders are located there. Other breeds, particularly Suffolk are also very prominent. We hope that breeders will attend the meeting on the night.
- ✚ In relation to the Euro-Stars and how they are formulated, there is a huge element of scepticism in the industry, based primarily on poor information received from misinformed sources. At any event that Sheep Ireland have attended in the past, we find that breeders who listen and gain a true understanding of how the Euro-Stars work, become advocates of the system. The problem that Sheep Ireland currently has is that it is extremely difficult to reach all pedigree breeders. The situation is changing however, and the more events that we attend, the more progress we can make. The work that Teagasc advisors and researchers have been doing throughout the year has also had a dramatic effect in terms of removing many of the misconceptions that exist. So we urge pedigree breeders to attend, if not with the intention of joining our recording service, at least to learn the accurate details about the Euro-Star evaluation system.
- ✚ In the coming weeks we will continue with our attempts to enrol more breeders into LambPlus. There has been a good response to date, with a high level of enthusiasm around the Euro-Stars and their future potential. The bottom line is, the more breeders involved the more progress the industry as a whole can make.

## 5 Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ Work on a new test run for maternal weaning weight is nearing completion. Results will be circulated next week ahead of the industry meetings.
- ✚ Work has also commenced on the analysis and possible integration of the farmer scored cow docility into the routine docility evaluation. Initial results indicate a heritability similar to weanling docility and a positive correlation with weaning docility.

## 6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 11/11/11						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 11/11/11	No. EDIY Herds YTD 11/11/11	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 11/11/11	No. EDIY Cows YTD 11/11/11	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,672	1,042	28%	303,919	95,513	31%
Progressive	2,390	916	38%	218,686	83,368	38%
Tipperary	144	64	44%	13,131	6,325	48%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,206</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>535,736</b>	<b>185,206</b>	<b>35%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 11/11/10	YTD 2011 Cows Recorded 01/01/11 - 11/11/11	2011 vs. 2010 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	278,486	303,919	8.4%
Progressive	195,796	218,686	10.5%
Tipperary	11,955	13,131	9.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>486,237</b>	<b>535,736</b>	<b>9.2%</b>

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 01/11/11 to 11/11/11								
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	965	62,633	65	14.5	4.54	3.79	1.21	302
Leinster	317	23,097	73	17.8	4.31	3.57	1.40	321
Connacht	64	3,402	53	16.4	4.11	3.53	1.25	354
Ulster	75	4,414	59	14.9	4.31	3.50	1.17	315

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 01/11/11 to 11/11/11								
	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	11	534	49	17.6	4.71	3.74	1.49	321
CAVAN	39	2,178	56	15.3	4.37	3.55	1.21	281
CLARE	22	1,012	46	12.6	4.41	3.71	1.02	352

CORK STH	309	18,508	60	14.8	4.54	3.77	1.23	309
CORK NTH	264	17,209	65	14.9	4.67	3.93	1.28	287
DONEGAL	7	720	103	14.0	4.34	3.51	1.10	356
DUBLIN	2	90	45	18.0	4.04	3.53	1.36	512
GALWAY	29	1,661	57	14.1	4.35	3.61	1.12	376
KERRY	133	8,268	62	15.0	4.19	3.52	1.16	356
KILDARE	19	1,350	71	21.5	4.38	3.57	1.71	395
KILKENNY	35	2,307	66	15.5	4.31	3.73	1.25	248
LAOIS	31	1,937	62	16.6	4.29	3.64	1.32	245
LEITRIM	8	387	48	16.7	4.06	3.38	1.24	278
LIMERICK	122	8,098	66	16.0	4.37	3.73	1.30	298
LONGFORD	8	383	48	14.8	4.33	3.58	1.17	257
LOUTH	26	1,760	68	19.6	3.99	3.47	1.46	311
MAYO	21	1,028	49	18.9	3.95	3.57	1.42	308
MEATH	65	6,124	94	20.0	4.19	3.35	1.51	268
MONAGHAN	29	1,516	52	15.5	4.22	3.45	1.19	307
OFFALY	16	1,017	64	16.7	4.10	3.48	1.27	352
ROSCOMMON	2	110	55	14.7	4.54	3.64	1.20	280
SLIGO	4	216	54	17.5	3.65	3.43	1.24	527
TIPPERARY NTH	30	2,614	87	14.7	4.40	3.83	1.21	331
TIPPERARY STH	56	4,203	75	12.5	4.77	3.96	1.09	311
WATERFORD	37	2,721	74	13.7	4.70	3.94	1.18	247
WESTMEATH	22	1,698	77	16.6	4.65	3.75	1.39	255
WEXFORD	57	4,208	74	16.6	4.47	3.65	1.35	286
WICKLOW E	13	856	66	15.9	4.49	3.56	1.28	349
WICKLOW W	12	833	69	21.4	4.16	3.40	1.62	372
	<i>No. Herds Recorded</i>	<i>No. Cows Recorded</i>	<i>Average Herd Size</i>	<i>Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow</i>	<i>Average Fat %</i>	<i>Average Protein %</i>	<i>Average F + P kg</i>	<i>Average SCC</i>
<b>National</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>93,546</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>4.33</b>	<b>3.62</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>323</b>

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