

## 1 Important Dates

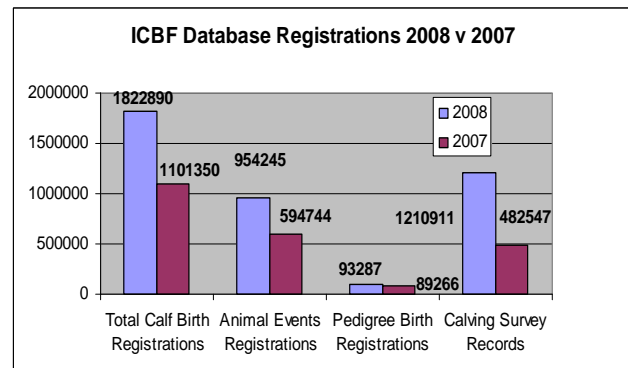
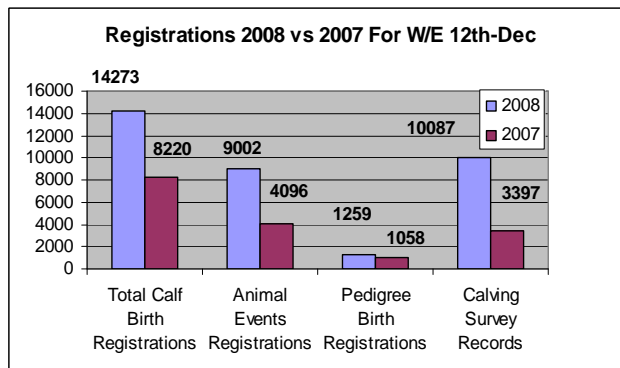
- + **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009.** EBI discussion group awards. Corrin Mart, Rathcormac.
- + **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009.** ICBF Board Meeting. Portlaoise. 10.30am
- + **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009.** Sheep Board Meeting. Portlaoise. 2:00pm

## 2 Change in our phone numbers

The ICBF phone numbers have changed. Our new numbers have “88” added to them after the area code (023). Please amend your files as soon as possible. The old numbers will continue to work until May of 2009.

Old Number (example)	New Number (example)
Phone: 023 20222	023 <b>88</b> 20222
Fax: 023 20229	023 <b>88</b> 20229

## 3 Database



- + 521,247 inseminations have been received so far in 2008, compared with 370,615 in 2007 for the same period.
- + The work on revamping the AI software for next season is continuing. Testing in the field continued this week, with good feedback being received. The plan is that the testing will continue over the Christmas period, and that the organisations will go live on the new software in January.
- + There continues to be a lot of activity in the Suckler Scheme. The number of calves with a meal feeding introduction has increased to 685,000, with just over 520,000 of these having been weaned.
- + The revamp of the Milk Recording system continues. Work on the data inputting screens has continued this week.
- + This week, work has continued on building the systems to handle the flock reconciliation activities which are already under way in some flocks. Useful feedback has been received from those who have begun to use the application, and that feedback is being incorporated.

**4 Milk Recording**

**National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 02/12/08 to 12/12/08**

	<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>
CARLOW	9	457	51	23.7	4.41	3.52	1.88	353
CAVAN	34	1,350	40	18.4	4.13	3.47	1.40	336
CLARE	8	379	47	19.2	3.85	3.46	1.40	281
CORK STH	236	11,174	47	17.6	4.34	3.65	1.41	336
CORK NTH	121	6,303	52	17.3	4.34	3.57	1.37	327
DONEGAL	6	374	62	17.4	4.53	3.54	1.40	379
DUBLIN	5	218	44	24.2	4.07	3.56	1.85	370
GALWAY	23	1,094	48	21.8	4.11	3.31	1.62	313
KERRY	87	4,284	49	15.2	4.10	3.46	1.15	417
KILDARE	12	858	72	21.6	4.19	3.51	1.66	405
KILKENNY	17	1,113	65	15.2	4.43	3.75	1.24	386
LAOIS	16	957	60	16.3	4.32	3.59	1.29	423
LEITRIM	6	332	55	22.0	3.98	3.37	1.62	296
LIMERICK	46	2,721	59	17.4	4.13	3.49	1.33	326
LONGFORD	4	134	34	20.0	4.22	3.54	1.55	240
LOUTH	24	1,616	67	20.6	3.93	3.52	1.53	348
MAYO	4	139	35	13.9	3.53	3.71	1.01	302
MEATH	58	4,378	75	22.1	4.23	3.53	1.71	320
MONAGHAN	25	979	39	16.6	4.11	3.56	1.27	419
OFFALY	5	292	58	14.3	3.78	3.48	1.04	443
SLIGO	4	194	49	20.0	3.67	3.41	1.42	389
TIPPERARY NTH	2	69	35	12.9	4.37	3.68	1.04	465
TIPPERARY STH	7	291	42	14.8	4.31	3.53	1.16	288
WATERFORD	21	1,581	75	19.8	4.17	3.42	1.50	287
WESTMEATH	18	975	54	19.0	4.22	3.48	1.46	450
WEXFORD	46	2,802	61	19.0	4.31	3.54	1.49	340
WICKLOW E	17	1,257	74	20.7	3.99	3.51	1.55	246
WICKLOW W	13	744	57	23.5	4.21	3.42	1.79	383
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<b>National</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>47,106</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>4.18</b>	<b>3.53</b>	<b>1.44</b>	<b>355</b>

**National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 02/12/08 to 12/12/08**

<b>Provincial</b>	<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>Munster</b>	528	26,802	51	16.8	4.16	3.53	1.29	341
<b>Leinster</b>	244	15,801	65	20.0	4.13	3.53	1.53	362
<b>Connacht</b>	38	1,800	47	18.7	4.18	3.51	1.44	347
<b>Ulster</b>	65	2,703	42	17.5	4.20	3.52	1.35	378

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 12/12/08						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 12/12/08	No. EDIY Herds YTD 12/12/08	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 12/12/08	No. EDIY Cows YTD 12/12/08	% Cows EDIY
Progressive	2,246	938	42%	186,889	74,905	40%
Dairygold	1,698	644	38%	126,128	49,561	39%
Kerry	1,160	248	21%	79,690	16,317	20%
SWS	915	135	15%	63,231	9,991	16%
Tipperary	171	72	42%	13,080	5,781	44%
Arrabawn	166	138	83%	12,976	10,967	85%
Connacht	159	69	43%	10,484	4,435	42%
Donegal	49	49	100%	4,820	4,820	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,564</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>497,298</b>	<b>176,777</b>	<b>36%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2007 Cows Recorded 01/01/07 - 12/12/07	YTD 2008 Cows Recorded 01/01/08 - 12/12/08	2008 vs 2007 Year on Year Difference (%)
Progressive	171,665	186,889	8.1%
Dairygold	112,791	126,128	10.6%
Kerry	72,370	79,690	9.2%
SWS	61,568	63,231	2.6%
Tipperary	12,349	13,080	5.6%
Arrabawn	12,084	12,976	6.9%
Connacht	10,306	10,484	1.7%
Donegal	3,920	4,820	18.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>457,053</b>	<b>497,298</b>	<b>8.1%</b>

## 5 Genetic Evaluations

- Data has been sent to Interbull this week for the next routine evaluation which will form the basis of the Spring 09 dairy proofs for foreign bulls. Domestic proofs will be updated in early Jan (see below).
- The cut-off date for including data in the next routine evaluation is December 18<sup>th</sup>. A new evaluation will commence in early January with publication of proofs available in early February. An exact date of publication will be given here in mid-late January.
- Work is on-going in the development of conversion equations for calving difficulty for foreign dairy bulls. This is an interim solution to provide information on these bulls for Spring 09 in advance of partaking in the Interbull test-run for calving traits.

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### Beef

- ✚ 207 herds now signed up to the Autumn programme.
- ✚ A total of 468 herds taking an average of 17 straws each signed up in 2008.
- ✚ This is enough straws to fully test over 11 bulls this year.
- ✚ Work is beginning on setting up the Spring programme with some interesting bulls in the pipeline.
- ✚ Below are the total straws sent per bull as of today.

AI CODE	CF71	AZA	FL23	RBU	SEV	SKU	RSA	ANX	BXD	WOA	AMZ	RWB	KCP
# STRAWS	655	375	453	229	475	41	171	519	172	192	482	90	35

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