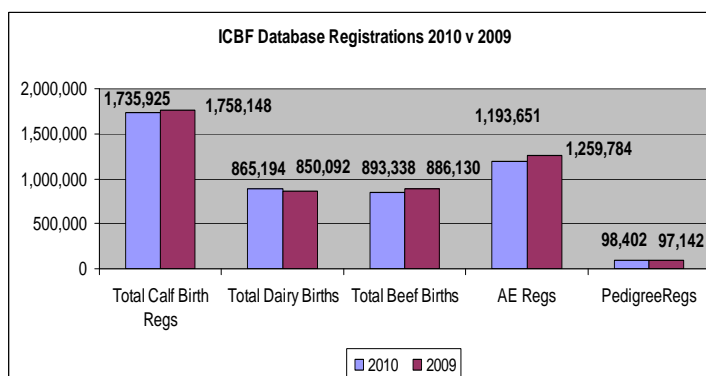
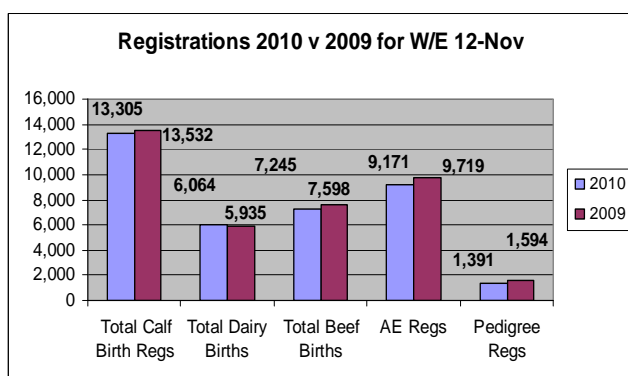


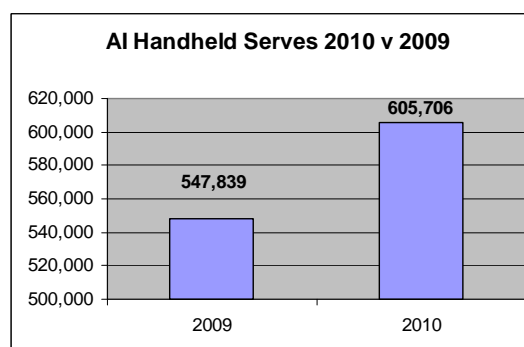
1. Important Dates

- ✚ **Breeding Consultation Meeting** – Tuesday 16th November, Killeshan Hotel, Portlaoise. Dairy 10:00 to 12:00, Dairy & Beef 12:15 to 14:15 and Beef 14:30 to 17:00.
- ✚ **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 18th November, 10:30 to 14:00 – Horse & Jockey Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 2nd December, 10:30 to 14:00 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 2nd December, 14:00 to 16:30 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Dairy GEN€IRELAND® & Herd Plus® and EBI Discussion Group competition awards** – Thursday 9th December, 10:30 to 16:00 – Corrin Mart, Fermoy.

2. Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFF AIM systems.
- ✚ In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2010 born calves with meal introduced is 459,768 with the number of animals weaned at 257,114.
- ✚ The developments required to support the EBI discussion group competition have been completed.
- ✚ The design of a new infrastructure to manage genotypes at ICBF is continuing. The building phase has begun, and this development is expected to be completed before Christmas.
- ✚ A revised linear scoring evaluation report for beef animals has been released and the first of the reports are being generated today.
- ✚ The work on a new infrastructure for communicating with marts is now complete and data processing has begun.
- ✚ Some further updates to the beef and dairy catalogue functionality have been completed and we will be in touch with all beef herdbooks next week.
- ✚ The generation of the Herdplus packs to support the spring calving season has begun.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2010 compared with 2009.



3. GEN€IRELAND®

Dairy

- ✚ We have reached the maximum number of orders for the straws that will be available this season.

- ✚ Straws will be dispatched to the remainder of the herd owners when the bulls are available at the end of November.

Beef

- ✚ Sign ups are continuing at a steady pace.
- ✚ Straws are being dispatched for all available bulls.
- ✚ 240 herds have signed up so far.
- ✚ To order straws phone 1850 600900 or 045 521573.
- ✚ More details on the bulls are available in the GENÉIRÉLAND section of the website.
- ✚ Approx total straws sent out per bull so far are in the table below.

BREED	AA	BA	BB	BB	CH	CH	HE	LM	LM	LM	PT	SA	SH
CODE	MLJ	KCE	KYR	STQ	GHX	CXY	GCT	ADX	NHL	CZH	CBQ	BHU	LYJ
# STRAWS	120	220	235	520	260	260	41	530	430	130	75	565	10

4. Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ Extracts for the next routine evaluation are done and evaluations have commenced. Progress on these will be updated over the next few weeks.
- ✚ An update on changes to the various evaluations will be presented at the industry meetings next week.

5. Tully

- ✚ On-farm inspections of bulls entered for the up-coming Tully intake were completed on Friday, 5th of November, with a total of 275 bulls inspected. 170 bulls passed the on-farm assessment, which gives a pass rate of 62%. This is similar to the pass rate of 64% for the previous autumn intake.
- ✚ Breeders whose bulls have passed the on-farm inspection can now carry out on-farm health testing. All health testing information, which included the list of animals required for blood sampling was sent out by post last week, to both the bull owner and their Veterinary surgeon. A number of bloods have already been received and these are being sent to Backweston in Cellbridge for analysis. Blood samples are being tested for IBR, BVD, Johnne's and EBL. Breeders have until Friday 19th of November to take the samples from the listed animals on their farm. All bulls that pass the health testing criteria should be in isolation at Tully by the end of the month.
- ✚ Preparation of facilities at Tully is near completion with all sheds and out door facilities power washed. Also, selected areas such as the weighting shed have been disinfected.

6. Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 02/11/10 to 12/11/10

	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	10	755	76	20.3	4.37	3.68	1.63	381
CAVAN	19	997	52	14.8	4.48	3.87	1.24	364
CLARE	32	1,823	57	17.3	4.36	3.84	1.42	320
CORK STH	289	19,030	66	16.6	4.47	3.87	1.38	309
CORK NTH	277	20,394	74	15.9	4.56	3.97	1.36	280
DONEGAL	19	1,636	86	16.0	4.53	3.90	1.35	265

DUBLIN	5	308	62	18.4	4.08	3.48	1.39	463
GALWAY	27	1,536	57	18.1	4.40	3.67	1.46	395
KERRY	131	8,148	62	15.7	4.26	3.77	1.26	352
KILDARE	12	1,020	85	22.2	4.34	3.73	1.79	559
KILKENNY	53	3,694	70	14.1	4.46	3.92	1.18	323
LAOIS	25	1,722	69	14.9	5.11	3.95	1.35	461
LEITRIM	9	458	51	21.0	4.03	3.59	1.60	287
LIMERICK	135	9,256	69	16.1	4.35	3.89	1.33	302
LONGFORD	9	383	43	15.6	4.39	3.91	1.29	411
LOUTH	15	1,246	83	19.0	4.07	3.56	1.45	352
MAYO	24	1,221	51	20.6	3.85	3.81	1.58	327
MEATH	53	4,263	80	17.7	4.26	3.70	1.41	356
MONAGHAN	35	1,862	53	17.2	4.25	3.73	1.37	344
OFFALY	18	1,147	64	17.3	4.21	3.75	1.38	418
ROSCOMMON	5	294	59	20.8	3.73	3.71	1.55	473
SLIGO	7	321	46	20.2	3.90	3.90	1.58	269
TIPPERARY NTH	36	2,972	83	14.7	4.66	4.00	1.27	366
TIPPERARY STH	61	5,273	86	13.3	4.62	3.98	1.14	322
WATERFORD	50	4,213	84	16.4	4.46	4.04	1.39	283
WESTMEATH	21	1,484	71	17.5	4.20	3.93	1.42	306
WEXFORD	58	3,941	68	17.6	4.27	3.78	1.42	345
WICKLOW E	22	1,348	61	17.2	4.01	3.62	1.31	381
WICKLOW W	9	697	77	19.6	4.33	3.49	1.53	538
	<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>
National	1,466	101,442	67	17.5	4.31	3.79	1.41	364

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 02/11/10 to 12/11/10

Provincial	<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>
Munster	1011	71,109	70	15.8	4.47	3.92	1.32	317
Leinster	310	22,008	71	17.8	4.31	3.73	1.43	407
Connacht	72	3,830	53	20.1	3.98	3.74	1.55	350
Ulster	73	4,495	62	16.0	4.42	3.83	1.32	324

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 12/11/10

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 12/11/10	No. EDIY Herds YTD 12/11/10	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 12/11/10	No. EDIY Cows YTD 12/11/10	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,562	1,000	28%	278,689	85,737	31%
Progressive	2,082	814	39%	185,743	71,672	39%
Tipperary	133	57	43%	11,955	5,772	48%
Connacht	152	59	39%	10,112	3,793	38%
Total	5,929	1,930	33%	486,499	166,974	34%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2009 Cows Recorded 01/01/09 - 12/11/09	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 12/11/10	2010 vs. 2009 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	257,355	278,689	7.7%
Progressive	179,452	185,743	3.4%
Tipperary	11,153	11,955	6.7%
Connacht	9,802	10,112	3.1%
Total	457,762	486,499	5.9%

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