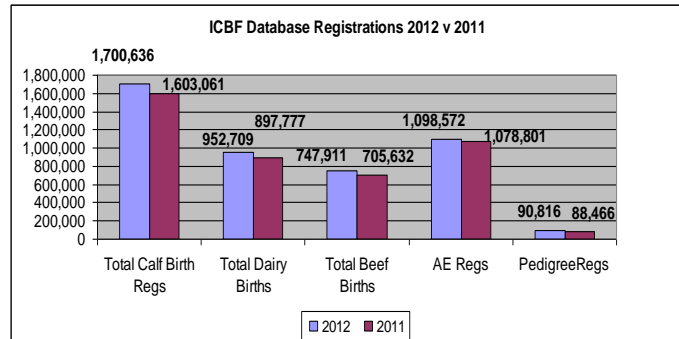
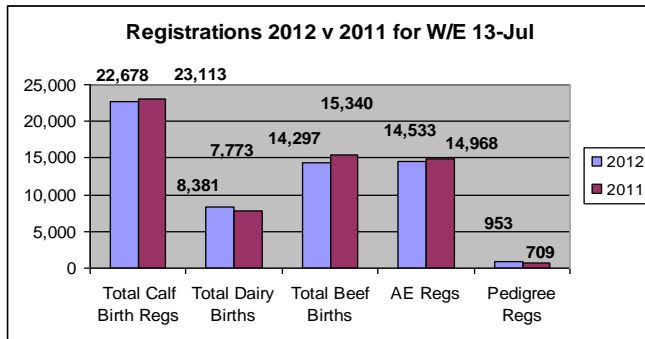


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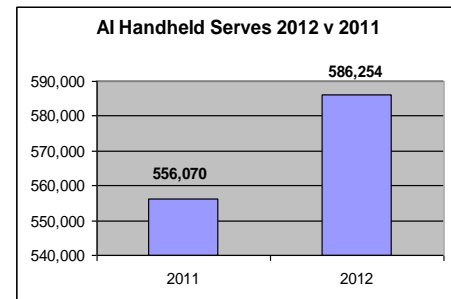
### 1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Breeding Consultation Meeting** - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 10:00 to 17:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 10:30 to 14:00, ICBF, Highfield House, Bandon.
- ✚ **Interim Sheep Board** – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 11:00 – 14:00, ICBF, Highfield House, Bandon.

### 2 Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFM AIM systems.
- ✚ In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2011 born calves with meal introduced is 633,666 with the number of animals weaned at 569,558.
- ✚ BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. Around 572,000 tissue tags for BVD testing have been purchased at this stage. Around 413,000 samples have been returned at this stage, with a 0.61% BVD Virus Positive rate.
- ✚ Final tweaks to the Slaughter report will be completed next week.
- ✚ The developments around the new weight recording system are being finalised as the rollout of the service begins.
- ✚ A number of adjustments to the tracking of lab results in milk recording have been finalised this week.
- ✚ Work is continuing on the back-end ICBF web infrastructure with a view to making it more standardised and robust.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2012 compared with 2011.



### 3 Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ Extracts for the next routine run are underway. The schedule for the run is as follows:

31 Jul 2012    Interbull Submission Date  
 14 Aug 2012    Interbull Release Date  
 20 Aug 2012    Official Publication Date for all dairy and beef proofs

- ✚ Genomic evaluations are continuing to be done with many 2012 born females currently being tested.
- ✚ Research work is on-going for many traits including test-day model milk production, calving and beef performance. Updates on this work will be presented at the next industry meeting.

## 4 Sheep Ireland

The first two premier ram sales of the season take place tomorrow and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. At these sales Lambplus recorded rams will be available.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July**, Irish Suffolk Sheep Society, Roscrea,

**Wednesday 18 July**, Irish Vendean Sheep Society, Roscommon Livestock Mart, Show at 11.30am, Sale at 1.30pm.

## 5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 13/07/12						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 13/07/12	No. EDIY Herds YTD 13/07/12	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 13/07/12	No. EDIY Cows YTD 13/07/12	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,731	1,086	29%	299,172	93,016	31%
Progressive	2,430	977	40%	214,137	87,493	41%
Tipperary	119	42	35%	9,826	3,212	33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,280</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>523,135</b>	<b>183,721</b>	<b>35%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2011 Cows Recorded 01/01/11 - 13/07/11	YTD 2012 Cows Recorded 01/01/12 - 13/07/12	2012 vs 2011 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	279,028	299,172	6.7%
Progressive	192,739	214,137	10.0%
Tipperary	11,888	9,826	-21.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>483,655</b>	<b>523,135</b>	<b>7.5%</b>

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 03/07/12 to 13/07/12								
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	845	67,336	80	22.6	3.85	3.34	1.63	213
Leinster	337	27,716	82	22.6	3.84	3.37	1.63	228
Connacht	57	3,538	62	24.8	3.71	3.27	1.73	217
Ulster	76	5,185	68	23.7	3.74	3.28	1.66	229

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