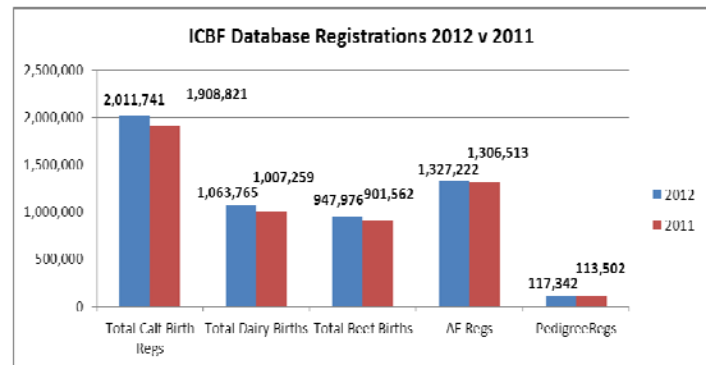
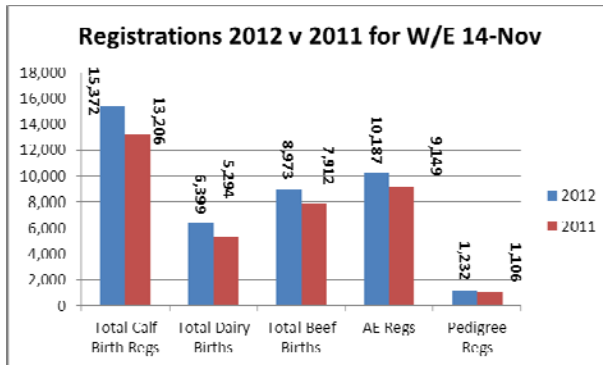


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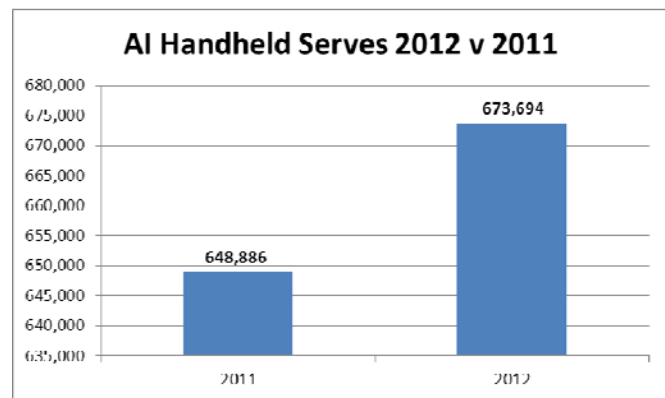
### 1 Important Dates

- Interim Sheep Board Meeting** – Deferred until January..
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 10:30 to 14:00, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.

### 2 Database



- The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFM AIM systems.
- In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2012 born calves with meal introduced is 537,838 with the number of animals weaned at 432,400.
- BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. Around 480,000 samples have been returned at this stage, with a 0.62% BVD Virus Positive rate.
- Good progress continues around the design of the Beef HerdPlus outputs to incorporate the new Euro-Star indexes, and the development work on these is continuing.
- The 2013 Dairy personalised notebooks continue to be generated and printed. The distribution of these will begin next week.
- Weight recording figures this week were at 1,044 animals, from 975 the previous week. We also had 553 DIY weights recorded by farmers this week.
- The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2012 compared with 2011.



### 3 Sheep Ireland

- This week was another busy one as Sheep Ireland finalised our latest round of national meetings. We held evening meetings in Fermoy, Tullamore & Kilkenny. Certainly the atmosphere at all of these meetings was generally very positive, recognising the potential of a strong breeding programme for Ireland's sheep industry.
- It was made very clear however that a strong breeding programme structure will not succeed without the awareness and adoption of genetic evaluation information by the wider industry. There were many non-recording pedigree breeders in attendance over the three nights and this is encouraging for 2013. We now need to stimulate stronger interest from the ram buyer.

- There was some great suggestions made over the course of all our meetings in recent weeks and we will do all in our power to act on these in the coming months. We would like to thank all those who attended for their time and active participation in discussions.

## 4 Genetic Evaluations

Routine evaluations are currently on-going and proofs are being loaded to the database. Changes to calving and beef evaluation will be implemented in this run. Genomic evaluations are also underway. Official publication is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

## 5 GENEIRLAND®

### Dairy

- The autumn panel consists of 10 Holstein/Friesian bull's with an average EBI €220.
- 3,724 straws have been distributed across 111 herds.
- Packs can be ordered on 1850 600 900.

## 6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 14/12/12						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 14/12/12	No. EDIY Herds YTD 14/12/12	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 14/12/12	No. EDIY Cows YTD 14/12/12	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,740	1,090	29%	309,149	95,807	31%
Progressive	2,481	1,010	41%	231,629	94,989	41%
Tipperary	122	44	36%	10,323	3,508	34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,343</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>551,101</b>	<b>194,304</b>	<b>35%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2011 Cows Recorded 01/01/11 - 14/12/11	YTD 2012 Cows Recorded 01/01/12 - 14/12/12	2012 vs. 2011 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	305,589	309,149	1.2%
Progressive	221,768	231,629	4.3%
Tipperary	13,156	10,323	-27.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>540,513</b>	<b>551,101</b>	<b>1.9%</b>

Please see milk recording stats attached

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## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 05-DEC-2012 To 14-DEC-2012

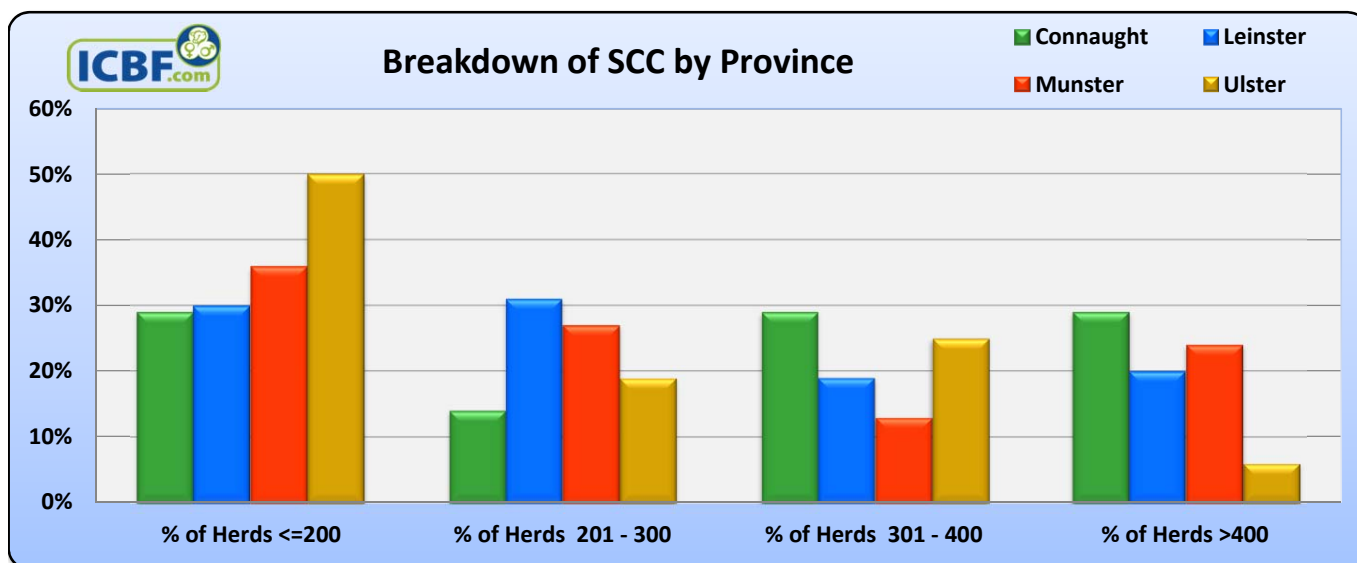
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	7	322	46	16.9	4.29	3.46	1.31	317
Leinster	105	6,886	66	18.8	4.17	3.41	1.41	252
Munster	289	15,983	55	16.5	4.33	3.51	1.28	250
Ulster	16	731	46	21.0	4.00	3.37	1.55	210
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>23,922</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>4.27</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>250</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 05-DEC-2012 To 14-DEC-2012

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	7	322	46	29%	14%	29%	29%	317
Leinster	105	6,886	66	30%	31%	19%	20%	252
Munster	289	15,983	55	36%	27%	13%	24%	250
Ulster	16	731	46	50%	19%	25%	6%	210
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>23,922</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>250</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 05-DEC-2012 To 14-DEC-2012								
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	7	322	46	200	309	323	330	469
Leinster	105	6,886	66	154	239	271	298	400
Munster	289	15,983	55	150	215	239	283	427
Ulster	16	731	46	128	187	221	273	346
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>23,922</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>422</b>

\*\* Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

