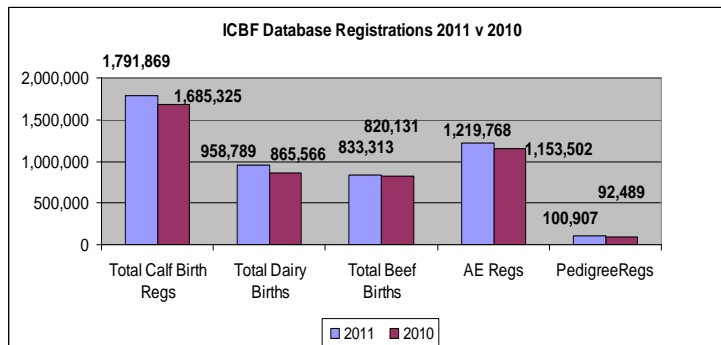
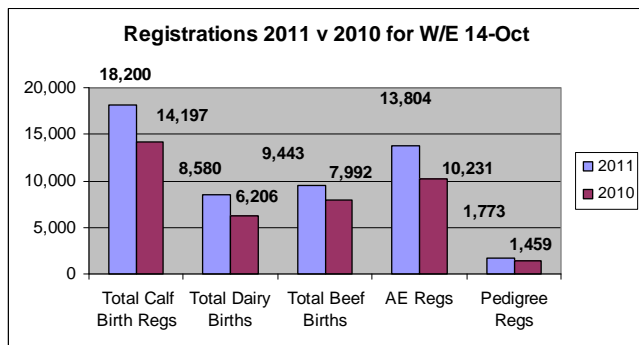


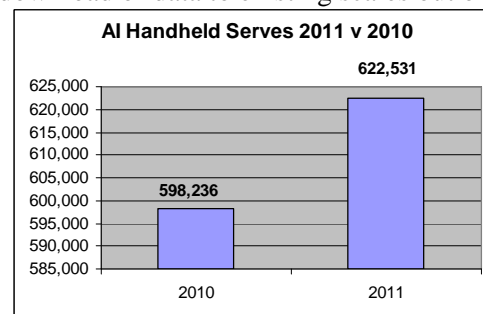
1 Important Dates

- ✚ **High Health Status Beef Bull Sale**- Saturday 15th October 2011 – 12:00 to 2:00 - Tully Performance Test Centre.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** -Thursday 20th October, 10:30 to 14:00 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **LambPlus Meeting** - Wednesday 26th October, 20:00 to 22:00 - Westport Plaza Hotel.
- ✚ **Breeding Consultation Industry Meetings**-Thursday 17th November 11:00 to 17:00 – Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting**- Thursday 24th November, 10:00 to 14:00, Horse & Jockey.

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 358,732 with the number of animals weaned at 93,022.
- ✚ Around 1,500 herds have already completed their Dairy Efficiency Programme (DEP) health recording requirements for 2011 (750 paper, 750 electronically). 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. The platforms were used on farm for the first time this week, and the trial went well.
- ✚ Significant work is also on-going in relation to the farmer upload and download of data to existing scales out on farms (e.g. Tru-test scales)
- ✚ Work is on-going in building the systems that will support the upcoming national BVD eradication programme. Despite the fact that the national roll-out of the programme has been delayed, we are still pushing on to complete all developments.
- ✚ 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 GENEIRLAND®

- ✚ Sign ups for the autumn program are going well.
- ✚ 100 herds have signed up so far.
- ✚ 2 bulls (MLJ and KCE) reached the target of 700 straws this week.
- ✚ This brings the total number of bulls tested to 48.
- ✚ More details on the bulls are available in the GENEIRLAND section of the website.
- ✚ To order straws phone 1850 600 900 or 045 521573.
- ✚ Approx total straws sent out per bull currently available are in the table below.

BREED	BB	BB	CH	CH	HE	LM	PT	SI	SI
CODE	BZP	RWS	CSQ	DZP	GCT	MXF	CBQ	SXD	APZ
# STRAWS	370	360	650	255	225	500	370	380	290

4 Sheep Ireland

- ✚ Following up from our round of LambPlus User and Industry meetings, we have held internal Sheep Ireland meetings throughout the week. The objective of these meetings was to go through the list of issues raised and to highlight the actions that need to be taken to implement any changes necessary. We have prioritised all the issues based on their importance and urgency and we will tackle each individual task on this basis. Any progress made will be reported in this update.
- ✚ Sheep Ireland in conjunction with John Noonan of Teagasc Westport is planning to hold another LambPlus meeting in the Westport Plaza Hotel on the 26th October. We will be inviting all existing LambPlus breeders and non-recording pedigree breeders in the area to this meeting to discuss the current LambPlus scheme and how we can further promote and develop the service throughout the Industry. Any other interested parties will be welcome to attend. The meeting is scheduled to take place from 8.00pm.
- ✚ Our CPT program for the 2011/12 season is now in full flight. Artificial Insemination is underway and all is going very well. Today Friday 14th the guys are on the farm of James and Merrick Napper in Oldcastle, Co. Meath, tomorrow Saturday, the team will be on the farm of Andrew Moloney in Edenderry, Co. Offaly. On Monday next the UCD flock will be the focus of our attention with the AI program concluding next Wednesday on the farm of John Large in Gortnahoe, Co Tipperary.

5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 14/10/11						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 14/10/11	No. EDIY Herds YTD 14/10/11	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 14/10/11	No. EDIY Cows YTD 14/10/11	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,670	1,041	28%	302,334	95,160	31%
Progressive	2,382	909	38%	216,014	82,389	38%
Tipperary	144	64	44%	13,100	6,311	48%
Total	6,196	2,014	33%	531,448	183,860	35%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 14/10/10	YTD 2011 Cows Recorded 01/01/11 - 14/10/11	2011 vs. 2010 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	276,368	302,334	8.6%
Progressive	193,060	216,014	10.6%
Tipperary	11,936	13,100	8.9%
Total	481,364	531,448	9.4%

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 04/10/11 to 14/10/11

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	981	70,236	72	16.8	4.42	3.80	1.38	274
Leinster	281	21,824	78	20.2	4.16	3.63	1.57	329
Connacht	69	4,295	62	17.2	4.15	3.65	1.34	290
Ulster	62	3,570	58	17.0	4.26	3.69	1.35	262

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 04/10/11 to 14/10/11

	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	7	423	60	19.6	4.20	3.71	1.55	375
CAVAN	34	1,742	51	18.5	4.20	3.69	1.46	263
CLARE	36	2,028	56	16.0	4.33	3.78	1.30	352
CORK STH	251	16,341	65	15.9	4.50	3.84	1.33	269
CORK NTH	265	19,033	72	17.5	4.52	3.91	1.48	259
DONEGAL	11	925	84	14.7	4.50	3.72	1.21	235
DUBLIN	3	132	44	26.1	3.88	3.45	1.91	333
GALWAY	26	2,051	79	15.3	4.44	3.70	1.25	239
KERRY	122	7,739	63	17.0	4.20	3.65	1.33	279
KILDARE	11	902	82	25.0	3.92	3.43	1.84	376
KILKENNY	43	3,475	81	16.1	4.41	3.95	1.35	260
LAOIS	27	1,902	70	17.8	4.36	3.79	1.45	326
LEITRIM	7	320	46	21.6	4.03	3.49	1.62	226
LIMERICK	140	9,091	65	17.2	4.29	3.82	1.39	285
LONGFORD	8	504	63	19.9	4.16	3.64	1.55	367
LOUTH	19	1,776	93	25.7	3.91	3.50	1.90	330
MAYO	26	1,431	55	18.6	3.99	3.68	1.43	336
MEATH	52	4,985	96	17.8	4.35	3.61	1.42	321
MONAGHAN	17	903	53	17.9	4.09	3.65	1.39	288

OFFALY	18	1,109	62	18.1	4.06	3.68	1.40	332
ROSCOMMON	3	174	58	13.0	4.64	3.80	1.10	464
SLIGO	7	319	46	17.3	3.63	3.58	1.25	184
TIPPERARY NTH	48	3,894	81	14.1	4.62	3.92	1.20	301
TIPPERARY STH	88	6,201	70	15.7	4.47	3.82	1.30	245
WATERFORD	66	5,909	90	15.5	4.71	4.01	1.35	268
WESTMEATH	13	1,134	87	19.7	4.36	3.55	1.56	231
WEXFORD	52	3,427	66	16.8	4.29	3.77	1.35	301
WICKLOW E	14	917	66	19.0	4.11	3.59	1.46	303
WICKLOW W	14	1,138	81	20.6	4.09	3.58	1.58	424
	<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	1,428	99,925	68	18.2	4.25	3.70	1.45	302

6 Genetic Evaluations

- We are still awaiting results of the Interbull Test run. We hope to have results next week, at which point a new genomic run will be done to investigate the impact of the new fertility proofs.

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