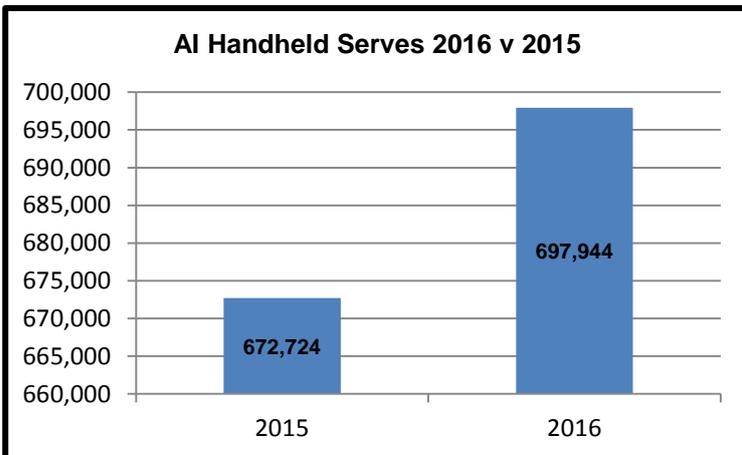
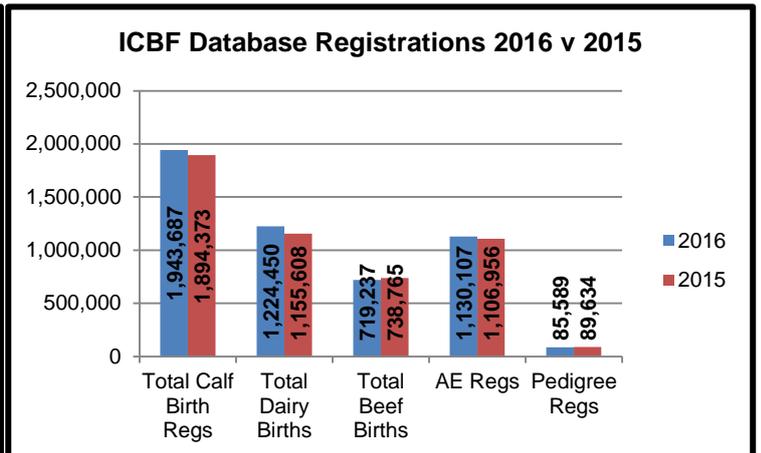
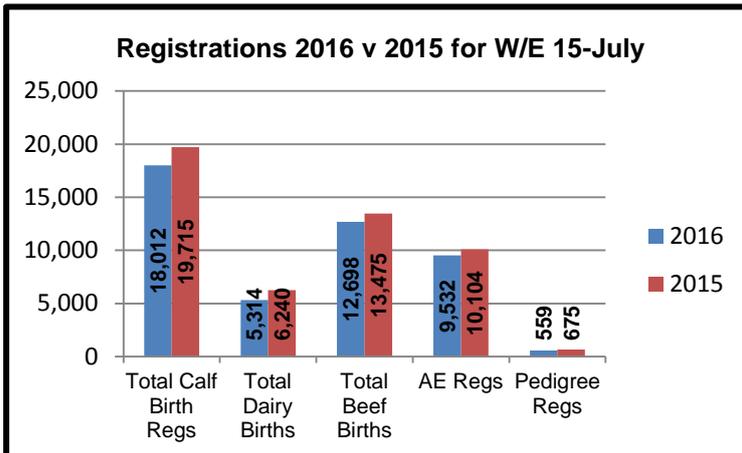


ICBF Weekly Update 15th July 2016

1 Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 8th September at 10:30am in Highfield House.
- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 8th September at 2:00pm in Highfield House.
- ✚ **Audit & Finance Meeting** – Thursday 17th November at 10:30am in the Killeshin, Portlaoise.

2 Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFM AIM systems.
- ✚ BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. There have been 2,305,222 results received since January 1st, of which 26,132 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 9,633,664 results have now been received.
- ✚ The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2016 compared with 2015.

3 Herd Plus®

- ✚ Farmers can now genotype all their female calves which will allow them to make a more informed decision around breeding and culling potential replacements. This service could cost herd-owners as little as €22/head. Please contact HerdPlus on **1850 600 900** or **023 8820452** for further details. Alternatively when logged into HerdPlus, herd-owners can make orders online by selecting ‘Services’ – ‘Genomic Services’ – ‘Place Order’
- ✚ With breeding season coming to an end, if your AI technician does not have a handheld or you are doing DIY AI please remember to record AI serves on your HerdPlus account. This will be used to generate fertility reports and an expected calving list for the 2017 calving season.
- ✚ The Irish Grassland Association Dairy Summer Tour will take place 19th July 2016. It will take place in Kerry and Cork and will focus on ‘Milk production on more challenging soils’. *For full details see document attached.*

- We have made a change to the stock reconciliation report. Farmers can now click on the individual figures to open a popup detailing the animals that are being counted in each figure (see below).

Report: Year: Sex:

Stock Reconciliation Report - 2016														
Animal Category		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	12 Month Total/Average
COWS	BOUGHT	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
	SOLD	3	2	12	5	2	0							24
	DIED	2	0	0	0	1	0							3
	END OF MONTH	129	132	136	136	140	140							
CATTLE 0-6 MONTHS	BORN	14	12	28	23	15	2							94
	BOUGHT	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
	SOLD	1	6	0	15	9	1							32
	DIED	3	3	0	5	2	1							14
	END OF MONTH	33	35	57	57	57	51							
CATTLE 6-12 MONTHS	BOUGHT	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
	SOLD	0	0	0	0	0	2							2
	DIED	1	0	0	0	0	0							1
	END OF MONTH	24	16	20	16	16	20							

Animal List

ANIMAL LISTING - Focus Date: 01-JAN-2016, No. of Animals: 2

Jumbo	Tag Number	Sex	DOB	Breed	Lact.	Date In	Date Out	Cull
809		F	05-FEB-2007	HO (100%)	6	05-FEB-2007	12-JAN-2016	
1119		F	20-FEB-2010	HO (100%)	3	20-FEB-2010	25-JAN-2016	

4 GENE IRELAND® Beef

- Sign Ups are continuing for the Gene Ireland Beef programme.
- 453 herds taking a total of 5820 straws have joined so far.
- The average order is 13 straws per herd.
- An updated flyer on the available bulls can be viewed [here](#)
- To learn more or to order straws please phone **023 8820452**.
- Approximate total straws ordered to date for the remaining bulls are detailed below.

List of Bulls currently on-test

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Straws Ordered
GZJ	Goulding Eamonn	AA	365
AU2365	Calverstown Koala	AU	80
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	25
CH2154	Polar Joe 2	CH	260
CH2221	Jarret	CH	280
CH2363	Dolland Jefferson	CH	35
HE2359	Arlinstown Special 13 th	HE	65
LM2242	Edakya	LM	465
PT2356	Macgowan Herd Jumbo	PT	75
ZKY	Kyle Herd Ivan	PT	485
PI2157	Kilree Leo	PI	265
ZBZ	Breffni Muzz	SA	375
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	10
SH2181	Coolvin Dominator	SH	105
SH2361	Doon Gladiator	SH	220
SH2360	Doon Giorgio	SH	250
SI2469	Lisnacraann Fifty Cent	SI	235
SI2367	Barnattin George 2	SI	60
SI2362	Dermotstown Gigantosaurus	SI	70
ETP	Curaheen Evolution P	SI	450

5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 15/07/16

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 15/07/16	No. EDIY Herds YTD 15/07/16	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 15/07/16	No. EDIY Cows YTD 15/07/16	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,633	1,114	31%	349,846	117,062	33%
Progressive	2,275	909	40%	241,154	96,293	40%
Tipperary	114	50	44%	10,712	4,489	42%
Total	6,022	2,073	34%	601,712	217,844	36%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15- 15/07/15	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16- 15/07/16	2016 vs 2015 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	358,586	349,846	-2.4%
Progressive	245,147	241,154	-1.6%
Tipperary	11,375	10,712	-5.8%
Total	615,108	601,712	-2.2%

6 Sheep Ireland

Ram Breeder Workshops

- ✚ This week marks the final week of our ram breeder workshops. On Monday evening (11th July) we visited the flock of James and David McKane in Killygordon, Co. Donegal. The McKanes are breeding Charollais and Texel sheep and have been involved in performance recording for a number of years now. Again there was some excellent discussion at the workshop from those in attendance. Our final workshop takes place this evening (Friday 15th July) on the farm of Michael Murphy in Tuam, Co. Galway.
- ✚ In general we feel that these workshops were a worthwhile exercise. At each event we circulated feedback sheets to be completed by those in attendance and the feedback has been excellent. The messages at each workshop have been simple and breeders have definitely gone away with a better understanding of how the indexes work. If we decide to organise such events in the future we will need to look at ways to get better attendance as it is critical that breeders understand the basics behind the Euro-Stars. As mentioned before, LambPlus ram breeders will interact with far more commercial farmers than Sheep Ireland will so by educating ram breeders, hopefully this will help to educate commercial farmers.



Kevin McDermott (Sheep Ireland) addressing ram breeders on the farm of James McKane in Donegal

Ultrasound Scanning

- ✚ A total of 150 flocks have been scanned to date. Last week 33 flocks were visited and ultrasonically scanned and had all lambs in the flock weighed. All lambs being ultrasonically scanned need to be tagged with the official NSIS tag. It is very important to have your scales in good working order on the day. Full requirements for the scanning visit were circulated to all breeders by letter a number of weeks ago.

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 06-JUL-2016 To 15-JUL-2016

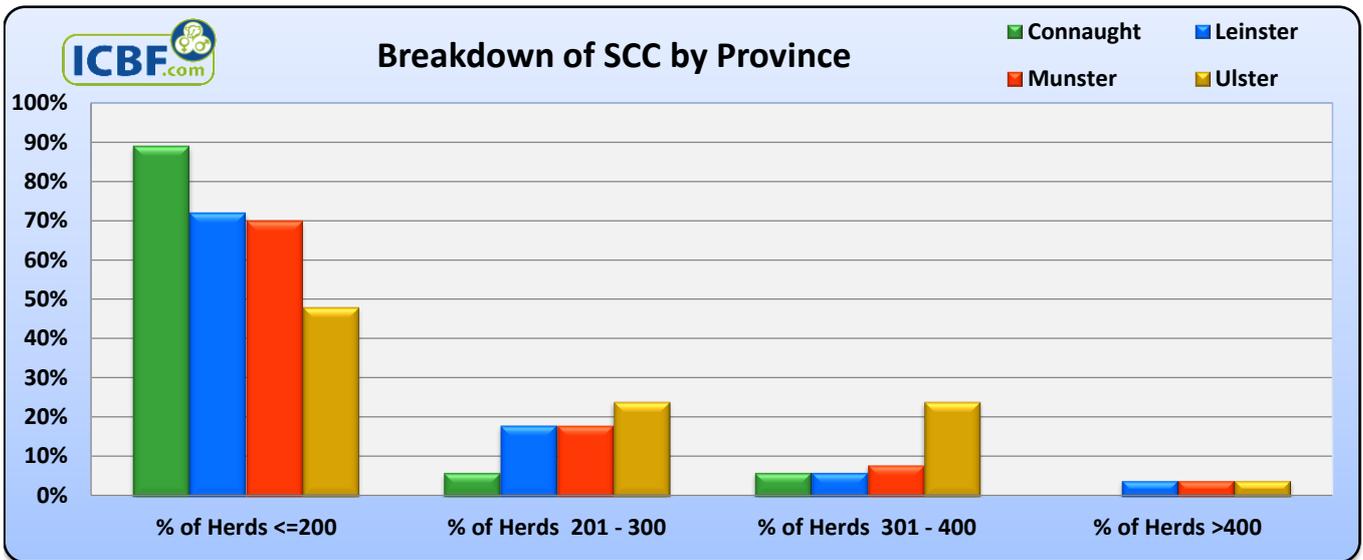
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	18	1,163	65	25.4	3.81	3.36	1.82	117
Leinster	152	14,718	97	23.6	3.76	3.40	1.68	148
Munster	567	52,175	92	23.7	3.87	3.45	1.73	158
Ulster	25	2,149	86	24.4	3.82	3.36	1.74	177
National Statistics	762	70,205	92	23.7	3.84	3.44	1.72	155

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 06-JUL-2016 To 15-JUL-2016

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	18	1,163	65	89%	6%	6%	0%	117
Leinster	152	14,718	97	72%	18%	6%	4%	148
Munster	567	52,175	92	70%	18%	8%	4%	158
Ulster	25	2,149	86	48%	24%	24%	4%	177
National Statistics	762	70,205	92	70%	18%	8%	4%	155

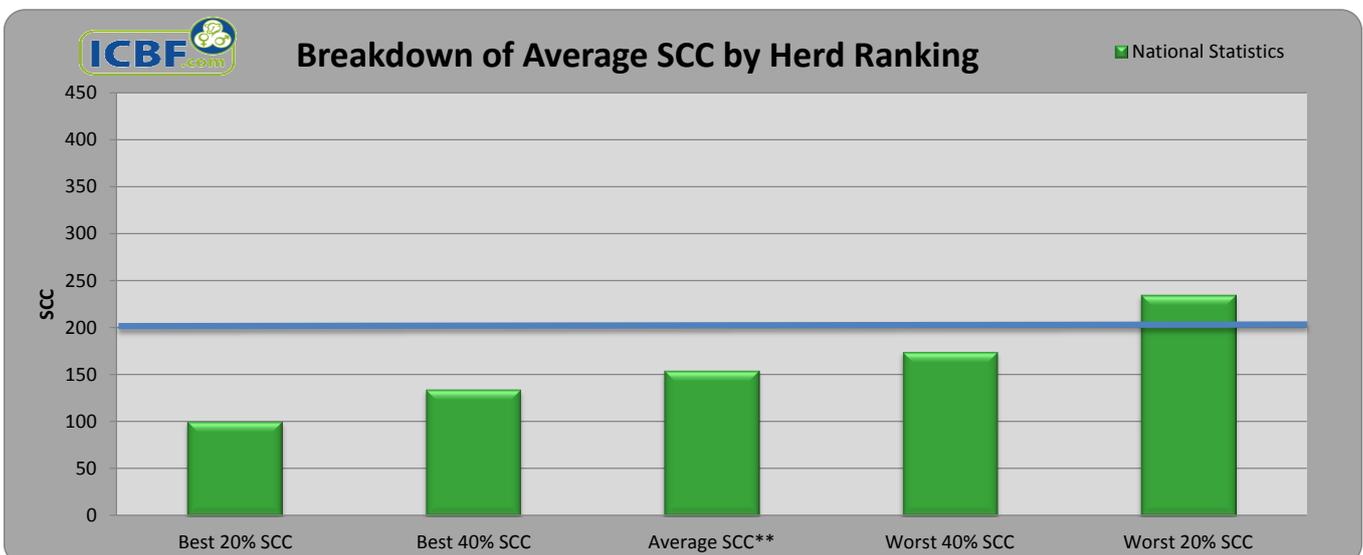
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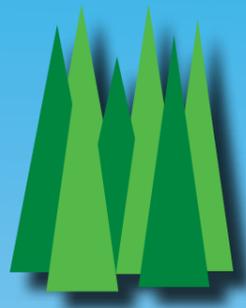


% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 06-JUL-2016 To 15-JUL-2016

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	18	1,163	65	65	101	154	160	182
Leinster	152	14,718	97	92	131	151	171	224
Munster	567	52,175	92	102	134	154	175	238
Ulster	25	2,149	86	105	162	224	239	323
National Statistics	762	70,205	92	100	134	154	174	234

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)





IRISH GRASSLAND ASSOCIATION

Dairy Summer Tour, sponsored by AIB

Tuesday 19th July 2016



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Event Focus: "Milk production on more challenging soils"

Farm 1: Sean O'Riordan, Knockenaugh, Kiskeam, Co. Cork.

- Listen to Sean talk about the development of his 80 ha heavy soil dairy farm
- See how Sean has drained some of the heaviest paddocks on the milking platform and increased grass yield
- Hear Sean's thoughts on changing the breed of his dairy herd to suit more challenging soils

Farm 2: Conor Creedon, Gortnagown, Rathmore, Co. Kerry.

- Hear Conor's story of evolving from a mixed enterprise 20 cow farm in the late '90's to milking 95 cows today on a 26 ha milking platform
- Explore how Conor's herd is delivering over 90% 6-week in-calf rates
- See how Conor has developed an elevated steep hill farm to grow over 16 T DM/ha grass in 2015

- Pre-registration is essential as this event sells out early every year
- Registration at 8:30am The Green Glens Arena Millstreet
(STRICTLY no parking or admission at either farm)
- Cost: €30 for IGA members €60 for non IGA members
(These discounted rates apply if you register online by Friday 8th July)

Admission by pre-registration ONLY. Book today and don't miss out on this exciting event!
Web: www.irishgrassland.com Phone: 087 9626483

