

1. Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Cattle Breeding Consultation Meeting** – Wed. 21st July, 9:30 to 17:15 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise. Agenda attached.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 16th September, 10:30 to 14:00 – Highfield House, Bandon.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 16th September, 14:00 to 16:30 – Highfield House, Bandon.

2. ICBF Board

The Board met on Thursday this week and welcomed Tom Wilson a dairy farmer from West Cork who has been appointed by ICMSA. He replaces Kevin Connolly who has served on the Board since 2000.

At its meeting the Board:

- ✚ Endorsed the agreement for the introduction of catalogue services in conjunction with ICBF's Herd Book members.
- ✚ Was advised that consideration of a request by beef Herd Book members for the appointment of additional beef expertise was currently on hold pending the outcome of the current review of breeding schemes.
- ✚ Approved, on the recommendation of the Audit & Finance Sub-Committee, ICBF's application for NDP funding for 2011.
- ✚ Agreed to consider the membership of the Audit & Finance Sub-Committee at its September meeting.
- ✚ Considered and approved the development and promotion of IGenoP by ICBF. (A description of IGenoP can be found publications section of www.icbf.com).
- ✚ Was informed of the scope and importance of the relationship between ICBF and Teagasc.
- ✚ Agreed that ICBF seeks certification for Code-EFABAR as an umbrella organization and facilitates certification for those of its members that are interested. (Details of Code-EFABAR can be found here - <http://www.effab.org/CODEEFABAR.aspx>).
- ✚ Reviewed the outcome of the recent ICAR and Interbull meetings held in Riga and to be hosted in Ireland in 2012.
- ✚ Was briefed on the discussions that are currently taking place as part of the Breeding Scheme Review. Further work is currently being undertaken and will be reported later in the year.

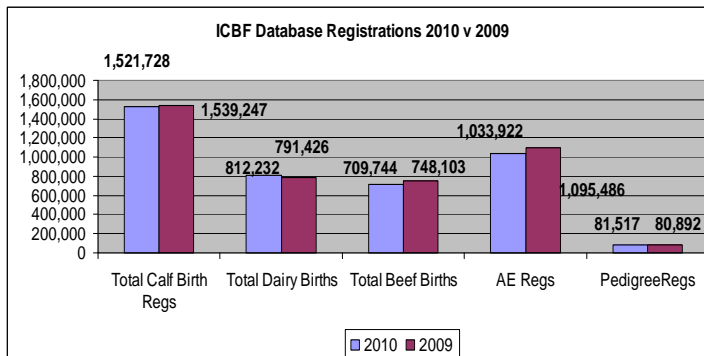
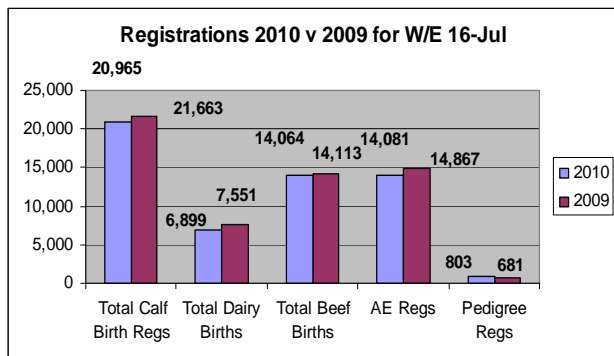
3. Sheep Ireland Board

The Interim Sheep Board met on Thursday this week.

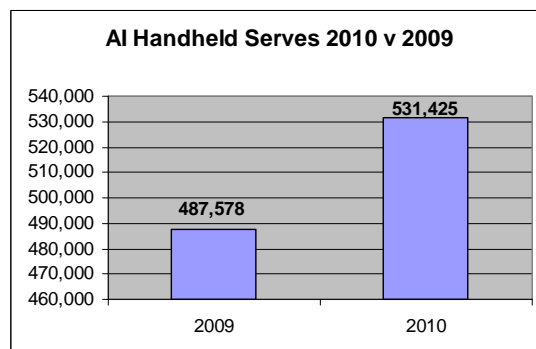
At its meeting the Board:

- ✚ Approved, on the recommendation of the Audit & Finance Sub-Committee, Sheep Ireland's application for NDP funding for 2011.
- ✚ Reviewed and discussed the project managers report. (A copy of this report is in the publications section of www.sheep.ie).
- ✚ Received and discussed a presentation from the Chief Executive on future directions for Sheep Ireland.
- ✚ Reviewed the outcome of the recent ICAR and Interbull meetings held in Riga and to be hosted in Ireland in 2012.

4. Database



- The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFF AIM systems.
- In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2009 born calves with meal introduced is 650,964 with the number of animals weaned at 587,243.
- A significant update to the suckler scheme keying screens has gone live this week.
- Vets wishing to begin interacting with the AHI/ICBF system can register at <http://www.animalhealthireland.ie/registerpage.php>.
- Work is continuing on a web tool to help manage the storing of samples used in the genomics process at ICBF.
- The new Embryo Transfer (ET) screens for herdbooks are now live.
- Work is ongoing on the window server infrastructure, involving a move to a more resilient infrastructure for email, and file servers.
- Work on a new infrastructure for communicating with marts is on-going, with a view to getting the data flows on a more efficient and effective basis.
- The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2010 compared with 2009.



5. Genetic Evaluations

- All extracts have now been performed ahead of the August routine evaluations for dairy and beef.
- Preparation of pedigree files for genetic evaluations has begun.
- Work on various research topics is being finalised ahead of the beef and dairy industry meeting next week.

6. Sheep Ireland

- The 2010 results for the CPT Rams are now up online www.sheep.ie
- Genetic Evaluations continue to be distributed to all Lambplus Breeders. Once they have all been distributed they also will be put up online.
- The DNA parentage results are currently being received for the commercial MALP Lambs. Once this data has been loaded and the genetic evaluation results have been created these results will then be distributed and the results also put up on the web.
- Weight reports are currently being sent to all MALP & CPT farmers. These reports summarise all of the weighings that have taken place on these flocks in 2010.

7. Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 06/07/10 to 16/07/10

	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	13	759	58	23.9	3.88	3.35	1.73	397
CAVAN	32	1,747	55	24.2	3.72	3.30	1.70	362
CLARE	44	2,435	55	23.6	3.70	3.34	1.66	262
CORK STH	278	20,318	73	23.4	3.82	3.37	1.68	317
CORK NTH	288	21,190	74	24.2	3.81	3.43	1.75	277
DONEGAL	12	1,474	123	24.9	4.03	3.38	1.85	377
DUBLIN	6	505	84	23.7	3.83	3.30	1.69	302
GALWAY	26	2,094	81	24.5	3.74	3.36	1.74	349
KERRY	152	9,712	64	25.3	3.64	3.31	1.76	345
KILDARE	17	1,329	78	26.4	3.65	3.33	1.84	616
KILKENNY	52	4,151	80	23.4	3.67	3.33	1.64	285
LAOIS	34	2,554	75	22.9	3.64	3.19	1.56	698
LEITRIM	3	202	67	19.4	3.86	3.32	1.39	410
LIMERICK	121	8,726	72	24.6	3.65	3.38	1.73	291
LONGFORD	6	359	60	23.6	3.70	3.26	1.64	454
LOUTH	24	2,122	88	26.0	3.57	3.28	1.78	439
MAYO	30	1,639	55	26.3	3.18	3.45	1.74	359
MEATH	47	4,141	88	24.1	3.58	3.25	1.65	413
MONAGHAN	31	1,888	61	25.7	3.57	3.14	1.72	339
OFFALY	12	749	62	26.3	3.63	3.28	1.82	313
ROSCOMMON	4	243	61	24.2	3.95	3.42	1.78	413
SLIGO	8	376	47	27.7	3.81	3.33	1.98	326
TIPPERARY NTH	40	3,333	83	22.4	3.90	3.37	1.63	325
TIPPERARY STH	69	5,590	81	20.9	3.84	3.37	1.51	320
WATERFORD	45	3,832	85	22.1	4.00	3.46	1.65	270
WESTMEATH	14	1,062	76	22.7	3.71	3.35	1.60	406
WEXFORD	64	4,767	74	23.2	3.75	3.36	1.65	327
WICKLOW E	17	1,351	79	22.4	3.44	3.27	1.50	347
WICKLOW W	8	783	98	22.8	3.74	3.25	1.59	471
	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Average Herd Size	Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F + P kg	Average SCC
National	1,497	109,431	74	24.0	3.72	3.33	1.69	373

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 06/07/10 to 16/07/10

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	1037	75,136	72	23.3	3.80	3.38	1.67	301
Leinster	314	24,632	78	24.0	3.67	3.29	1.67	421
Connacht	71	4,554	64	24.4	3.71	3.38	1.73	371
Ulster	75	5,109	68	24.9	3.77	3.27	1.76	359

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 16/07/10

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 16/07/10	No. EDIY Herds YTD 16/07/10	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 16/07/10	No. EDIY Cows YTD 16/07/10	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,546	991	28%	269,777	82,989	31%
Progressive	1,982	751	38%	169,076	63,114	37%
Tipperary	131	55	42%	11,234	5,153	46%
Connacht	143	54	38%	9,314	3,457	37%
Total	5,802	1,851	32%	459,401	154,713	34%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2009 Cows Recorded 01/01/09 - 16/07/09	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 16/07/10	2010 vs. 2009 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	249,174	269,777	7.6%
Progressive	169,557	169,076	-0.3%
Tipperary	10,736	11,234	4.4%
Connacht	8,659	9,314	7.0%
Total	438,126	459,401	4.6%

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ICBF Cattle Breeding Consultation Meeting – Wednesday 21st July 2010 – Maldron Hotel, Port Laois

The meeting is in three parts. Please feel free to attend the part that is most relevant to your interests.

Agenda:

9.30 Tea & Coffee.

Dairy traits & dairy breeding programs. 10 AM – 11.30 AM.

10.00 Index developments, including EBI, new labour sub-index, culling index and other traits - Andrew

10.20 Test-day evaluations; milk production traits – John McCarthy.

10.40 Dairy genomics research – Donagh.

11.00 Genomics operational – Francis.

Dairy & Beef. Common agenda items. 11.45 AM – 3.00 PM.

11.45. Female fertility traits – Ross.

12.30. Male fertility traits – Ross.

1.00 Lunch.

1.30. Calving traits – Francis.

2.15 Beef carcass cut data & other beef traits – Thierry.

2.30 AI application process – Pat.

2:45 Catalogues – Brian W

Beef traits & beef breeding programs. 3.00 PM – 5.15 PM.

3.00 Lessons from Grange research & BETTER farms programs – Aidan Murray.

3.20 Linking Tully & beef industry data - John Crowley.

3.40 Beef linear traits – Contemporary groups – Ross.

4.10 Maternal weaning weight – Ross.

4.30 Developments in Euro-Star evaluations – Tim Byrne.

4.50 Beef genomics research – Donagh.

5:00 Beef Specialist – Brian W

5.15 Close of meeting.