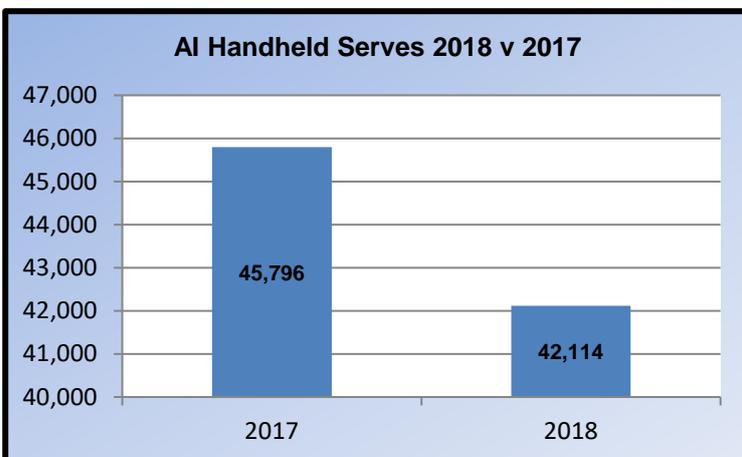
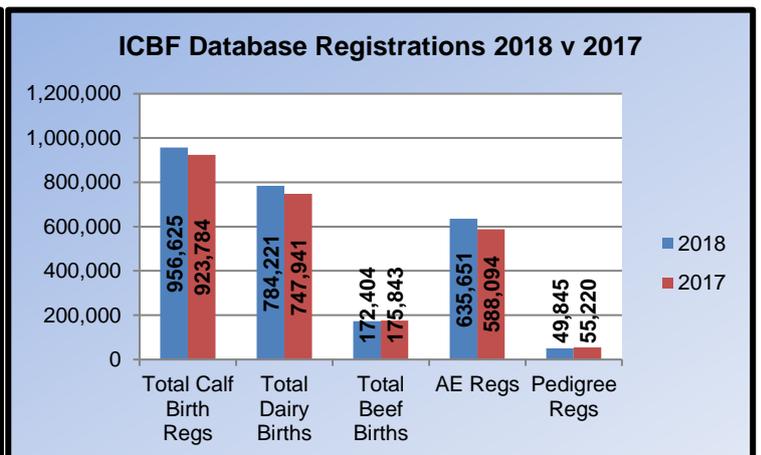
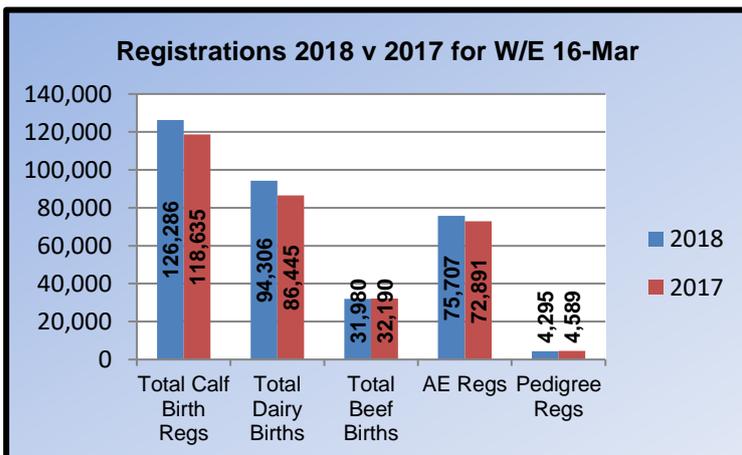


ICBF Weekly Update 16th March 2018

1 Important Dates

- Audit & Finance Meeting** – Thursday 29th March at 10:00am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 5th April at 10:00am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 5th April at 2:00pm, Killeshin Hotel, 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 929,168 results received since January 1st, of which 172,780 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 12,850,682 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2018 compared with 2017.

3 Herd Plus®

Pedigree Charolais breeder Richard Hackett based in Clonlara, Co. Clare spoke with ICBF this week on the history of the Limkiln herd and what attracted him to WHPR. Click [here](#) for more details.

Paschal Coughlan, HerdPlus Technical Support explains 10 benefits to be gained from milk recording. Click [here](#) for more details.

Recent results from Tully Test Centre located in Kildare town have demonstrated an average difference of €110 in the finishing period between 5-star commercial bulls and 1-star bulls, based on their terminal index. Click [here](#) for further details.



ICBF and the programme partners are now selling 5 GENE IRELAND AI bulls that have met their target semen requirement. These bulls have been primarily selected based on their Replacement Index. Click [here](#) for more details.



4 GENE IRELAND® Beef

- Orders are continuing for the GI Beef Spring 2018 bulls.
- 221 herds taking a total of 3,345 straws have ordered so far.
- The average order is 15 straws per herd
- Details on the bulls available can be viewed on the ICBF website.
- To learn more or to order straws please telephone **023 8820452**.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Replacement Index	Across Breed Stars	Total Straws Ordered
SA4461	Spiddal Pat	SA	€155	5	75
SI4347	Leeherd Harry	SI	€122	5	275
SI4350	Rubyjen Here's Johnny	SI	€122	5	135
AA4375	Carrigroe Nationwide	AA	€118	5	280
LM4356	Coisceim Lex	LM	€113	5	490
LM4360	Aherla K 7 P	LM	€109	5	155
LM4358	Montclare Lopez	LM	€106	5	80
AA4357	Mckeague Noddy	AA	€105	5	105
CH4213	Blanchefield Lester	CH	€91	4	135
PT4215	Leacan King	PT	€90	4	160
CH4218	Woodhead Meldrew	CH	€88	4	295
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	€88	4	460
HE4292	Allowdale Rory 594	HE	€83	4	260

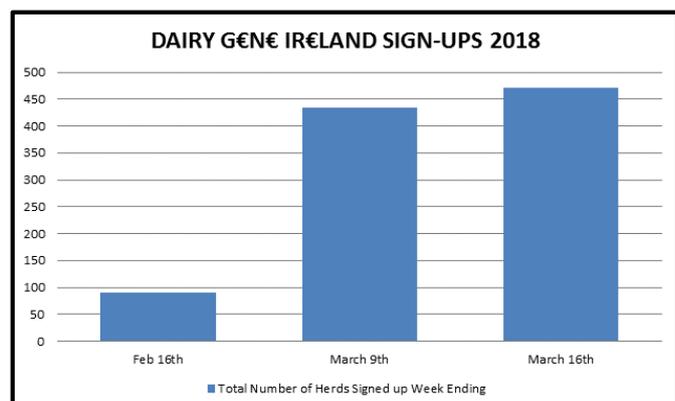
Approximate total straws ordered to date for the bulls are detailed above.

5 GENE IRELAND® Dairy

- There are 471 herds signed up to the programme taking a total of 18,299 straws.
- Orders continue to be received for this programme.
- The panel consists of 60 Holstein Friesians, 7 Pure Friesians, 5 Jerseys, 4 Crossbreds and 2 Norwegian Reds.

BREED PACKS AND AVERAGE EBI'S

- Holstein-Friesian: €285
- Pure Friesian: €91
- Multi Breed: €202



- ✚ Multi-breed pack may contain Holstein, Friesian, Norwegian Red, Jersey and Crossbred bulls.
- ✚ Allocations will commence shortly based on semen availability.
- ✚ To Learn more or to Order straws please telephone **023 8820452** or check website for details.

[Click here for potential Holstein/Friesian Dairy list](#)

[Click here for potential Pure Friesian, Norwegian Red, Jersey and Jersey Crossbred list](#)

6 Tully

- ✚ The Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture visited Tully Test Centre recently.

Topics discussed included:

- Overview of ICBF.
- Eurostar indexes.
- WHPR.
- BDGP.
- TULLY PROGENY TEST CENTRE.
- GENE Ireland breeding programs.



7 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 16/03/18						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 16/03/18	No. EDIY Herds YTD 16/03/18	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 16/03/18	No. EDIY Cows YTD 16/03/18	% Cows EDIY
Munster	1,058	98	9%	74,786	8,641	12%
Progressive	823	151	18%	66,629	13,174	20%
Tipperary	9	2	22%	595	146	25%
Total	1,890	251	13%	142,010	21,961	15%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 16/03/17	YTD 2018 Cows Recorded 01/01/18 - 16/03/18	2018 vs 2017 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	85,414	74,786	-12.4%
Progressive	74,294	66,629	-10.3%
Tipperary	580	595	2.6%
Total	160,288	142,010	-11.4%

8 Sheep Ireland

CPT Lambing

✚ Lambing has now kicked off on our 4th CPT flock and is starting to wind down on our other 3 flocks. So far, records for over 2,200 lambs have hit the database and all have been recorded with a sire, dam and a lamb vigour rating. All ewes that lamb down have their lambing difficulty recorded as well as their milk ability and mothering ability. Special care and attention is taken when recording fosters and pets and all lambs are accounted for. All this data is being inputted through our new Sheep Ireland App which is being trialled on the CPT flocks this year. Overall, we are very pleased with how the recording App has worked over this very intensive compact lambing period. While the lambing period is still not yet complete, so far, we have been happy with how it has progressed considering the difficult weather conditions we have been experiencing of late. Again, be sure to follow us on [Snapchat](#) [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) as we approach day 147 on Brian Nicholson's farm.



- ✚ Want to know what our CPT Project is all about?
See a short [video](#) here of Sean explaining what's involved!

National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 07-MAR-2018 To 16-MAR-2018

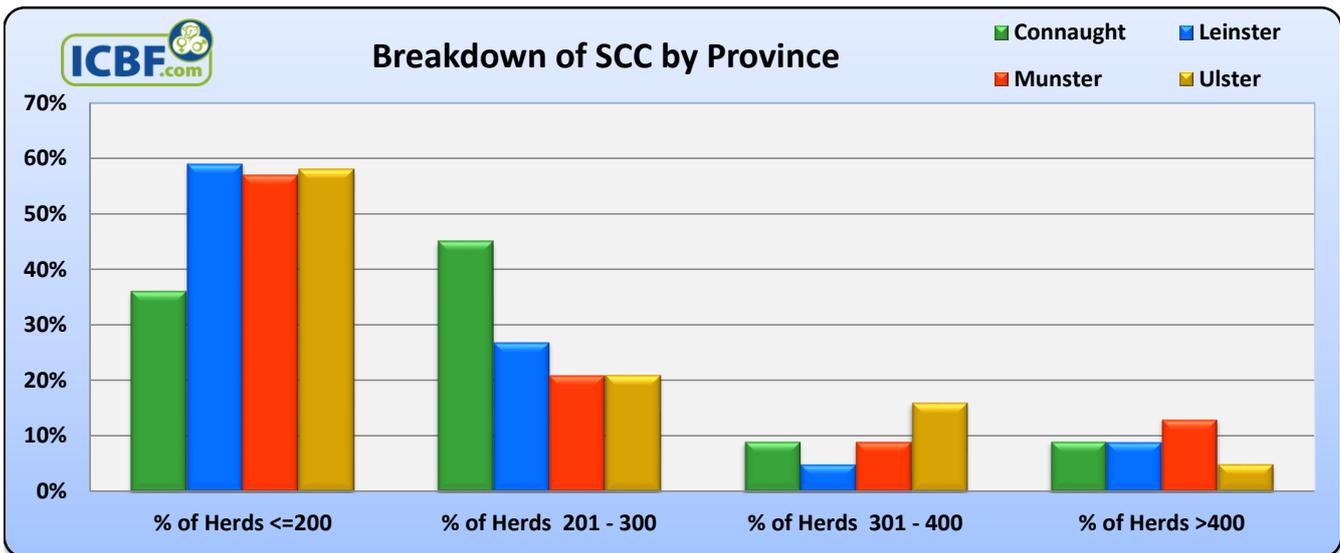
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	11	552	50	23.6	4.04	3.24	1.72	203
Leinster	66	6,672	101	23.8	4.29	3.32	1.82	168
Munster	341	25,071	74	24.7	4.27	3.21	1.85	172
Ulster	19	1,167	61	26.5	4.03	3.27	1.92	135
National Statistics	437	33,462	77	24.6	4.25	3.23	1.84	170

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 07-MAR-2018 To 16-MAR-2018

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	11	552	50	36%	45%	9%	9%	203
Leinster	66	6,672	101	59%	27%	5%	9%	168
Munster	341	25,071	74	57%	21%	9%	13%	172
Ulster	19	1,167	61	58%	21%	16%	5%	135
National Statistics	437	33,462	77	57%	22%	8%	12%	170

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 07-MAR-2018 To 16-MAR-2018

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	11	552	50	125	202	210	214	276
Leinster	66	6,672	101	99	161	186	203	276
Munster	341	25,071	74	89	141	173	207	327
Ulster	19	1,167	61	59	84	129	198	296
National Statistics	437	33,462	77	89	145	175	208	316

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

