

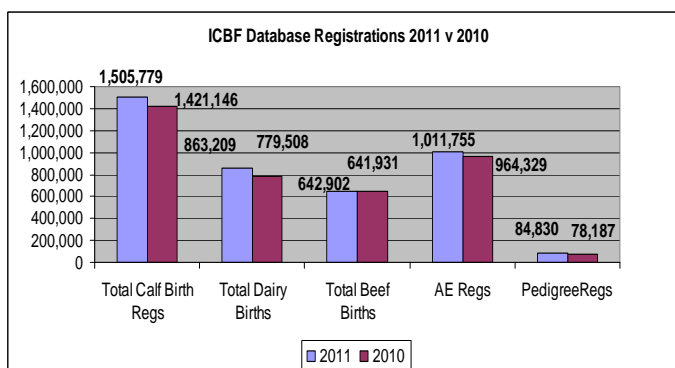
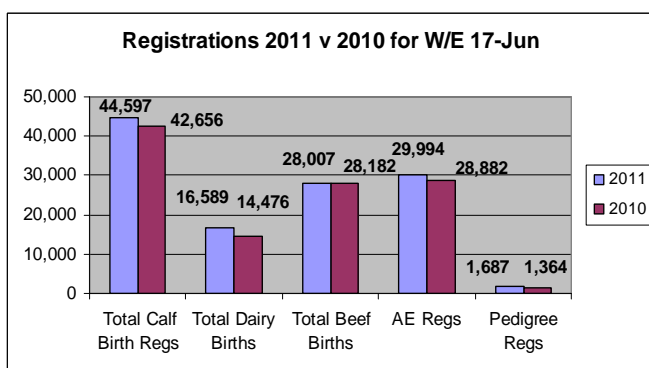
## 1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 10:00 to 10:30 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 10:30 to 13:00 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 14:00 to 16:30 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Tully Advisory Committee meeting** – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 10:00-2:00 - Tully

## 2 Tully

- ✚ Currently bulls are having their concentrate offering increased gradually so as to ensure all bulls are on ad-lib concentrates prior to the start of their performance test. The performance test will start on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The test will last for 90 days and will finish at the start of October.
- ✚ Bulls are being washed at present to help maintain and promote hair growth. They are also being treated with a product called tactic at the time of washing, which treats and discourages external parasites such as lice and mange.
- ✚ Bulls had the second of their three weekly blood samples testing for IBR today. The first two weekly blood samples have come back clear for IBR for all bulls.
- ✚ Next week, all bulls will have two blood samples taken for Genomics research work.
- ✚ A Tully Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July and will run from 10.00am to 2.00pm. The meeting will take place at Tully and cover a number of topics such as the previous and current intake of bulls and the role of Tully going forward.

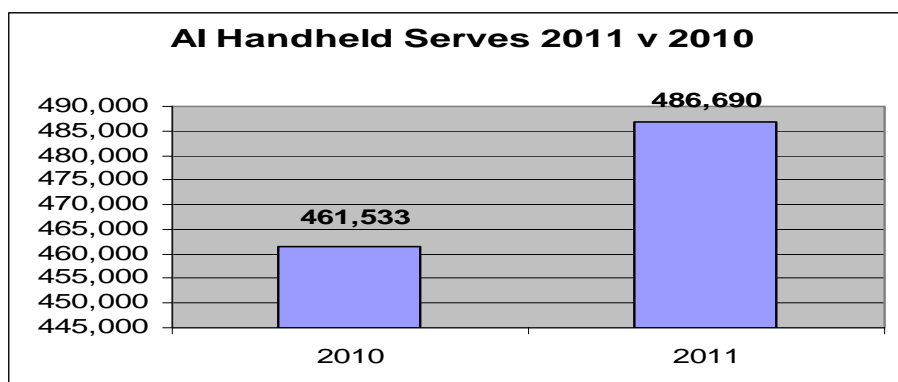
## 3 Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFF AIM systems.
- ✚ In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2010 born calves with meal introduced is 613,334 with the number of animals weaned at 547,224.
- ✚ Weight recording forms are being distributed to all Herdplus Beef herds today.

- ✚ A number of updates have been made to the weight recording screens and outputs this week, with a view to streamlining the existing process.
- ✚ Work began this week on the upgrade of our reporting infrastructure (Streamserve). This will be a significant piece of work taking place over the coming months. The existing version is no longer supported by the supplier.
- ✚ Work is on-going in establishing electronic links to the commercial animal health laboratories. A number of meetings will take place with individual labs next week.
- ✚ The DEP scheme recording sheet and web screens have now been completed. DAFF will be launching the 'health recording' phase of the scheme over the coming weeks.
- ✚ The table shows the % of first inseminations by breed of sire to dairy cows in 2011.

Breed of Sire	% of 2011 First Insems
HO	69%
FR	15%
JE	5%
AA	3%
BB	3%
HE	1%
LM	1%
NR	1%
AY	1%
Other	2%



The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2011 compared with 2010.

#### 4 GROW<sup>®</sup>

- ✚ 422 Pedigree animals were weighed and scored in May (up from 292 in May 2010).
- ✚ 383 Commercial animals were weighed and scored in May (up from 175 in February 2010).
- ✚ 100% of beef animals that were scored were also weighed in May.
- ✚ Work is continuing on the review of the GROW service.

#### 5 Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ 04 Jul 2011 Last Date for Data to be recorded.
- ✚ 25 Jul 2011 Last Date for animals to get Parent Average Data.
- ✚ 26 Jul 2011 Interbull Submission Date.
- ✚ 09 Aug 2011 Interbull Release Date.
- ✚ 15 Aug 2011 Official Publication Date.

## 6 Beef Herdplus

- ✚ Beef Herdplus Beef Packs continue to be sent out.
- ✚ A Beef Herdplus stand was exhibited at the recent Teagasc Grange Open Day for the Derrypatrick Herd.
- ✚ It was a very well attended event. Excellent information was provided about the Derrypatrick Herd. There was also good interest in the Beef Herdplus Service. Many new farmers signed up on the day.
- ✚ Pictured below is the Herdplus stand before the Open Day commenced (In Photo: Tim Byrne of Abacus Bio & Martina Moran of Beef Herdplus).
- ✚ Also photographed is one of 3 Tully Performance Tested Charolais Bulls purchased by Teagasc at the recent Tully sale. The Bull in the photo is 'Lislin Fred ET' – sired by CF52 out of an 'Excellent' dam. He was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 and was bred by William Cahill, Mullagh, Kells, Co. Meath. He has a Suckler Beef Value of €88/40% rel (4 Star) and is a 5 Star Bull for both Weanling Export (€1/47% rel) & Beef Carcass (€124/43%).



## 7 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 17/06/11						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 17/06/11	No. EDIY Herds YTD 17/06/11	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 17/06/11	No. EDIY Cows YTD 17/06/11	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,639	1,027	28%	283,979	87,682	31%
Progressive	2,299	842	37%	195,849	70,868	36%
Tipperary	141	62	44%	12,061	5,706	47%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,079</b>	<b>1,931</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>491,889</b>	<b>164,256</b>	<b>33%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 17/06/10	YTD 2011 Cows Recorded 01/01/11 - 17/06/11	2011 vs. 2010 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	257,099	283,979	9.5%
Progressive	173,817	195,849	11.2%
Tipperary	10,731	12,061	11.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>441,647</b>	<b>491,889</b>	<b>10.2%</b>

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 07/06/11 to 17/06/11								
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	1069	80,854	76	26.2	3.72	3.36	1.85	246
Leinster	350	30,580	87	26.2	3.72	3.36	1.86	247
Connacht	52	3,710	71	26.8	3.83	3.26	1.90	234
Ulster	79	5,678	72	25.9	3.78	3.29	1.83	242

**National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 07/06/11 to 17/06/11**

	<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>
CARLOW	9	733	81	27.2	3.98	3.35	1.99	228
CAVAN	32	1,842	58	27.0	3.62	3.27	1.86	210
CLARE	28	1,588	57	27.6	3.54	3.25	1.87	247
CORK STH	291	21,366	73	25.3	3.77	3.38	1.81	214
CORK NTH	296	22,805	77	26.2	3.73	3.41	1.87	229
DONEGAL	12	1,568	131	23.6	4.09	3.34	1.75	274
DUBLIN	4	210	53	29.7	3.43	3.35	2.01	314
GALWAY	25	2,077	83	26.0	4.08	3.31	1.92	258
KERRY	157	10,882	69	28.0	3.64	3.30	1.94	310
KILDARE	16	1,332	83	25.8	3.74	3.38	1.84	261
KILKENNY	46	4,106	89	24.8	3.64	3.40	1.75	204
LAOIS	38	3,175	84	25.0	3.89	3.41	1.83	227
LEITRIM	7	315	45	31.3	3.52	3.18	2.10	149
LIMERICK	116	8,598	74	25.8	3.67	3.34	1.81	294
LONGFORD	10	544	54	27.0	3.70	3.37	1.91	252
LOUTH	30	2,701	90	25.8	3.66	3.33	1.80	207
MAYO	14	926	66	28.0	3.48	3.23	1.88	284
MEATH	46	6,059	132	24.5	4.13	3.33	1.83	292
MONAGHAN	35	2,268	65	27.0	3.63	3.27	1.86	242
OFFALY	21	1,533	73	26.1	4.10	3.45	1.97	292
ROSCOMMON	2	95	48	26.4	3.78	3.21	1.85	257
SLIGO	4	297	74	22.1	4.28	3.37	1.69	223
TIPPERARY NTH	63	5,208	83	24.6	3.77	3.38	1.76	252
TIPPERARY STH	53	3,976	75	25.5	3.79	3.38	1.83	211
WATERFORD	65	6,431	99	26.4	3.86	3.43	1.92	213
WESTMEATH	17	1,174	69	26.9	3.51	3.24	1.82	187
WEXFORD	68	5,386	79	25.2	3.68	3.41	1.79	212
WICKLOW E	23	1,943	84	25.7	3.46	3.34	1.75	251
WICKLOW W	22	1,684	77	27.1	3.59	3.31	1.87	286
	<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>
<b>National</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>120,822</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>3.34</b>	<b>1.86</b>	<b>244</b>

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