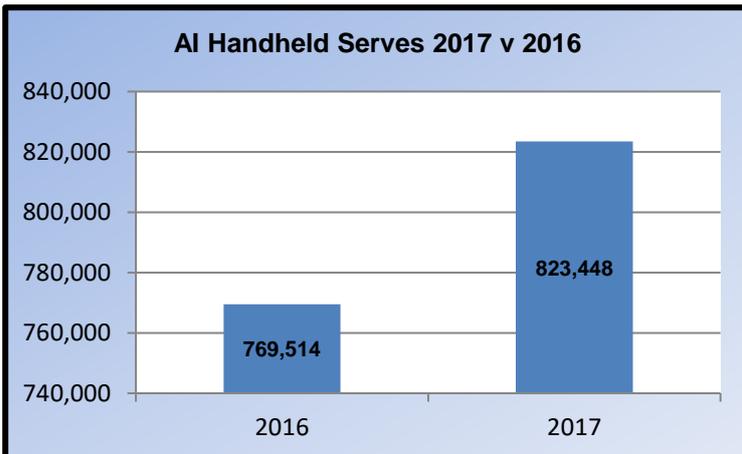
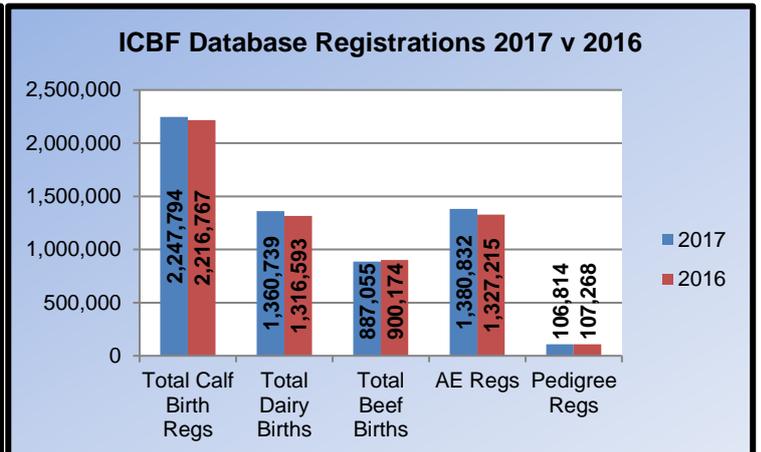
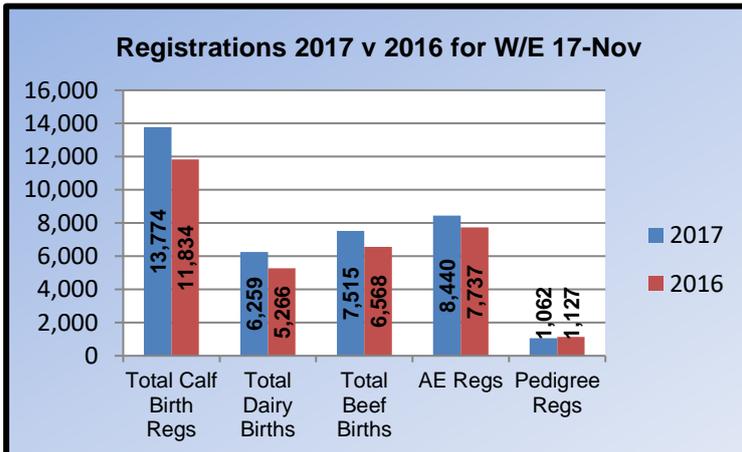


ICBF Weekly Update 17th November 2017

1 Important Dates

- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 23rd November at 2:00pm, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Friday 15th December at 10:30am, 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 2,314,113 results received since January 1st, of which 14,195 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,844,343 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

3 Herd Plus®

- The next genetic evaluation is scheduled for publication on 10th January 2018. All beef data, pedigree and all genotypes must be submitted to ICBF database before 24th November 2017 to be included in January 2018 official evaluation. Click [here](#) for more details.



- Some of the first calves from the 2016 Gene Ireland beef bulls are currently being born on farms. Here are some of Seepa Fionn's progeny. Click [here](#) for more details.



- The Gene Ireland Dairy Beef Programme was recently launched with industry partners at Mount Wolseley Hotel, Co. Carlow. Click [here](#) for more details.



- The first suckler bred heifers were slaughtered recently at Slaney Foods International, Bunclody, Co. Wexford. The progeny were sired by 32 different AI sires across 7 different breeds. It consisted of sixty Jan/Feb/March 2016 born heifers. Click [here](#) for further details.



- Farmers that don't record dry offs do not receive an accurate Annual Report for their herd or valid lactations for their animals that they have paid for. Click [here](#) for more details.



4 GENE IRELAND® Beef

- Sign-ups are continuing for the GI Beef Programme.
- 202 herds taking a total of 3300 straws have joined so far.
- The average order is 16 straws per herd.
- The CH bulls CH4251 and CH4252 reached the 500 straws target this week.
- Details on the bulls available can be viewed on the ICBF website.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Replacement Index	Across Breed Stars	Total Straws Ordered
AU4214	Johnstown Keith	AU	169	5	435
SI4250	Lis na Ri Gucci	SI	160	5	400
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	153	5	400
SI4322	Kickhams Handsome	SI	145	5	150
AA4089	Intelagri Matteo ET	AA	109	5	420
SH4209	Stoneyroyd Halcyon Matrix P	SH	104	5	230
CH4218	Woodhead Meldrew	CH	99	5	90
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	99	5	400
PT4215	Leacan King	PT	95	4	120
CH4213	Blanchefield Lester	CH	94	4	80
CH4320	Liseron	CH	86	4	120
LJE	Lislea Hermes	BA	82	4	375
HE4292	Allowdale Rory 594	HE	79	4	100

- To learn more or to order straws please telephone **023 8820452**.
- Approximate total straws ordered to date for the bulls are detailed in table.

5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 17/11/17						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 17/11/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 17/11/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 17/11/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 17/11/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,891	1,285	33%	396,929	143,211	36%
Progressive	2,359	1,007	43%	273,804	117,762	43%
Tipperary	113	51	45%	11,836	5,300	45%
Total	6,363	2,343	37%	682,569	266,273	39%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 17/11/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 17/11/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	366,087	396,929	8.4%
Progressive	257,631	273,804	6.3%
Tipperary	11,445	11,836	3.4%
Total	635,163	682,569	7.5%

6 Sheep Ireland

UK Sheep Breeders Roundtable Conference

- Today, Sheep Ireland personnel are attending the biennial Sheep Breeders Roundtable which takes place this weekend in Nottingham. The theme for this year is 'thinking positively'. This event always proves to be very informative with representatives from several performance recording Countries across the world in attendance. As always genetic improvement will be at the forefront of discussion. Keep up to date with progress on our [twitter](#) account.

Upcoming Regional Meetings

- Sheep Ireland would like to remind breeders and commercial sheep farmers interested in sheep breed improvement that our annual regional meetings are due to start this coming Tuesday 21st November. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Meeting Date	Meeting Location	Venue	Time of meeting
Tuesday 21/11/17	Mallow	Hibernian Hotel	7:30 pm
Tuesday 21/11/17	Navan	Newgrange Hotel	7:30 pm
Wednesday 22/11/17	Tuam	Ard Rí House Hotel	7:30 pm
Monday 27/11/17	Kilkenny	New Park Hotel	7:30 pm
Monday 27/11/17	Ballybofey	Jacksons Hotel	7:30 pm

The list of regional meetings being held by Sheep Ireland in advance of the 2018 sign-up deadline

Board Meeting

- ✚ If any breeder should have any specific issues they would like raised and discussed at Board level, we would ask you to contact your relevant representative. It is very important that we are made aware of any topic/issues that breeders may have, to resolve them as best we can. Our next Board meeting is due to take place next Thursday 23rd November and you can find a list of our current Board members [here](#).

Reminder LambPlus Deadline is fast Approaching

- ✚ The deadline for the receipt of LambPlus sign up forms is two weeks from today 1st December. Due to new data protection rules, that are due to come into effect in May 2018, it is necessary for Sheep Ireland to receive a signed LambPlus sign up form, from all breeders wishing to partake in the LambPlus program in 2018.

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 08-NOV-2017 To 17-NOV-2017

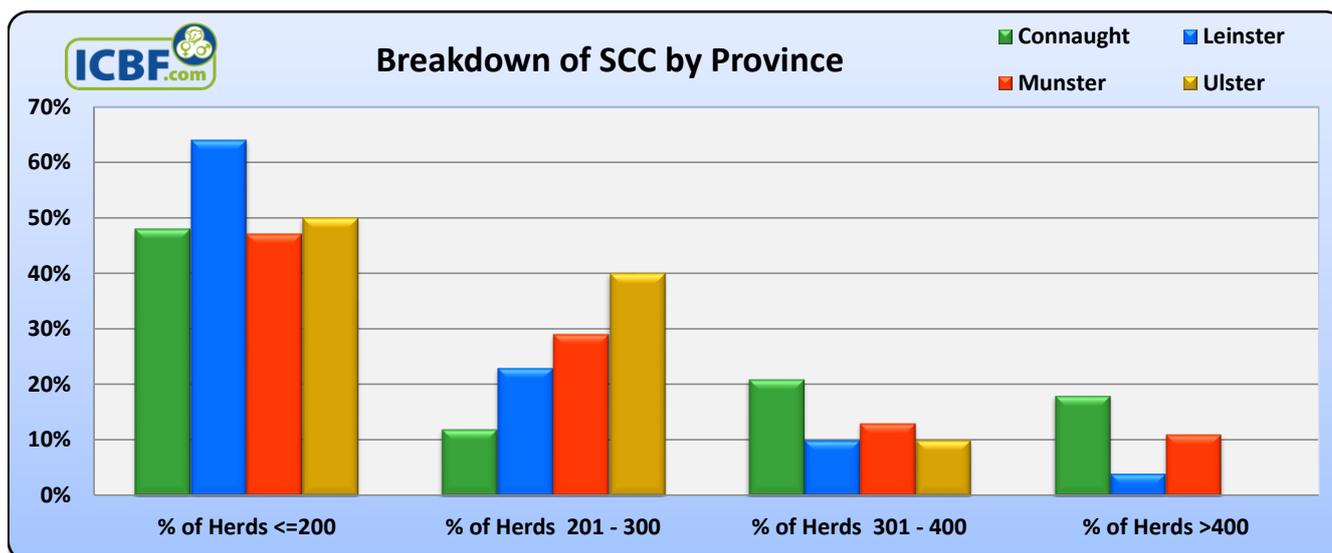
No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	33	2,682	81	13.2	4.61	3.81	209
Leinster	102	11,464	112	17.3	4.58	3.72	175
Munster	488	44,722	92	14.2	4.70	3.88	218
Ulster	20	1,192	60	17.1	4.23	3.58	184
National Statistics	643	60,060	93	14.8	4.66	3.84	209

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 08-NOV-2017 To 17-NOV-2017

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	33	2,682	48%	12%	21%	18%	209
Leinster	102	11,464	64%	23%	10%	4%	175
Munster	488	44,722	47%	29%	13%	11%	218
Ulster	20	1,192	60%	40%	10%	0%	184
National Statistics	643	60,060	49%	28%	13%	10%	209

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 08-NOV-2017 To 17-NOV-2017								
No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Best 20% SCC	Best 40% SCC	Average SCC**	Worst 40% SCC	Worst 20% SCC	
Connaught	33	2,682	81	101	170	212	286	382
Leinster	102	11,464	112	122	143	163	193	264
Munster	488	44,722	92	142	186	209	238	323
Ulster	20	1,192	60	129	190	201	214	284
National Statistics	643	60,060	93	134	180	202	229	319

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

