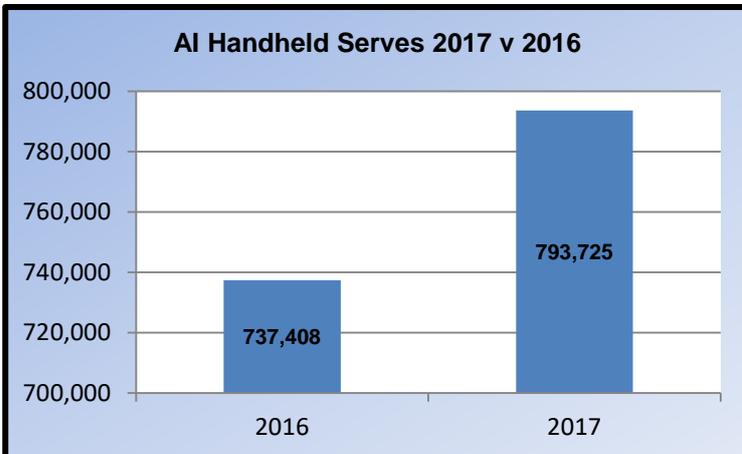
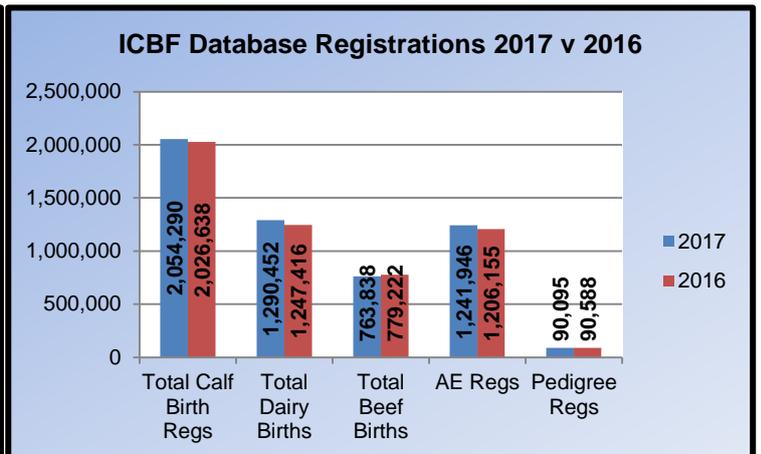
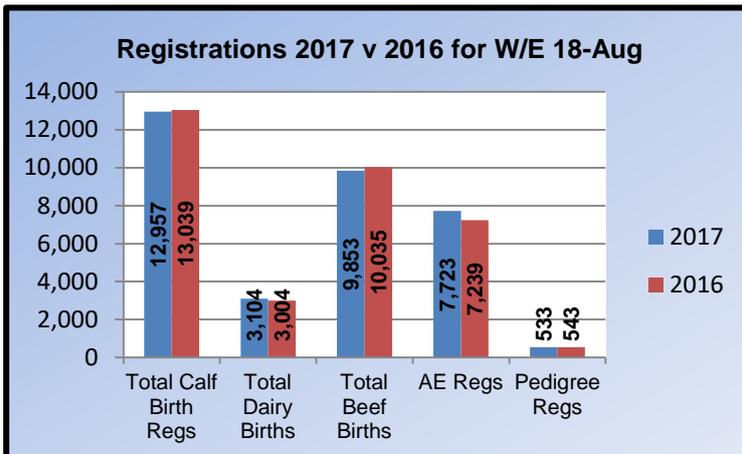


ICBF Weekly Update 18th August 2017

1 Important Dates

- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 7th September at 10:30am in Highfield House, Bandon.
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 14th September at 2:00pm, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 16th November 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 2,118,056 results received since January 1st, of which 16,423 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,648,288 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

3 Herd Plus®

- Video - Pdraig McLoughlin runs a 23 cow suckler to weaning system in Co. Leitrim. Click [here](#) for more details.



- Scanned your cows recently? You can now record 'Pregnancy Diagnosis' on ICBF.com. Click [here](#) for more details.



On-farm recorded data is a vital element of the Irish genetic evaluation process and the creation of the Euro-Star and EBI indexes. Click [here](#) for further details.



Garry Leader 4th (GYL) was a Shorthorn bull that was born on the 10th March 1978. His semen was marketed by North Western Cattle Breeding Society (now Munster & PG). Code: GYL. Click [here](#) for further details.



The first calves from the 2016 Gene Ireland beef bulls are currently being born on farms. Pictured is a Gene Ireland sired Cow. She is a genotyped 5 star with a replacement index of €112. Click [here](#) for more details.



4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 18/08/17						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 18/08/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 18/08/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 18/08/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 18/08/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,853	1,267	33%	389,989	140,260	36%
Progressive	2,310	965	42%	263,458	111,418	42%
Tipperary	111	50	45%	11,514	5,169	45%
Total	6,274	2,282	36%	664,961	256,847	39%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 18/08/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 18/08/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	353,024	389,989	10.5%
Progressive	246,590	263,458	6.8%
Tipperary	10,843	11,514	6.2%
Total	610,457	664,961	8.9%

5 Sheep Ireland

Sheep Ireland Sale – Final Preparations

The Annual Sheep Ireland Euro-Star Multi-Breed Ram Sale takes place on Saturday 26th August in Tullamore Mart at 12pm. This year we have our biggest entry ever with over 330 entries in total. The final numbers are not yet finalised, but as we stand today the breed breakdown is as follows:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 Vendeen • 65 Suffolk • 126 Charollais • 28 Belclare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Rouge • 1 Beltex • 90 Texel
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- ✚ Entries will be finalised on Monday 21st August, which is the final day for substitutes and withdrawals. Breeders are reminded, that if animals are catalogued and the breeder does not present them on the day of sale, that breeder will not be allowed to enter this sale in 2018. This decision has been made in order to deliver the best possible sale to ram buyers and to reduce any disappointment caused by certain lots not appearing for sale. Our late deadline for substitutes and withdrawals is designed to facilitate breeders making last minute withdrawal or ram substitute decisions.
- ✚ Due to the very large sale entry, there will be two Sale Rings in operation.
 - Sale ring 1 (Sold in this breed order) – Vendeen, Suffolk, Rouge, Beltex & Texel.
 - Sale ring 2 (Sold in this breed order) – Charollais & Belclare.
- ✚ Our final sales catalogue will be on our website https://www.sheep.ie/wp/?page_id=29 by Tuesday 22nd August. All rams will be 5 Star on the Terminal or Replacement index. Minimum accuracy of 35% is required. The breeders Data Quality Index (DQI) needs to be at least 60%. The flock needs to have carried out Ultrasound scanning in 2017. A thorough physical inspection will be carried out on all rams entering the sale. This high criteria will hopefully be attractive to farmers and draw them to the sale on the day!
- ✚ This sale is an extremely important event in terms of promoting and growing the level of performance recording in Ireland which will ultimately be a good thing for the entire sheep industry.



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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 09-AUG-2017 To 18-AUG-2017

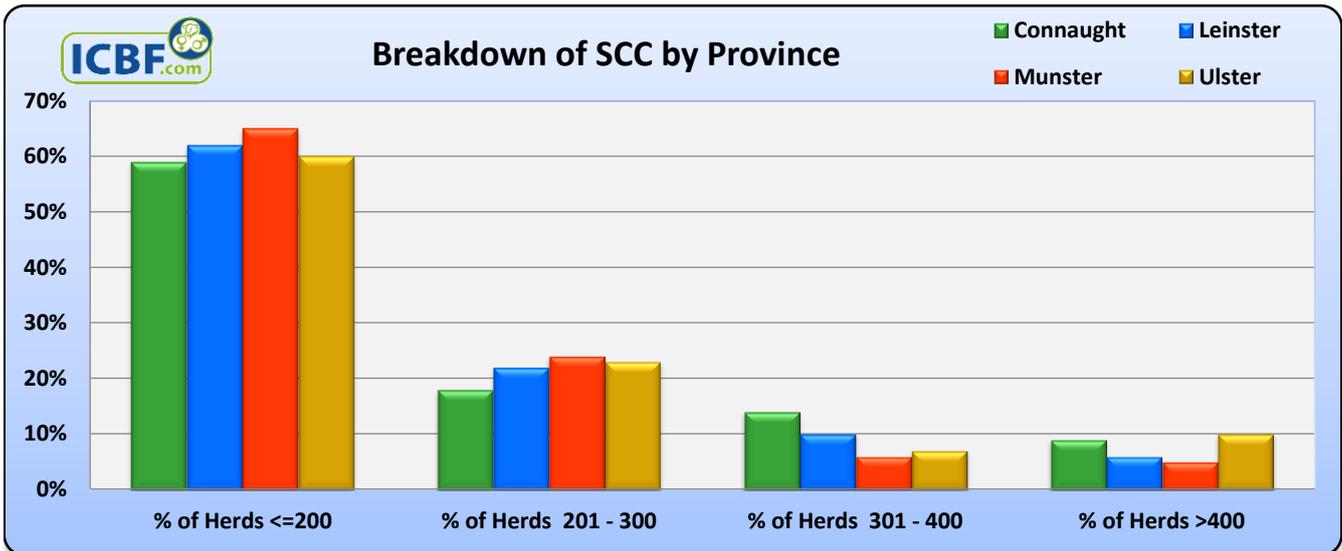
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	22	1,666	76	22.8	3.97	3.58	1.71	145
Leinster	167	16,342	98	22.1	4.02	3.53	1.66	161
Munster	540	52,233	97	22.0	4.07	3.55	1.67	163
Ulster	30	2,284	76	22.1	3.87	3.46	1.61	180
National Statistics	762	72,846	96	22.0	4.05	3.55	1.67	163

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 09-AUG-2017 To 18-AUG-2017

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	22	1,666	76	59%	18%	14%	9%	145
Leinster	167	16,342	98	62%	22%	10%	6%	161
Munster	540	52,233	97	65%	24%	6%	5%	163
Ulster	30	2,284	76	60%	23%	7%	10%	180
National Statistics	762	72,846	96	64%	23%	7%	6%	163

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 09-AUG-2017 To 18-AUG-2017								
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	22	1,666	76	70	108	143	194	313
Leinster	167	16,342	98	93	132	155	198	272
Munster	540	52,233	97	105	143	163	183	245
Ulster	30	2,284	76	114	151	176	199	267
National Statistics	762	72,846	96	101	142	161	188	254

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

