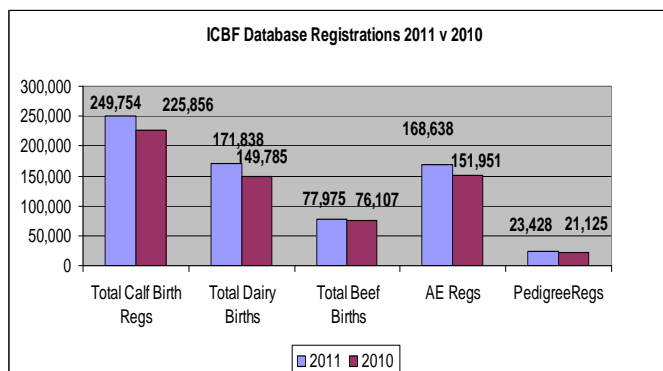
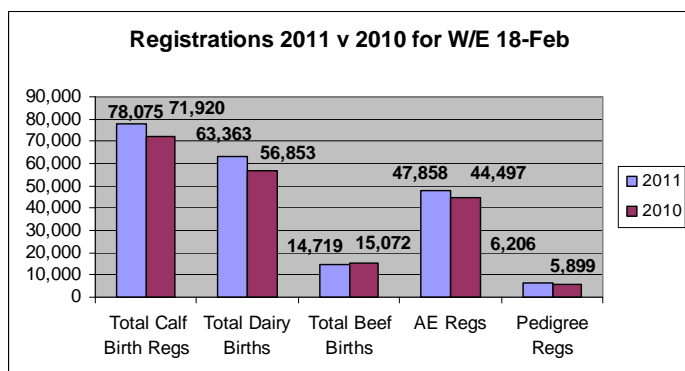


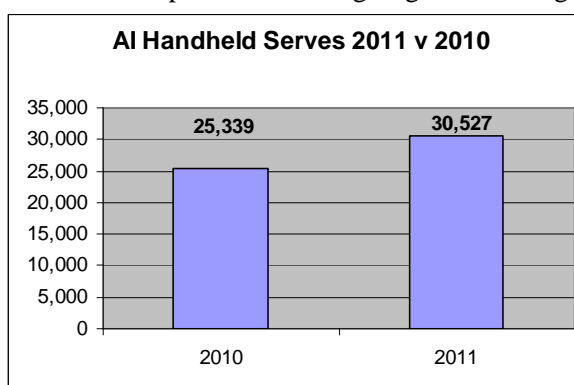
1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 10th March, 10:00 to 14:00 – Horse & Jockey Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 24th March, 10:00 to 14:00 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 24th March, 14:00 to 17:00 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Tully Bull Sale** – Monday 25th April, 12:00 to 16:00 – Tully Performance Test Centre, Tully.

2 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 577,321 with the number of animals weaned at 491,268.
- ✚ As the newly launched genotyping process progresses, on-going development tweaks are being carried out. The first farmer requests were processed this week.
- ✚ Further development on the outputs for farmers and AI companies of Genomic EBI results are on-going.
- ✚ Testing on a new authorisation module for farmers and their service providers is on-going. This will give farmers more flexibility and control in providing authorisation to others to see their data.
- ✚ Development of a new 'Weight Profile' is continuing. It will link up with the Teagasc Better Farms data collection process, but will also be available to all beef farmers.
- ✚ Work continues with AHI on the integration of laboratory health test results to the ICBF database.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2011 compared with 2010.



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Dairy

- ✚ There are 535 herds signed up to the programme taking a total of 22,453 straws.
- ✚ Straws have been allocated to 200 herds.
- ✚ Orders should be sent in as soon as possible or call 1850 600 900 for further updates.

Beef

- + 65 herds have signed up so far.
- + 5 interesting new bulls have been added to the panel this week.
- + Catalogues have been ordered and will be sent to herd owners next week.
- + Sign ups will then actively begin for the 2011 program.
- + More details on the bulls are available in the GENETIC EVALUATIONS section of the website.
- + To order straws phone 1850 600900 or 045 521573.
- + Approx total straws sent out per bull currently available are in the table below.

BREED	AA	BA	BB	BB	CH	CH	CH	HE	LM	LM	PT	SA	SI
CODE	MLJ	KCE	BZP	KYR	CSQ	LGL	DZP	GCT	CZH	ERE	CBQ	BHU	SXD
#STRAWS	318	355	0	660	0	199	0	93	408	0	154	621	0

4 Genetic Evaluations

- + Extracts for a new beef linear evaluation are underway. The results will be available on March 1st.
- + A new genomic run is currently underway with results expected early next week. The next evaluation will be in March, the date depending on when samples arrive from the labs.

5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 18/02/11						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 18/02/11	No. EDIY Herds YTD 18/02/11	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 18/02/11	No. EDIY Cows YTD 18/02/11	% Cows EDIY
Munster	683	34	5%	36,588	2,393	7%
Progressive	936	181	19%	60,138	12,015	20%
Tipperary	11	1	9%	508	41	8%
Connacht	65	6	9%	3,060	236	8%
Total	1,695	222	13%	100,294	14,685	15%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 18/02/10	YTD 2011 Cows Recorded 01/01/11 - 18/02/11	2011 vs. 2010 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	33,920	36,588	7.3%
Progressive	50,636	60,138	15.8%
Tipperary	292	508	42.5%
Connacht	2,830	3,060	7.5%
Total	87,678	100,294	12.6%

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 08/02/11 to 18/02/11

	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	7	550	79	26.5	3.91	3.36	1.93	382
CAVAN	13	463	36	24.4	4.04	3.27	1.78	296
CLARE	3	139	46	31.6	3.94	3.37	2.31	234
CORK STH	164	7,388	45	24.6	4.22	3.44	1.88	324
CORK NTH	92	4,540	49	25.1	4.23	3.44	1.93	325
DONEGAL	2	201	101	22.2	4.88	3.38	1.83	351
DUBLIN	3	152	51	24.9	3.68	3.37	1.76	414
GALWAY	8	314	39	24.3	4.15	3.35	1.82	487
KERRY	40	1,833	46	25.5	3.92	3.37	1.86	423
KILDARE	17	1,079	63	24.6	4.13	3.36	1.84	485
KILKENNY	10	521	52	25.5	3.66	3.29	1.77	311
LAOIS	19	840	44	21.9	4.16	3.54	1.69	462
LEITRIM	2	89	45	22.0	3.91	3.47	1.62	340
LIMERICK	34	1,751	52	26.3	3.88	3.39	1.91	337
LONGFORD	2	56	28	23.7	4.11	3.44	1.79	288
LOUTH	14	886	63	24.1	3.98	3.39	1.78	378
MAYO	12	537	45	20.6	3.76	3.28	1.45	553
MEATH	32	2,668	83	25.9	3.87	3.30	1.86	393
MONAGHAN	15	648	43	22.7	3.89	3.33	1.64	478
OFFALY	12	608	51	25.3	3.99	3.40	1.87	472
ROSCOMMON	2	45	23	22.2	4.27	3.33	1.69	545
SLIGO	4	121	30	16.8	3.21	3.22	1.08	291
TIPPERARY NTH	6	187	31	27.7	4.20	3.31	2.08	221
TIPPERARY STH	8	348	44	25.2	4.17	3.41	1.91	469
WATERFORD	13	762	59	24.9	4.16	3.41	1.88	227
WESTMEATH	10	537	54	25.5	3.92	3.41	1.87	326
WEXFORD	27	1,237	46	23.5	4.05	3.40	1.75	281
WICKLOW E	13	691	53	24.6	3.96	3.43	1.82	373
WICKLOW W	16	1,130	71	25.1	4.03	3.39	1.86	385
	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	600	30,321	51	24.4	4.01	3.37	1.80	374

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 08/02/11 to 18/02/11

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	360	16,948	47	26.4	4.09	3.39	1.97	320
Leinster	182	10,955	60	24.7	3.95	3.39	1.81	381
Connacht	28	1,106	40	21.2	3.86	3.33	1.52	443
Ulster	30	1,312	44	23.1	4.27	3.33	1.75	375

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