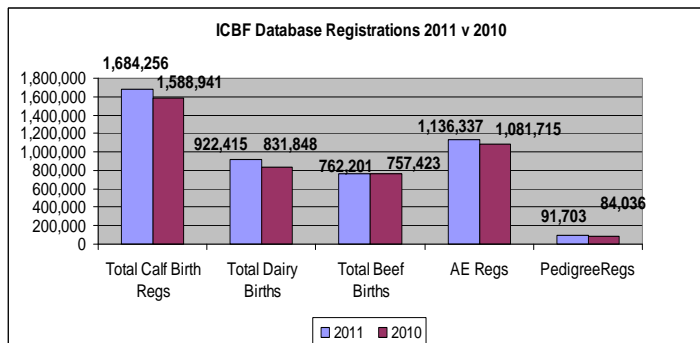
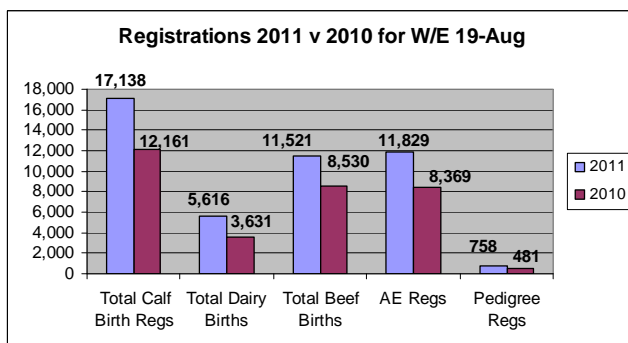


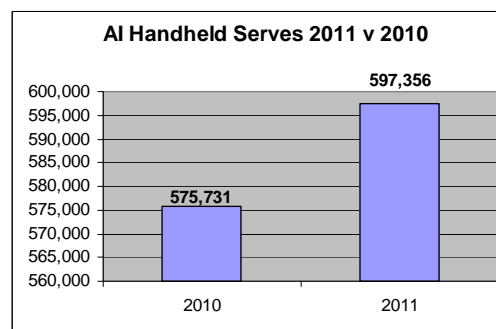
1 Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Dairy and Beef Industry meetings** – Wednesday 7th September, 10:00 to 17:00 - Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 15th September, 10:30 to 14:00 – ICBF, Highfield House, Bandon.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 22nd September, 14:00 to 16:30 – ICBF, Highfield House, Bandon.
- ✚ **High Health Status Sale** – Saturday 15th October 2011 – 12:00 to 2:00 - 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 637,148 with the number of animals weaned at 579,046.
- ✚ Suckler Scheme forms have been generated and distributed this week to all relevant herds.
- ✚ Testing continues on the prototype of a new cattle weighing scales with blue-tooth integration to ICBF handheld software.
- ✚ Work is on-going in building the systems that will support the up-coming national BVD eradication programme.
- ✚ The current batch of Dairy Co-op milk solids reports have now been distributed.
- ✚ Work on the screens to support the transfer of genotypes to and from the ICBF database is progressing well.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2011 compared with 2010.



3 Sheep Ireland

- ✚ The Sheep Ireland Multibreed LambPlus sale is nearly upon us. Entries have been finalised at 126 rams, consisting of animals from seven different breeds. There are some fantastic evaluation figures accompanying some of these rams so we hope that ram buyers will acknowledge the potential benefit of this information and attend the sale on the day. This sale will be a hugely important event going forward, as it will not only provide

LambPlus breeders with an opportunity to show case there high genetic merit rams, but will also serve as a great educational tool to inform ram buyers of the benefits of purchasing recorded rams.

- Last weekend was a busy one, with the Texel Premier show and sale attended on Friday and Saturday, and the Tullamore show attended on Sunday. Both events were extremely productive in terms of meeting with existing and potential LambPlus breeders and indeed in terms of speaking with commercial sheep farmers as to the merits of the Euro-Star system. The majority of commercial farmers which we spoke with over the course of the weekend showed a very good understanding of the Euro-Stars and the LambPlus system and this was hugely encouraging. It is nice to see that the message is getting out there.



Reserve Champion of the Texel Premier Show
2011-recorded in the O'Keefe flock.

- The Tullamore show was a great success, primarily down to our collaboration with Teagasc. As our stand was located outside the ever popular Teagasc tent it ensured that we had a huge amount of traffic on the day, and the livestock that we presented on the day ensured that people were attracted to our location. We would like to sincerely thank the Teagasc staff on the day who accommodated us in any way they could especially Paul Fox who organised the collaboration. Also a big thanks to Gordon and Yvonne Johnston who provided two top class Vendeen rams for us on the day, without a live demonstration, I think it would have been very difficult to engage with people.



Stand which Sheep Ireland attended at the
Tullamore Show in association with
Teagasc.

- The LambPlus sale is due to commence at 1.00pm this Monday 22nd August 2011. George Candler will be in control of the ring so it should be entertaining also. This will be a fantastic showcase for Sheep Ireland and the Euro-Star system. The catalogue is available on www.sheep.ie, see you all there.

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Beef

- ✚ 881 Pedigree animals were weighed and scored in July (down from 1138 in July 2010).
- ✚ 495 Commercial animals were weighed and scored in July (down from 664 in July 2010).
- ✚ Work is ongoing on the design of the appeals procedure.

5 Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ The results of the August full evaluation update for all beef and dairy traits are now available on the ICBF website.
- ✚ The AI bull files are available in the normal place under genetic evaluations.
- ✚ The supplementary individual sire progeny performance data available under the individual bull search will be available early next week.

6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 19/08/11						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 19/08/11	No. EDIY Herds YTD 19/08/11	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 19/08/11	No. EDIY Cows YTD 19/08/11	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,666	1,041	28%	299,843	94,375	31%
Progressive	2,363	895	38%	211,212	80,320	38%
Tipperary	144	64	44%	13,044	6,284	48%
Total	6,173	2,000	32%	524,099	180,979	35%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 19/08/10	YTD 2011 Cows Recorded 01/01/11 - 19/08/11	2011 vs. 2010 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	273,646	299,843	8.7%
Progressive	188,069	211,212	11.0%
Tipperary	11,755	13,044	9.9%
Total	473,470	524,099	9.7%

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 09/08/11 to 19/08/11

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	1054	78,902	75	20.6	3.97	3.49	1.53	265
Leinster	327	24,295	74	21.4	3.87	3.42	1.56	327
Connacht	47	2,781	59	23.1	3.72	3.40	1.65	310
Ulster	74	5,108	69	20.4	3.92	3.40	1.49	339

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 09/08/11 to 19/08/11

	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	10	712	71	21.3	4.39	3.56	1.69	384
CAVAN	25	1,602	64	19.5	4.09	3.46	1.47	332
CLARE	31	1,897	61	21.5	3.75	3.43	1.54	233
CORK STH	281	20,141	72	20.6	4.00	3.51	1.55	233
CORK NTH	286	21,525	75	21.0	4.04	3.52	1.59	269
DONEGAL	13	1,215	93	20.2	4.02	3.45	1.51	368
DUBLIN	4	210	53	25.3	3.47	3.30	1.71	441
GALWAY	14	939	67	23.5	3.97	3.38	1.73	321
KERRY	137	9,181	67	21.3	3.81	3.42	1.54	322
KILDARE	16	1,132	71	21.0	3.84	3.39	1.52	380
KILKENNY	49	4,690	96	19.6	3.89	3.32	1.41	369
LAOIS	44	3,034	69	20.8	3.86	3.48	1.53	272
LEITRIM	3	157	52	23.1	3.67	3.45	1.64	248
LIMERICK	130	9,508	73	21.7	3.83	3.45	1.58	266
LONGFORD	14	712	51	21.6	3.77	3.44	1.56	311
LOUTH	19	1,353	71	22.1	3.77	3.34	1.57	272
MAYO	19	1,028	54	25.7	3.32	3.38	1.72	251
MEATH	41	3,474	85	21.2	3.92	3.42	1.56	317
MONAGHAN	36	2,291	64	21.6	3.64	3.28	1.49	316
OFFALY	30	2,027	68	21.8	4.09	3.44	1.64	255
ROSCOMMON	4	334	84	19.9	3.87	3.45	1.46	328
SLIGO	7	323	46	23.5	3.75	3.36	1.67	401
TIPPERARY NTH	45	3,667	81	19.9	3.91	3.44	1.46	322
TIPPERARY STH	72	5,885	82	18.6	4.22	3.53	1.44	254
WATERFORD	72	7,098	99	20.1	4.18	3.59	1.56	224
WESTMEATH	15	1,140	76	21.0	3.94	3.38	1.54	306
WEXFORD	63	4,250	67	21.4	3.91	3.50	1.59	229
WICKLOW E	18	1,233	69	21.6	3.82	3.38	1.56	281
WICKLOW W	4	328	82	19.6	3.89	3.52	1.45	433
	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	1,502	111,086	71	21.4	3.88	3.43	1.56	308

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