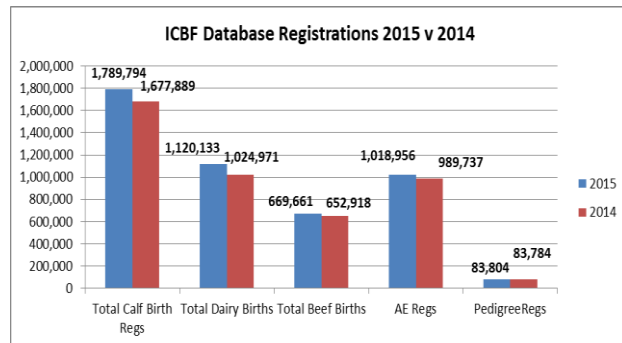
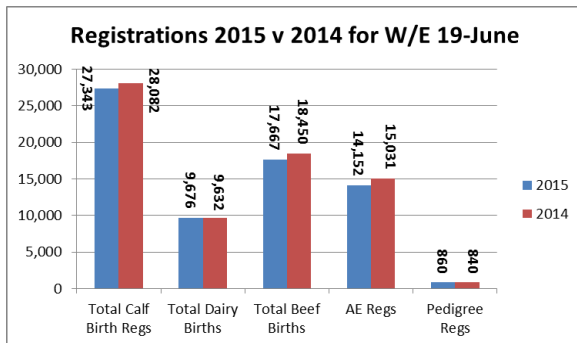


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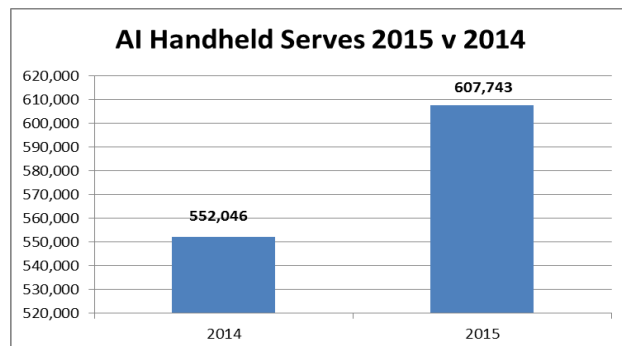
### 1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Audit & Finance Sub Committee Meeting** – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015, 10:00 to 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015, 10:30 to 13:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015, 14:00 to 16:00, 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 1.86 million results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 33,000 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 6.81 million results have now been received.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2014 compared with 2015.



### 3 GROW<sup>®</sup>

- ✚ 327 Pedigree animals were scored in May. This is down by 65 animals from May 2014.
- ✚ 597 Pedigrees were weighed in May. This is down by 27 animals from May 2014.
- ✚ These totals do not include animals scored as part of the Gene Ireland Maternal Bull Breeding visit.
- ✚ Updated contact details and areas covered by the 5 scorers are in the table below.

Scorer	Counties							Mobile
	Longford	Roscommon	Leitrim	Galway	Westmeath	Sligo	Mayo	
John Beirne	Longford	Roscommon	Leitrim	Galway	Westmeath	Sligo	Mayo	086-2742233
Basil Bothwell	Donegal	Cavan	Monaghan	Dublin	Louth	Meath		086-6050095
Alan Rigney	Limerick	Offaly	Clare	Kildare	Wicklow	Carlow		087-1700778
Ger O'Brien	Wexford	Kilkenny	Tipperary	Laois				087-2379466
Noel McSweeney	Cork	Kerry	Waterford					086-1242847

## 4 GENE IRELAND® Beef

- ✚ Sign Ups are still open for the Spring 2015 Beef programme.
- ✚ 392 herds taking a total of 6000 straws have joined so far.
- ✚ The average order is 15 straws per herd.
- ✚ The catalogue is available to view on the ICBF website.
- ✚ To learn more or to order straws please phone **1850 600 900**.
- ✚ Approximate total straws ordered to date for the remaining bulls are in *Table 1*.

**Table 1. List of Bulls currently on-test**

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Straws
JJC	Cairnmor John	AA	435
JBS	Steil Jacob	AA	450
VEZ	Balinclea Iveco	AU	475
SGA	Scaughmolin G Mail	BA	440
LJE	Lislea Hermes	BA	180
OZR	Rosemount Gar	BB	215
CH2000	Coom Indurain	CH	355
PDR	Dereskit Improver	CH	215
HHJ	Heracles	CH	320
DBF	Dereskit Invincible	CH	270
LM2014	Ewdenvale Ivor	LM	215
LM2010	Raffertys Immanuel	LM	365
ZYH	Alamira Harry	PT	435
ZKY	Kyle Herd Ivan	PT	215
ZBZ	Breffni Muzz	SA	205
EMS	Doon Erasmus	SH	300
PPA	Polar Edinson	SI	360
KJG	Knoackane Dag	SI	335
ETP	Curaheen Evolution P	SI	190
AHC	Auroch Deuter PP	SI	255

## 5 Herd Plus®

### Top 200 Herds

- ✚ Pat Flynn, Kilworth, Co. Cork has now reached €239 on our ‘Top 200 Herds on EBI’ listing and remains on top of the list. Kieran Hearne, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Waterford has jumped to second position with an EBI of €228 while Martin Kinane remains at number 3 on the list with an EBI of €225. A notable entry at number 13 on the list is Tomas Roche, Kilwatermoy, Tallow, Co. Waterford who is a new entrant Dairy farmer with an EBI of €212. There are now 44 herds with an EBI of €200 or more. This top 200 saw 24 herds make the list for the first time with 79 herds climbing up the ranks.
- ✚ To access the Top 200 herds, click on the following link – [Top 200 Herds on EBI](#) The average EBI of the Top 200 herds is €195(up €7) with €59 coming from the Milk Sub-Index and €104 from the Fertility Sub-Index. This compares with a national average of €131 (Milk €37, Fertility €78) – see table below.

### National Ranking of Herds and Cows on EBI

	TOP 1%	TOP 5%	TOP 10%	TOP 25%	AVG.	BTM 25%	BTM 10%	BTM 5%	BTM 1%
<b>HERD</b>	€192	€172	€163	€147	€131	€112	€85	€62	€20
<b>ANIMAL</b>	€232	€205	€191	€165	€134	€99	€58	€29	€-21

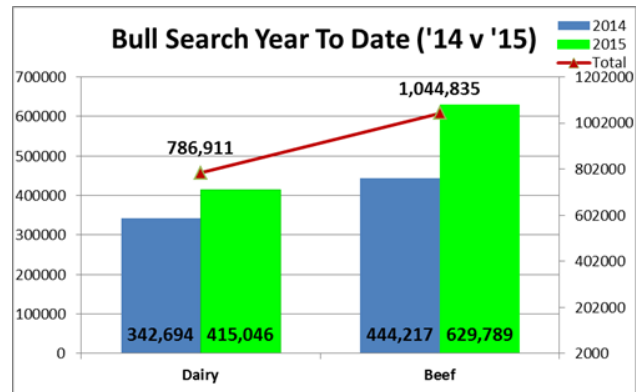
- ✚ The EBI Reports are available to view on-line for all Dairy Herdplus members. Check out how you compare! If you’re having difficulty accessing your report, please call the HerdPlus office on **1850-600-900** or **023-8820452**.

## Beef Data Programme 2014

- Farmers that participated in this scheme should record any outstanding data as soon as possible. Data can be recorded through the ICBF website, farm software packages or on paper forms. The deadline for calves born in November and December is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015. All 2014 born calves are now old enough to record quality, docility and any scour or pneumonia events. It is important that farmers do not forget any of these calves.

## Bull Search Views

- Views to the bull search are increasing year on year. The number of views to dairy bulls on the bull search has increased by 10% when compared with last year. Views to beef breed bulls, has increased by a massive 17%! This rise could be largely attributed to the increased focus on stars as a result of the new Beef Data & Genomics Programme (BDGP).



Bull search views, year to date comparison, 19 June 2015

## 6 Genetic Evaluations

- Yesterday a meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee that advises ICBF on technical aspects related to genomic selection took place. An update on the current research was presented by Donagh Berry to the group. The research, which is using the data collected as part of the 2014 Beef Genomic Scheme is progressing very well, and indicates that genomics will add to the accuracy of the genetic evaluations. Once the research is concluded, test proofs will be generated for animals for discussion with the industry. The volumes of genotyping done in beef to date and likely to occur in the future as part of BDGP puts Ireland firmly at the forefront of genomic selection in beef worldwide.

## 7 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 19/06/15						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 19/06/15	No. EDIY Herds YTD 19/06/15	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 19/06/15	No. EDIY Cows YTD 19/06/15	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,962	1,260	32%	347,864	118,534	34%
Progressive	2,407	997	41%	233,924	98,203	42%
Tipperary	122	51	42%	10,714	4,491	42%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,491</b>	<b>2,308</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>592,502</b>	<b>221,228</b>	<b>37%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2014 Cows Recorded 01/01/14 - 19/06/14	YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15 - 19/06/15	2015 vs 2014 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	314,765	347,864	9.5%
Progressive	223,653	233,924	4.4%
Tipperary	9,669	10,714	9.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>548,087</b>	<b>592,502</b>	<b>7.5%</b>

## 8 Sheep Ireland

- Sheep Ireland is on site in Teagasc Athenry today (Friday 19<sup>th</sup>) in preparation for tomorrow's major sheep event. There will be a range of attractions to cater for all sheep enthusiasts. The themed villages will be one of the main attractions and this is where Sheep Ireland will be involved in the Breeding Village and the Hill Sheep Village. On display in our stand will be some CPT ewes and lambs, kindly provided to us by CPT farmer Andrew Moloney, Edenderry, Co. Offaly. We will outline how 5 Star sires are delivering in terms of maternal performance.
- We will also participate in a live workshop in association with Teagasc advisor Edward Egan. The aim of this workshop will be to illustrate to farmers how best to use the sheep Euro-Star evaluations. All aspects of the Sheep Ireland programme will be up for discussion and we will be inviting as much interaction from farmers as possible.
- Other big attractions on the day will be the very large pedigree sheep exhibition area. All breeds will be represented here. Some are using the event to host their breed's national shows; others are simply having a presence with stands. It's certainly a great opportunity for farmers to see the best of all breeds. Cookery and butchery demonstrations, trade stands, sheep dog trials are among the many other features that will no doubt draw a huge crowd. *Please see photos below.*



- Last Saturday (13<sup>th</sup> June) Sheep Ireland was invited to present to young Texel sheep breeders from Ireland and across the UK on the farm of Texel breeder Billy Dillon from New Ross, Co. Wexford. This event is a great way for young breeders to build relationships and share expertise with others with the same interest.
- Please see photos of this event below.*





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## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 10-JUN-2015 To 19-JUN-2015

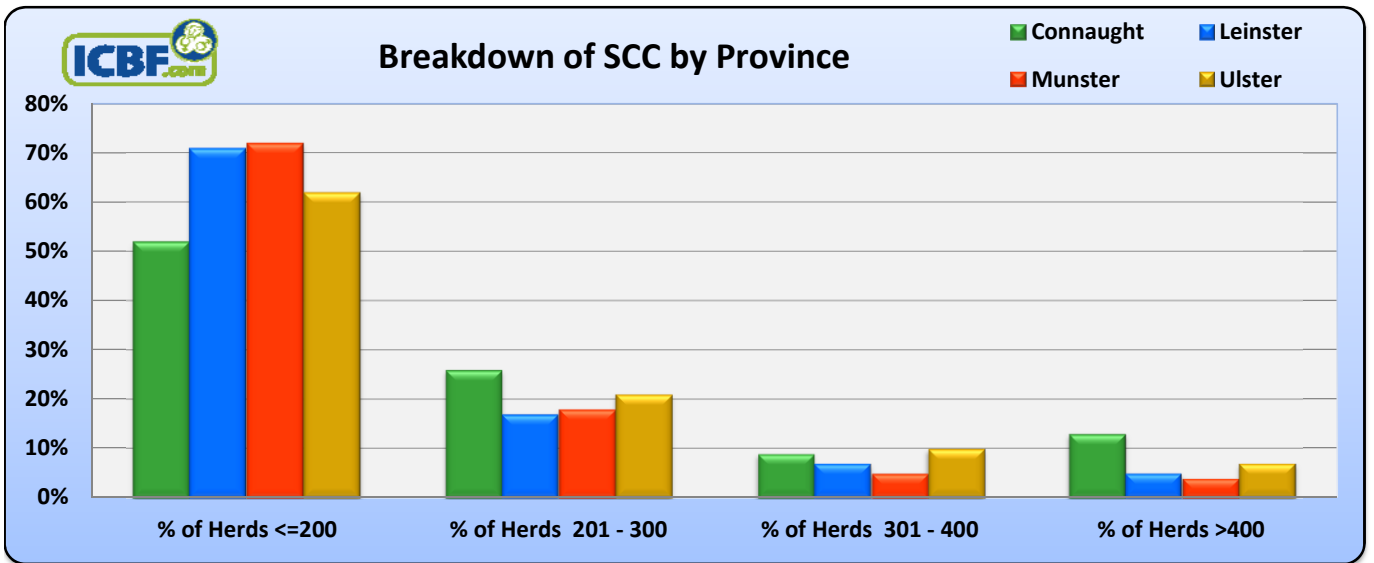
ICBF	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	23	1,515	66	26.8	3.86	3.43	1.96	193
Leinster	152	14,522	96	26.0	3.68	3.46	1.86	147
Munster	642	55,021	86	26.0	3.77	3.51	1.89	154
Ulster	29	2,065	71	27.1	3.50	3.34	1.85	177
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>73,123</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>3.49</b>	<b>1.88</b>	<b>155</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 10-JUN-2015 To 19-JUN-2015

ICBF	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	23	1,515	66	52%	26%	9%	13%	193
Leinster	152	14,522	96	71%	17%	7%	5%	147
Munster	642	55,021	86	72%	18%	5%	4%	154
Ulster	29	2,065	71	62%	21%	10%	7%	177
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>73,123</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>155</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 10-JUN-2015 To 19-JUN-2015								
ICBF	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Best 20% SCC	Best 40% SCC	Average SCC**	Worst 40% SCC	Worst 20% SCC
Connaught	23	1,515	66	120	170	200	212	300
Leinster	152	14,522	96	89	122	144	167	242
Munster	642	55,021	86	102	131	148	168	231
Ulster	29	2,065	71	119	153	157	171	268
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>73,123</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>237</b>

\*\* Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

