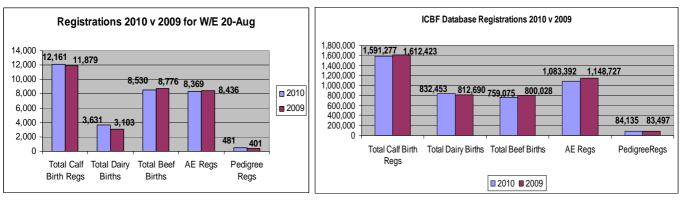
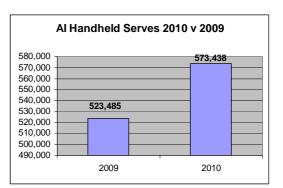




- 1. Important Dates
- **ICBF Board Meeting** Thursday 16th September, 10:30 to 14:00 Highfield House, Bandon.
- **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** Thursday 16th September, 14:00 to 16:30 Highfield House, Bandon.
- **Tully Bull High Health Status Sale** Friday 8th October, ICBF Tully Central Performance Test Centre.
- 2. Database



- **4** The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFF AIM systems.
- In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2009 born calves with meal introduced is 664,630 with the number of animals weaned at 606,503.
- **4** Batches of Suckler pre-wean forms for 2010 continue to go out this week.
- **Work** is continuing on the design of the new catalogue service for both beef and dairy animals.
- Vets wishing to begin interacting with the AHI/ICBF system can register at <u>http://www.animalhealthireland.ie/registerpage.php</u>.
- **Work on a new Dairy Replacements discussion group report is nearing completion.**
- Work on the web tool to help manage the storing of samples used in the genomics process at ICBF is nearing completion.
- Updates to the Beef Calving Report are ongoing.
- Work is nearly complete on the window server infrastructure, involving a move to a more resilient infrastructure for email, file servers, etc.
- Work on a new infrastructure for communicating with marts is on-going, with a view to getting the data flows on a more efficient and effective basis.



4 The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2010 compared with 2009.

3. Genetic Evaluations

- **4** The evaluations are currently being tested and uploaded to the database.
- A new genomic run is also underway.
- Expected release of proofs is Monday 23rd August at 4pm.







4. Tully

The third of five live-weights was obtained on all bulls at Tully on 12-08-2010 (Table 1). Bulls gained an impressive 2.1 kg across breed over the last 21 days.

| Table 1. Live-weight and average daily gain (21 day period) of bulls, averaged by breed | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| AA BA BB CH LM PT SH SI SP | | | | | | | SP | | |
| Breed | (n = 5) | (n = 3) | (n = 2) | (n = 3) | (n = 32) | (n = 1) | (n = 2) | (n = 1) | (n = 2) |
| Average Live-weight (kg) | 536 | 635 | 523 | 556 | 574 | 480 | 551 | 544 | 531 |
| Average daily gain (kg) | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.1 |

- Bull owners and breed societies have received letters and e-mails, respectively, updating them on the performance of bulls to date. Also, AI companies have received the latest performance figures of bulls, along with all other relevant information.
- This week, bulls were washed with a product called OrlDen, which helps maintain and promote hair growth. Also, bulls are being halter trained each week up until the end of their performance test.
- Preparations are on-going for the up-coming High Health status sale, which will take place for the current crop of bulls in Tully on Friday, 8th of October.
- Owners of bulls at Tully have received entry forms for the sale and these are to be sent back to Tully, no later than the Tuesday, 31st of August 2010.
- Details about the sale can be found by clicking on the Tully page, which is on the ICBF website i.e. <u>http://www.icbf.com/services/tully/index.php</u>. Michael Taaffe of Taaffe auctions in Drogheda will be the auctioneer.
- ♣ Basil Bothwell (Linear scorer) will visually assess all the bulls for muscle, skeletal and functionality traits in early September, as part of the process for selecting the Champion bull from each breed. The visual assessment along with the final performance test, Ultrasonic scanned measurements and new €uro-Star evaluation figures will form the bases for identifying the Champion bull, which will be known by mid-September.
- Breeders that own bulls at Tully have being notified of the different procedures that will take place on the day of sale to minimise disease risk to their animals i.e. refrain from bringing power-washers etc.
- 4 The list of bulls for the next intake, which will see bulls enter isolation at Tully in mid November will be put together, once the new €uro-Stars are available early next week.

5. Sheep Ireland

- Froduction Sale of Eammon Duffy's flock will be held in Carnaross Mart, on the 7th of September. All Lambs will have €uro Star figures.
- The Male Champion at the Texel Premier Show and Sale was bred by LambPlus breeder Arthur and Patrick O'Keeffe. This lamb also won the LambPlus class on the day. MALP farmers were present at the sale with one MALP farmer taking home 6 LambPlus recorded rams.
- Final DNA results for the MALP lambs & rams are being received. When these results are loaded the evaluations will be distributed.
- The recruitment of CPT rams for this year's program is underway. Good interest is being shown by Breeders in putting Rams forward for testing. Breeders who have not returned their declaration of interest forms are urged to do so straight away.







6. Milk Recording

| National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 10/08/10 to 20/08/10 | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | 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 | 9 | 552 | 61 | 20.1 | 3.81 | 3.50 | 1.47 | 312 |
| CAVAN | 25 | 1,386 | 55 | 23.6 | 3.72 | 3.35 | 1.67 | 400 |
| CLARE | 42 | 2,478 | 59 | 21.5 | 3.72 | 3.42 | 1.54 | 331 |
| CORK STH | 287 | 19,863 | 69 | 20.9 | 3.86 | 3.44 | 1.53 | 274 |
| CORK NTH | 251 | 17,961 | 72 | 21.3 | 3.92 | 3.46 | 1.57 | 272 |
| DONEGAL | 7 | 593 | 85 | 21.4 | 3.85 | 3.34 | 1.54 | 335 |
| DUBLIN | 6 | 272 | 45 | 25.2 | 3.55 | 3.40 | 1.75 | 394 |
| GALWAY | 24 | 2,069 | 86 | 19.7 | 3.99 | 3.43 | 1.46 | 290 |
| KERRY | 146 | 9,172 | 63 | 22.6 | 3.74 | 3.39 | 1.61 | 330 |
| KILDARE | 20 | 1,267 | 63 | 23.8 | 3.71 | 3.25 | 1.66 | 501 |
| KILKENNY | 30 | 2,500 | 83 | 21.1 | 3.81 | 3.43 | 1.53 | 290 |
| LAOIS | 26 | 1,869 | 72 | 23.6 | 3.70 | 3.45 | 1.69 | 364 |
| LEITRIM | 3 | 198 | 66 | 17.5 | 3.75 | 3.32 | 1.24 | 496 |
| LIMERICK | 143 | 9,988 | 70 | 21.3 | 3.77 | 3.39 | 1.53 | 271 |
| LONGFORD | 5 | 279 | 56 | 21.3 | 3.93 | 3.34 | 1.55 | 437 |
| LOUTH | 14 | 1,251 | 89 | 22.5 | 3.45 | 3.40 | 1.54 | 537 |
| MAYO | 22 | 1,267 | 58 | 24.2 | 3.60 | 3.49 | 1.72 | 335 |
| MEATH | 38 | 3,076 | 81 | 21.3 | 3.60 | 3.30 | 1.47 | 468 |
| MONAGHAN | 17 | 1,133 | 67 | 21.4 | 3.65 | 3.16 | 1.46 | 411 |
| OFFALY | 21 | 1,408 | 67 | 22.7 | 3.82 | 3.42 | 1.64 | 468 |
| ROSCOMMON | 2 | 137 | 69 | 22.2 | 3.90 | 3.54 | 1.65 | 433 |
| SLIGO | 9 | 419 | 47 | 23.7 | 4.04 | 3.44 | 1.77 | 392 |
| TIPPERARY NTH | 24 | 1,927 | 80 | 23.6 | 3.65 | 3.40 | 1.66 | 275 |
| TIPPERARY STH | 63 | 5,205 | 83 | 19.9 | 4.05 | 3.45 | 1.49 | 290 |
| WATERFORD | 53 | 4,371 | 82 | 19.0 | 4.02 | 3.50 | 1.43 | 286 |
| WESTMEATH | 8 | 561 | 70 | 23.1 | 3.89 | 3.40 | 1.68 | 380 |
| WEXFORD | 42 | 2,974 | 71 | 20.8 | 3.76 | 3.44 | 1.50 | 447 |
| WICKLOW E | 19 | 1,211 | 64 | 20.7 | 3.37 | 3.28 | 1.38 | 394 |
| WICKLOW W | 7 | 575 | 82 | 19.5 | 3.96 | 3.45 | 1.44 | 589 |
| | 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 | 1,363 | 95,962 | 69 | 21.7 | 3.78 | 3.40 | 1.56 | 379 |

| National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 10/08/10 to 20/08/10 | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 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 | 1009 | 70,965 | 70 | 21.3 | 3.84 | 3.43 | 1.55 | 291 |
| Leinster | 245 | 17,795 | 73 | 22.0 | 3.72 | 3.39 | 1.56 | 429 |
| Connacht | 60 | 4,090 | 68 | 21.5 | 3.86 | 3.44 | 1.57 | 389 |
| Ulster | 49 | 3,112 | 64 | 22.1 | 3.74 | 3.28 | 1.55 | 382 |





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| National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 20/08/10 | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| Milk Recording Organisation | Total Herds Recorded YTD 20/08/10 | No. EDIY Herds YTD 20/08/10 | % Herds EDIY | Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 20/08/10 | No. EDIY Cows YTD 20/08/10 | % Cows EDIY | | |
| Munster | 3,553 | 996 | 28% | 273,815 | 84,727 | 31% | | |
| Progressive | 1,994 | 759 | 38% | 172,815 | 65,142 | 38% | | |
| Tipperary | 132 | 56 | 42% | 11,804 | 5,657 | 48% | | |
| Connacht | 150 | 59 | 39% | 9,857 | 3,708 | 38% | | |
| Total | 5,829 | 1,870 | 32% | 468,291 | 159,234 | 34% | | |

| Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Milk Recording Organisation | YTD 2009 Cows Recorded 01/01/09 - 20/08/09 | YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 20/08/10 | 2010 vs. 2009 Year on Year Difference (%) | | | | |
| Munster | 254,157 | 273,815 | 7.2% | | | | |
| Progressive | 173,521 | 172,815 | -0.4% | | | | |
| Tipperary | 11,067 | 11,804 | 6.2% | | | | |
| Connacht | 9,316 | 9,857 | 5.5% | | | | |
| Total | 448,061 | 468,291 | 4.3% | | | | |

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