

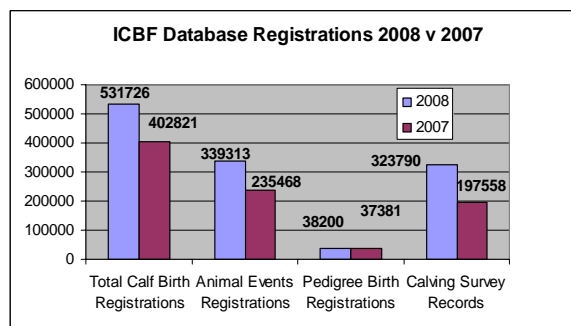
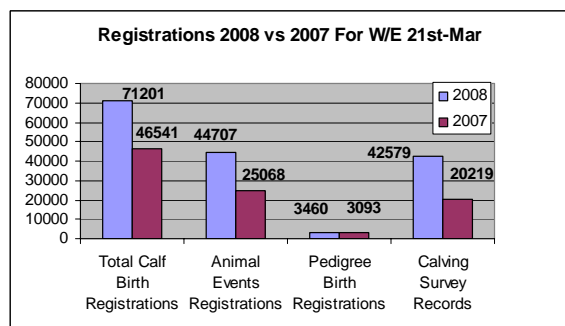


UPDATE – for period 15th – 20th March 2008

1 Important Dates

- ✚ **27th March** - Audit & Finance Sub Committee meeting Horse & Jockey.
- ✚ **3rd April** - Board meeting Comfort Inn Portlaoise.

2 Database Update



- ✚ 35,326 inseminations have been received so far in 2008, compared with 25,443 in 2007 for the same period.
- ✚ ICBF have received 45,527 suckler applicant details from DAF, which have been processed. Over 115,000 birth registrations from new Animal Events users have been received.
- ✚ Sire recording and Calving survey recording on Animal Events continues to be of good quality. An initial batch of 'Missing Sires/Sire Errors' will go to Suckler Scheme participants next week.
- ✚ The 2008 Sire Advice Programme is getting extensive use at the moment by farmers, with relatively few problems reported.
- ✚ Work on the 'On-Line Herdbook' is continuing, with a target of the end of March for initial release to herdbooks for testing before the full release.
- ✚ The final batch of Annual Milk Recording reports will be processed on the database over the Easter weekend.
- ✚ A further release of updates to the Taurus Herdbook processing program will take place next week.

3 Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ All files have been sent to Interbull for participation in the next routine International dairy evaluation.
- ✚ Currently new evaluations for maternal weaning weight, calving performance and beef performance are being conducted.

4 Tully

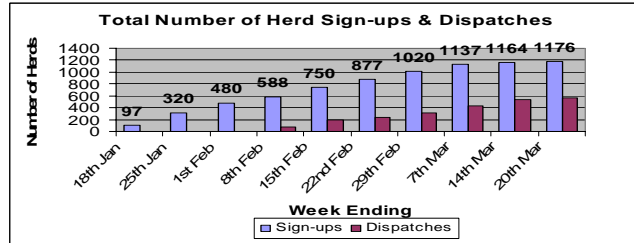
- ✚ The next weighing of the December intake to Tully will take place on the 27-3-08 and will be sent out to breeders and breed societies on the 28-3-08.
- ✚ The annual TB test will be carried out on the 7-4-08.
- ✚ The Tully advisory committee and our veterinary advisors are working closely to maintain the health status at the centre.



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Dairy Spring 2008

- Sign-ups have slowed down to around 2-3 per day. Next week will be our final week for signing up herds, with the exception of those wishing to obtain the MIXED Breed pack which will continue for another couple more weeks.



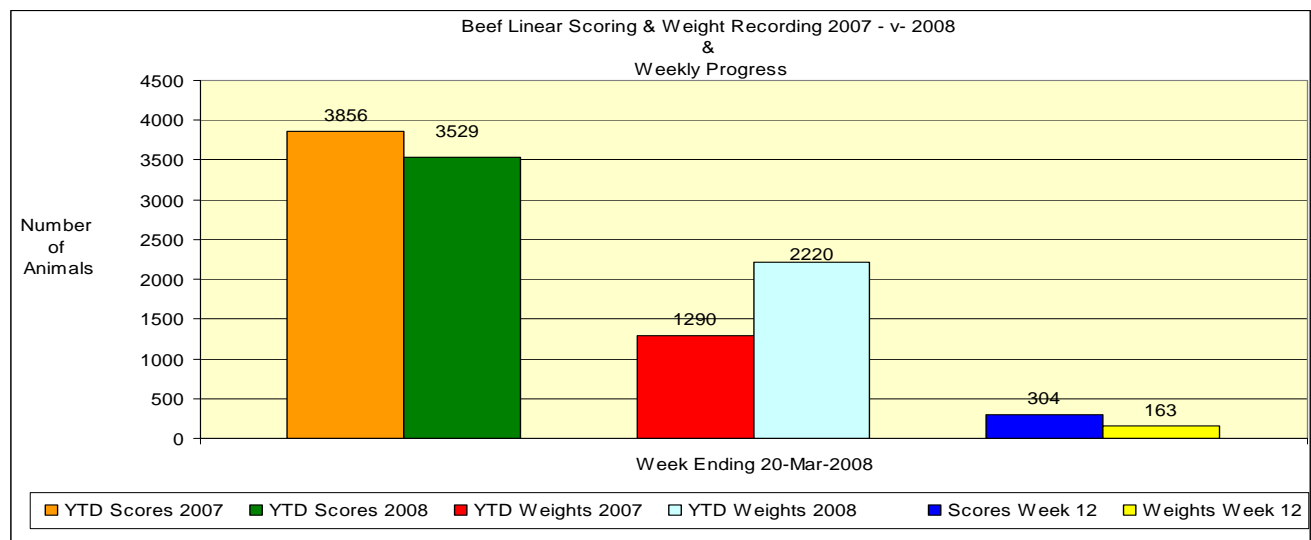
- The next HOFR pack has been assigned and will consist of the following test bulls:

AI CODE	NAME	SIRE	MGS	EBI	MILK	FERT
LHC	LAURAGH HORACE	SLW	MAU	142.92	63.12	62.19
MUY	MOYVIDDY RUSTY	RDU	CVE	154.41	62	62.38
PKK	PARKDUV MARK	RUU	QUR	156.72	74.81	39.52
TPU	TORDUFF SPOCK 1	AAP	NHS	129.47	75.04	38.81
YBO	SCALKILL BOBBY	LLO	GMI	136.58	56.79	73.04
				144.02	66.35	55.19

Dairy Autumn 2007

- A text message was sent earlier this week to the participants of last years Autumn programme informing them of the number of recorded inseminations we currently have on the database.
- Our aim is to make payment for these near the end of April so all herdowners should ensure they get this information to us over the coming weeks.

6 GROW – Linear Scoring & Weight Recording





7 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 20/03/08						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 20/03/08	No. EDIY Herds YTD 20/03/08	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 20/03/08	No. EDIY Cows YTD 20/03/08	% Cows EDIY
Progressive	1,372	275	20%	80,307	16,970	21%
Dairygold	706	121	17%	33,786	6,316	19%
Kerry	496	25	5%	23,130	1,415	6%
SWS	631	36	6%	27,614	1,988	7%
Tipperary	51	4	8%	2,165	204	9%
Arrabawn	38	19	50%	1,973	999	51%
Connacht	89	15	17%	4,124	658	16%
Donegal	4	4	100%	214	214	100%
Total	3,387	499	15%	173,313	28,764	17%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison				
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2006 Cows Recorded 01/01/06 - 20/03/06	YTD 2007 Cows Recorded 01/01/07 - 20/03/07	YTD 2008 Cows Recorded 01/01/08 - 20/03/08	2008 vs 2007 Year on Year Difference (%)
Progressive	81,904	80,052	80,307	0.3%
Dairygold	31,759	27,311	33,786	19.2%
Kerry	21,637	23,257	23,130	-0.5%
SWS	27,085	27,417	27,614	0.7%
Tipperary	1,697	1,741	2,165	19.6%
Arrabawn	1,751	1,300	1,973	34.1%
Connacht	3,952	4,244	4,124	-2.9%
Donegal	372	113	214	47.2%
Total	170,157	165,435	173,313	4.5%

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