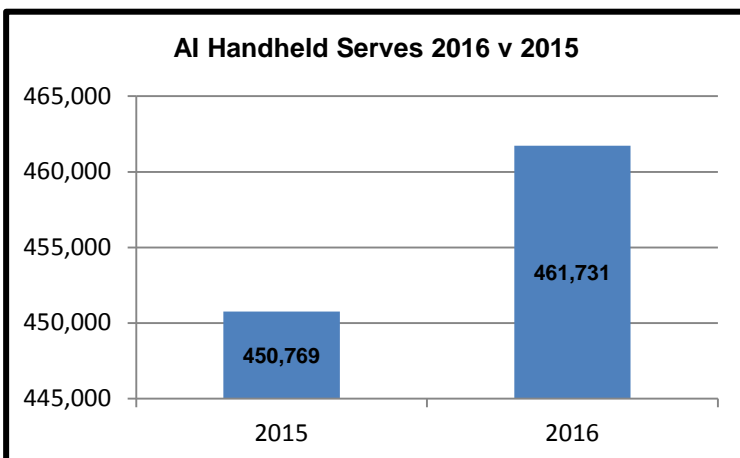
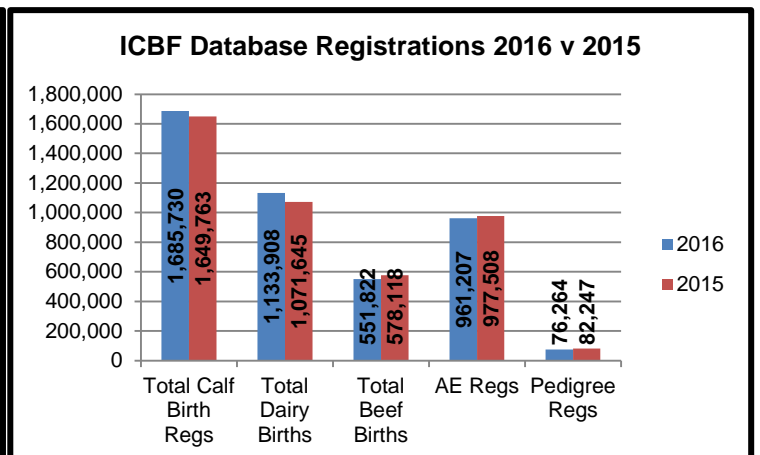
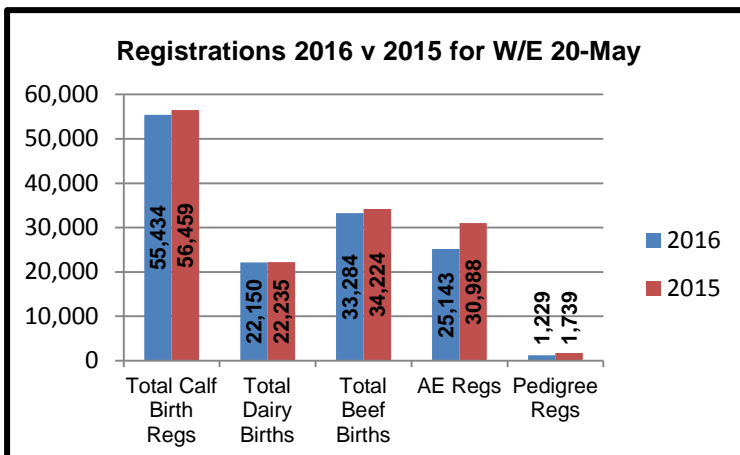


## ICBF Weekly Update 20th May 2016

### 1 Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Beef Industry Meeting** – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 19:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise
- ✚ **Audit & Finance Meeting** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 10:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 14:00, 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 1,827,150 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 71,773 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 9.15 million results have now been received.
- ✚ The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2016 compared with 2015.

### 3 GROW<sup>®</sup>

- ✚ 407 Pedigree animals were scored in April. This is down by 124 animals from April 2015
- ✚ 810 Pedigrees were weighed in April. This is down by 351 animals from April 2015.
- ✚ These totals do not include animals scored as part of the initial Gene Ireland Maternal Bull Breeding visit.

### 4 Herd Plus<sup>®</sup>

- ✚ The Top 200 herds for EBI have been revealed. For the first time in five evaluations, we have a new herd-owner claiming the top spot. The highest EBI figure has also seen change with the top herd now at €239 (an increase of €4 from the previous run). Click [here](#) to view.

## Top 200 HerdPlus Herds Ranked on EBI (>30 Cows) -

Rnk	NAME	ADDRESS 1	ADDRESS 2	ADDRESS 3	EBI	MILK	FERT
1	KIERAN HEARNE	BALLINACURRA	CARRICK-ON-SUIR	CO WATERFORD	€239	€66	€138
2	JAMES MURRAY	DERRINSALLAGH	BIRR	CO OFFALY	€234	€61	€138
3	PATRICK FLYNN	COOLMOHAN	KILWORTH	CO CORK	€234	€19	€181
4	JIM DELAHUNT	BALLYKINASH	CARRIG	BIRR CO TIPPERARY	€232	€53	€141
5	TIMOTHY FITZGERALD	GREEN ROAD	BALLYROAN	PORTLAOISE CO LAOIS	€232	€56	€136
6	KEVIN DOWNING	FARANASTIG	WHITECHURCH	CO CORK	€231	€73	€121
7	VINCENT O'CONNOR	COOLEANIG	BEAUFORT	KILLARNEY CO KERRY	€227	€67	€122
8	LIAM O LEARY	BALLYBRIDE	CONNNA	CO CORK	€226	€71	€120
9	ROBERT SHANNON	GURTEENAKILLA	BALLYDEHOB	CO CORK	€225	€80	€102
10	SEAN RING	DOON	KISKEAM	MALLOW CO CORK	€223	€73	€110

- Farmers can now genotype all their female calves which will allow them to make a more informed decision around breeding and culling potential replacements. This service could cost herdowners as little as €22/head. Please contact HerdPlus on **1850 600 900** or **023 8820452** for further details.
- With breeding season underway, if your AI technician does not have a handheld or you are doing DIY AI please remember to record AI serves on your HerdPlus account. This will be used to generate fertility reports and an expected calving list for the 2017 calving season.
- The HerdPlus Dairy Co-op Performance reports are now online and available to view in the reports section of your HerdPlus account.

## 5 GENEIRELAND<sup>®</sup> Beef

- Sign Ups are continuing for the Gene Ireland Beef programme.
- 404 herds taking a total of 4940 straws have joined so far.
- The average order is 12 straws per herd.
- An updated flyer on the available bulls can be viewed [here](#)
- To learn more or to order straws please phone **023 8820452**.
- Approximate total straws ordered to date for the remaining bulls are detailed in the table.

List of Bulls currently on-test			
Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Straws Ordered
GZJ	Goulding Eamonn	AA	310
AU2365	Calverstown Koala	AU	20
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	5
CH2154	Polar Joe 2	CH	225
CH2221	Jarret	CH	260
CH2363	Dolland Jefferson	CH	30
LM2242	Edakkya	LM	375
PT2356	Macgowan Herd Jumbo	PT	35
ZKY	Kyle Herd Ivan	PT	450
PI2157	Kilree Leo	PI	200
ZBZ	Breffni Muzz	SA	375
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	5
SH2181	Coolvin Dominator	SH	105
SH2361	Doon Gladiator	SH	200
SH2360	Doon Giorgio	SH	195
SI2469	Lisnacran Fifty Cent	SI	65
SI2367	Barnattin George 2	SI	25
SI2362	Dermotstown Gigantosaurus	SI	10
ETP	Curaheen Evolution P	SI	450

## 6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 20/05/16						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 20/05/16	No. EDIY Herds YTD 20/05/16	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 20/05/16	No. EDIY Cows YTD 20/05/16	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,503	1,069	31%	313,244	102,700	33%
Progressive	2,087	788	38%	204,009	75,901	37%
Tipperary	103	39	38%	9,225	3,316	36%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,693</b>	<b>1,896</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>526,478</b>	<b>181,917</b>	<b>35%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15- 20/05/15	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16- 20/05/16	2016 vs 2015 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	321,119	313,244	-2.5%
Progressive	210,613	204,009	-3.1%
Tipperary	9,856	9,225	-6.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>541,588</b>	<b>526,478</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>

## 7 Sheep Ireland

### Are you interested in Scanning this year?

- If you wish to have your flock scanned for Muscle and Fat depth this year please **TEXT** the Word SCANNING to **089 4577665** before May 22<sup>nd</sup>. A final reminder text has been sent out to all flocks that have not yet confirmed that they want to scan before the deadline.
- Ultrasound scanning information is used as a very good predictor of carcass confirmation, fat levels and kill out percentage (KO %), all very important traits to the commercial farmer and the EuroStar evaluations. The more scanning information we collect from your flock and/or breed, the higher the accuracy of the evaluation for your sheep will be, therefore giving you and your potential customers more confidence in their purchasing decision. If your lambs are scanned between 121 and 180 days of age this will also count as your third weight (not including birth weight). Lambs will also be scored for lameness, dagginess and condition score on the day, all of which will go towards a new health index in the future.
- Muscle and Fat depth recording is also one of the entry requirements for entering the annual LambPlus sale being held on August 27<sup>th</sup> in Tullamore
- For more information check out our [Ultrasound Scanning for Muscle and Fat depth](#) page.

### Day Weights collected on the CPT Flocks: John Large

- Over the past number of weeks Sheep Ireland have been visiting the Central Progeny Test flocks to capture lambs 40 day weights. All CPT ewes and lambs have been weighed over the past few days. All animals were also scored for Lameness, Dagginess, Condition score and ewes were checked for mastitis. The option

to record these traits are now available to all LambPlus breeders through their LambPlus accounts and we encourage as many breeders as possible to record these traits.

- ✚ **Weights:** Below is the breakdown of the ADG across the different birth ranks on John's farm. Lambs were on average 16.09kg at 40 days of age which works out as 0.290kg per day.

Birth Rank	Adjusted 40 day weight	ADG up to 40 days
Singles	18.39	0.33
Twins	15.98	0.28
Triplets	15.16	0.28
Quads	13.67	0.26

### Dagginess

- ✚ Lambs that were recorded **with dags** (Score 1, 2 & 3; **9.7 %** of lambs) averaged **13.5kg** while lambs that were scored as **clean** (Score 4 & 5) averaged **16.3kg**. We have found dagginess to be a heritable trait therefore we will soon be able to select breeding stock that will remain cleaner throughout the year as well as having increase ADG.
- ✚ All udders were checked during the 40 day weight recording for signs of mastitis. On the day 3.46% of ewes were recorded with mastitis.
- ✚ **To see how to record health traits on your flock [Click here.](#)**

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## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 11-MAY-2016 To 20-MAY-2016

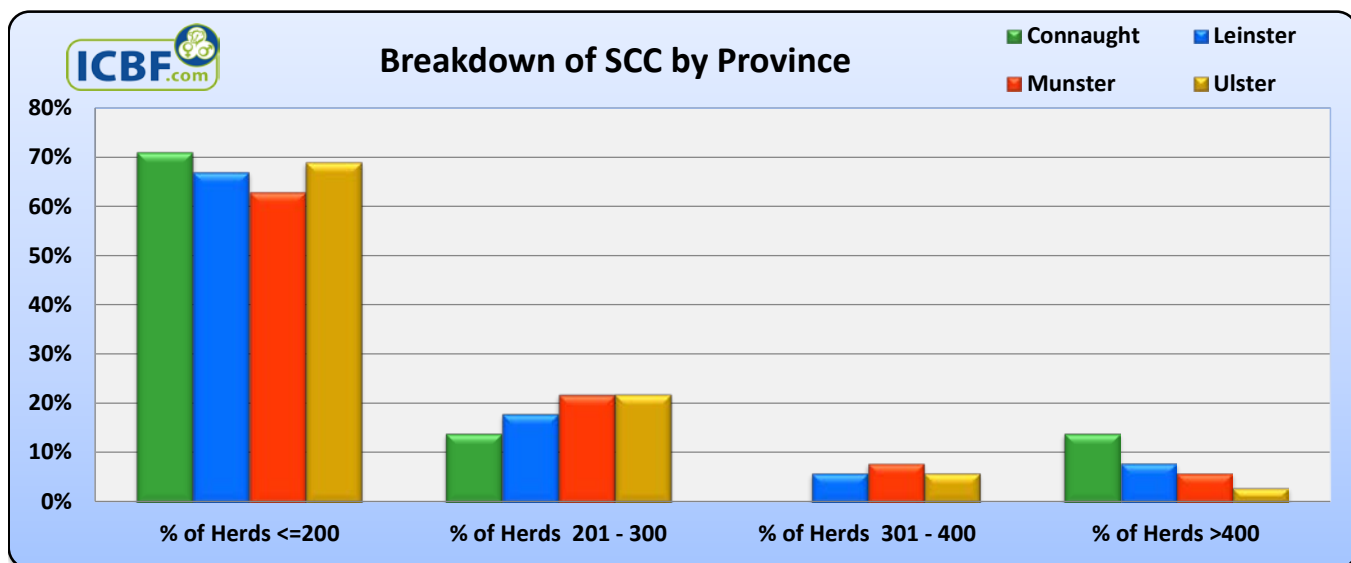
No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
<b>Connaught</b>	14	907	65	29.1	3.74	3.37	161
<b>Leinster</b>	157	15,921	101	28.2	3.75	3.41	155
<b>Munster</b>	553	49,542	90	27.9	3.79	3.42	169
<b>Ulster</b>	32	2,296	72	28.5	3.64	3.30	155
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>68,666</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>3.78</b>	<b>3.41</b>	<b>166</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 11-MAY-2016 To 20-MAY-2016

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*
<b>Connaught</b>	14	907	71%	14%	0%	14%	161
<b>Leinster</b>	157	15,921	67%	18%	6%	8%	155
<b>Munster</b>	553	49,542	63%	22%	8%	6%	169
<b>Ulster</b>	32	2,296	69%	22%	6%	3%	155
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>68,666</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>166</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 11-MAY-2016 To 20-MAY-2016								
No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Best 20% SCC	Best 40% SCC	Average SCC**	Worst 40% SCC	Worst 20% SCC	
<b>Connaught</b>	14	907	65	84	139	170	174	240
<b>Leinster</b>	157	15,921	101	95	126	149	172	257
<b>Munster</b>	553	49,542	90	108	140	163	188	265
<b>Ulster</b>	32	2,296	72	110	138	149	189	211
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>68,666</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>262</b>

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

