



Update for period 14th – 21st April 2006

1 Important Dates

- **Tuesday 25th April, 11:00 – 13:00.** Breeding Information Services Meeting with ICBF Members. Abbeyleix Manor Hotel.
- **Wednesday 3rd May, 10:30 – 13:00.** Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise, **ICBF Board Meeting.**
- **Wednesday 3rd May, 15:00 – 16:00.** Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise, **ICBF Annual General Meeting.**
- **Saturday 6th May, Tully Sale.** Show at 11.00am, sale commences at 12.00pm.
- **Tuesday 9th May, 10:30 – 16:00,** Abbeyleix Manor Hotel, **Beef Genetic Evaluations Consultation Meeting.**
- **Tuesday 9th May, 16:00 – 17:00,** Abbeyleix Manor Hotel, **Tully Review Meeting.**

2 Milk Recording Update

MR Stats week ending 21/04/06

Milk Recording Organisation	2006 Herds Recorded Week 14/04/06 - 21/04/06	2005 Herds Recorded Week 14/04/05 - 21/04/05
Progressive	277	431
Dairygold	174	232
SWS	101	169
Kerry	180	196
Connacht	22	13
Tipperary	27	35
Arrabawn	9	11
Others (Donegal, OAD)	0	0
Total	790	1,087

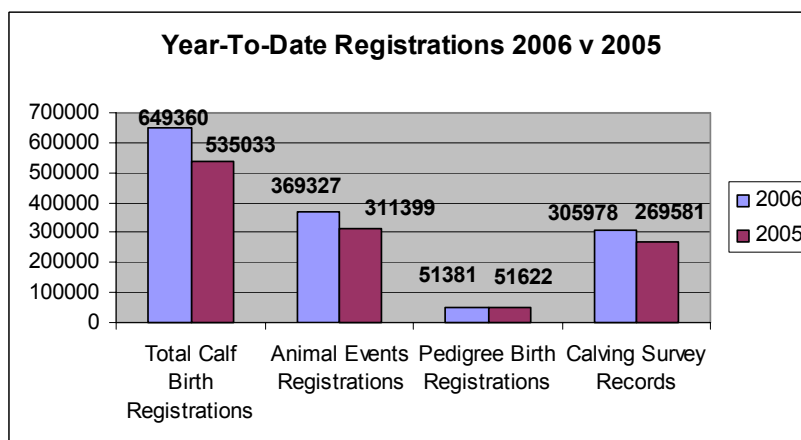
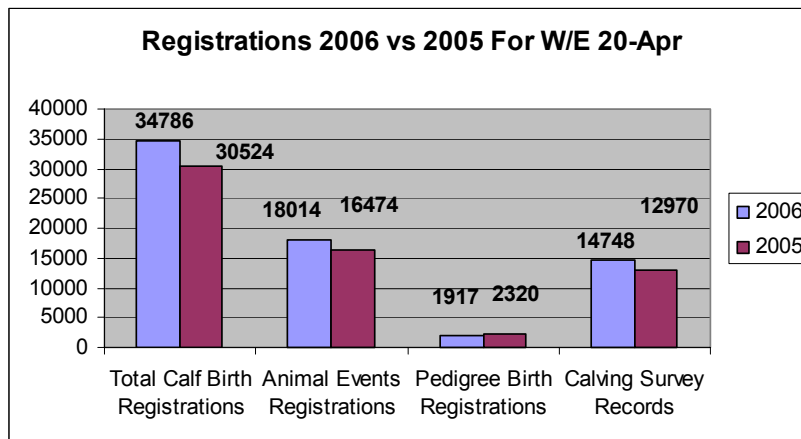
Note: 4 day week 2006 (Easter) vs. 5 day week in 2005

Milk Recording Organisation	HERD Count		COW Count	
	2006 No. Herds Owners Year to Date Jan 1st-Apr 21st	2005 No. Herd Owners at Year End	2006 No. Cows Year to Date Jan 1st- Apr 21st	2005 No. Cows at Year End
Progressive	1,755	2,087	107,226	154,992
Dairygold	1,231	1,529	62,453	98,832
Kerry	929	1,066	45,515	68,193
SWS	863	939	41,024	56,257
Tipperary	110	142	5,890	9,412
Connacht	100	110	5,161	7,359
Arrabawn	89	109	4,707	7,188
Others (Donegal, OAD)	7	57	644	4,837
	5,084	6,039	272,620	407,070



3 Database Update

- 142 new herds added to the database last week.
- PG, Dovea, and Kerry continue to make progress. In the region of 14,000 inseminations have now been captured across around 75 handhelds.
- Development work to support the back end activities of the AI handheld are continuing, including reporting, and billing functions, for both PG and Dovea and Kerry.
- All breeding charts have been printed and the distribution is almost complete
- The sire advice reports have been distributed
- The development of Fertility Reports for the coming AI season is continuing, and it is hoped that next week, the first of those reports will be generated based on data received through the AI handhelds and through on-line and email recording. See attached example.
- The 2005 ICBF Statistics have been completed and will be available on the website next week.
- An updated preliminary Tully catalogue with BLUPS is available on the website



4 Genetic Evaluations

- Evaluations for the May run are on-going with files currently being processed for Interbull. The deadline for submission of these new files to Interbull is next Tuesday.
- The latest Tully intake has been completed and this data will be included in a new evaluation which will form the basis of the next Tully sale on Saturday 6th May.
- Sire advice has been run for several hundred herds and reports were distributed to those herds during the week.

5 GENE IRELAND[®]

- Inbreeding charts continue to be compiled and distributed for herds involved in the Dairy GENE IRELAND[®] program.
- Semen from the third group of 10 bulls has been assembled and is currently being dispatched.



- Sign up of herds to the program is starting to wind down. To-date 425 herds have been signed up and the sign up of herds will continue for another couple of weeks.

6 Tully

- The final BLUP figures for the bulls for sale on the 6-5-06 are up on the ICBF web site. The final EBI figures will be up on the ICBF web site from the 26-4-06.
- Inspection of bulls for the May intake will begin on the 25-4-06 and health testing will take place from the 15-5-06.
- A group of suckler farmers from Cavan will visit Tully on the 26-4-06.
- Judging of the FBD prize winners will take place on the 2-5-06 and not the 25-4-06.

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Reproductive Performance, Spring 2006

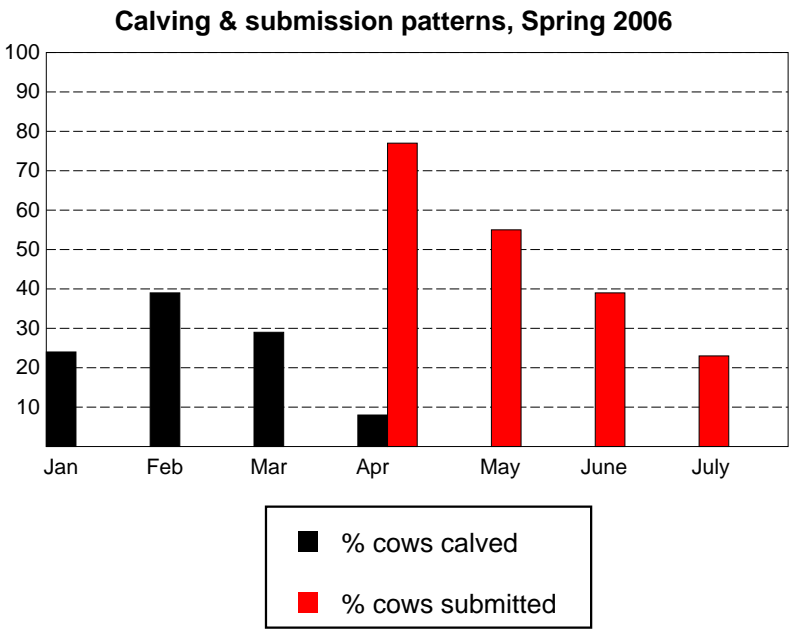
Week 3 : First report

Herd Owner: HIGHFIELD HOUSE
 Herd Number: IE1234567
 Report Date: 04/05/2006

1. Summary

This report is a summary of the reproductive performance of all cows that calved since Jan 1st 2006 and are available for service during the current breeding season. Maiden heifers are not included. The insemination data is based on information recorded in Animal Events

Calving	
Calving period	
Start	15/01/2006
Median	16/02/2006
Finish/Last calving	13/04/2006
Related events	
Total cows calved during the calving period	49
Calving interval (days)	395 days
% cows calved by 8 weeks	78%
Mating	
Mating Start Date (MSD)	11/04/2006
Cows calved and served within 21 days of MSD	34
Number of serves within 21 days of MSD	36



2. Herd Performance

The performance of your herd has been expressed relative to other recorded herds (with a minimum of 30 calvings)

			Btm 15%	Achievable	Top 15%
			22%		80%
a. 21-day Submission rate (%) <small>% of cows submitted for mating within 21 days of MSD, (34) as a proportion of the herd calved up to 21 days after MSD ()</small>	Your Herd National Average	71% 47%			
			50%		10%
b. % cows calved > 30 days & not yet submitted <small>% of cows calved > 30 days at MSD (37) and not yet submitted within 21 days of MSD (5)</small>	Your Herd National Average	14% 20%			
			35%		6%
c. % cows calved > 50 days & not yet submitted <small>% of cows calved > 50 days at MSD (25) and not yet submitted within 21 days of MSD (3)</small>	Your Herd National Average	12% 15%			

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3. Herd performance by lactation no., BCS, calving history and days calved

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Overall	21-day submission rate		
	Cows (*)	Subm. (**)	% Submitted Overall
Overall	48	34	71%
Lactation Number	Cows	Subm.	% Submitted By Lactation
Lactation 1	13	11	85%
Lactation 2	13	11	85%
Lactation 3 - 5	15	8	53%
Lactation >=6	7	4	57%
Body condition score (BCS)	Cows	Subm.	% Submitted By BCS
BCS High (>2.75)			
BCS Medium (2.25-2.75)			
BCS Low (<2.25)			
Calving Ease history	Cows	Subm.	% Submitted By Calving Ease History
Difficult (3 or 4)	1	1	100%
Normal (1 or 2)	43	33	77%
Days calved	Cows	Subm.	% Submitted By Days Calved
< 42 days	8	0	0%
42 - 84 days	24	20	83%
>84 days	16	14	88%

* All cows available for service upto MSD + 21

** Number of cows submitted for service within 21 days of MSD

MSD is 11/04/2006

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4. Action List

Do not return this sheet to the Animal Events office.

The following cows may have reproductive problems and should be investigated further.

Cows not yet submitted for service

FB	Cow ID	Lactation	Calving Date	Days in Milk	Problems/Treatments
145	IE123456710145	7	19/03/2006	46 days	
165	IE123456710165	8	13/04/2006	21 days	