

## 1. Important Dates

✚ **ICBF** - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May at the Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise:

10:00 – 12:30 Board Meeting  
12:30 – 13:30 AGM  
13:30 – 14:30 Buffet Lunch

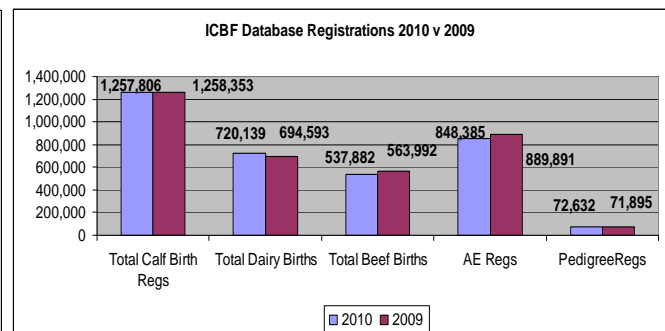
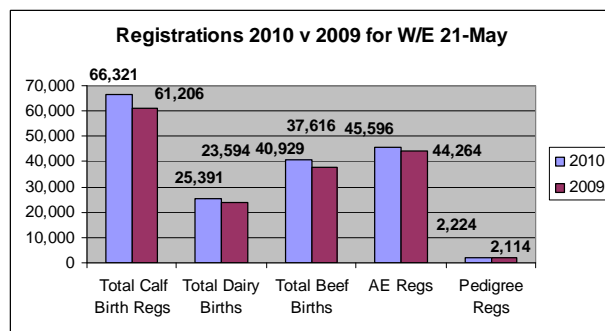
✚ **Sheep Ireland** – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May at the Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise:

13:00 - 14:00 Buffet Lunch  
14:00 - 15:30 Meeting with Flock Books - Election and Sheep Ireland progress report.  
15:30 - 15:45 AGM – Open to Directors only  
15:45 - 17:00 Interim Sheep Board meeting.

✚ **ICAR and Interbull Meetings**, Riga Latvia 31<sup>st</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June. Further details - [www.icar2010.lv](http://www.icar2010.lv).

✚ **Sheep 2010, Lyons Estate, UCD** – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June. This is a major day for the Irish Sheep industry.

## 2. Database



✚ 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 632,131 with the number of animals weaned at 564,978.

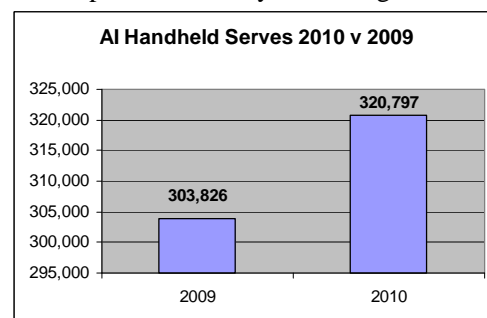
✚ We got some further feedback this week on the AHI BVD solution, which we will incorporate in the coming weeks. Any Vets wishing to begin interacting with the AHI/ICBF system can register at <http://www.animalhealthireland.ie/registerpage.php>.

✚ The development of a new classification report for IHFA is now completed and ready for testing.

✚ A new call logging system for herd-books to use was presented at the weekly herdbook webinar, and will help provide improved transparency on the status of requests from herdbooks.

✚ Updates have been made to the loading of animal events where the sire of a calf is now checked against AI records in order to provide a further quality check on the data, where possible.

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



### 3. Sheep Ireland

- ✚ MALP lambs continue to be EID tagged and weighed at 40 days; all weights are recorded electronically through handhelds and sent directly to the Sheep Ireland Database in Bandon.
- ✚ Over 3800 lambs have been recorded on the Sheep Ireland Database so far this year. LambPlus breeders, who still have to enter their Lambing and 40 Day Weight data, should do so straight away. These breeders will be contacted again in the coming week.
- ✚ Breeders should contact Donegal Farm Relief Service (074-9145386), to organise ultra sound scanning for fat and muscle depth to be carried on their Lambs at 120 to 140 days old.

### 4. Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ Work is continuing on various improvements to the genetic evaluations.
- ✚ The monthly beef linear evaluations are underway.
- ✚ A Master's project between UCD and ICBF looking at the genetics of twinning in Irish dairy and beef herds has begun.

### 5. Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 11/05/10 to 21/05/10

	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	20	1,209	60	27.4	3.68	3.37	1.93	335
CAVAN	44	2,358	54	27.4	3.65	3.29	1.90	277
CLARE	44	2,544	58	27.5	3.62	3.35	1.92	319
CORK STH	279	19,679	71	27.8	3.61	3.35	1.93	275
CORK NTH	265	18,261	69	27.8	3.63	3.41	1.96	257
DONEGAL	16	1,555	97	26.2	3.90	3.41	1.92	244
DUBLIN	7	636	91	25.3	4.18	3.13	1.85	319
GALWAY	29	1,776	61	29.6	3.65	3.33	2.07	336
KERRY	127	8,476	67	29.5	3.58	3.31	2.03	308
KILDARE	21	1,788	85	28.4	3.81	3.39	2.04	469
KILKENNY	93	7,618	82	25.7	3.57	3.32	1.77	242
LAOIS	49	3,680	75	24.1	3.68	3.32	1.69	381
LEITRIM	6	262	44	36.5	3.46	3.20	2.43	249
LIMERICK	143	9,697	68	28.9	3.52	3.35	1.99	273
LONGFORD	8	448	56	30.6	3.37	3.09	1.98	270
LOUTH	23	2,159	94	29.4	3.34	3.25	1.94	335
MAYO	28	1,369	49	29.5	3.36	3.43	2.00	350
MEATH	60	5,378	90	27.0	3.66	3.29	1.88	289
MONAGHAN	38	1,942	51	28.9	3.60	3.24	1.98	313
OFFALY	21	1,580	75	27.3	3.66	3.38	1.92	327
ROSCOMMON	3	138	46	28.7	2.97	3.42	1.83	202
SLIGO	8	456	57	29.2	3.90	3.49	2.16	274
TIPPERARY NTH	59	4,331	73	25.7	3.81	3.37	1.85	292
TIPPERARY STH	61	4,670	77	25.5	3.72	3.33	1.80	266
WATERFORD	58	5,341	92	27.1	3.78	3.37	1.94	215
WESTMEATH	20	1,560	78	25.3	3.77	3.22	1.77	337
WEXFORD	79	5,926	75	25.9	3.43	3.41	1.77	329
WICKLOW E	18	1,562	87	27.6	3.35	3.30	1.84	254
WICKLOW W	15	1,358	91	26.2	3.75	3.33	1.85	348

	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	1,642	117,757	71	27.8	3.62	3.33	1.93	299

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 11/05/10 to 21/05/10

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	1036	72,999	70	27.5	3.66	3.36	1.93	276
Leinster	434	34,902	80	26.9	3.63	3.29	1.87	326
Connacht	74	4,001	54	30.7	3.47	3.37	2.10	282
Ulster	98	5,855	60	27.5	3.72	3.31	1.93	278

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 21/05/10

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 21/05/10	No. EDIY Herds YTD 21/05/10	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 21/05/10	No. EDIY Cows YTD 21/05/10	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,422	920	27%	234,765	68,820	29%
Progressive	1,879	663	35%	146,876	50,459	34%
Tipperary	121	48	40%	9,430	4,295	46%
Connacht	128	44	34%	7,722	2,504	32%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,550</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>398,793</b>	<b>126,078</b>	<b>32%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2009 Cows Recorded 01/01/09 - 21/05/09	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 21/05/10	2010 vs 2009 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	214,589	234,765	8.6%
Progressive	148,505	146,876	-1.1%
Tipperary	8,833	9,430	6.3%
Connacht	6,415	7,722	16.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>378,342</b>	<b>398,793</b>	<b>5.1%</b>

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