

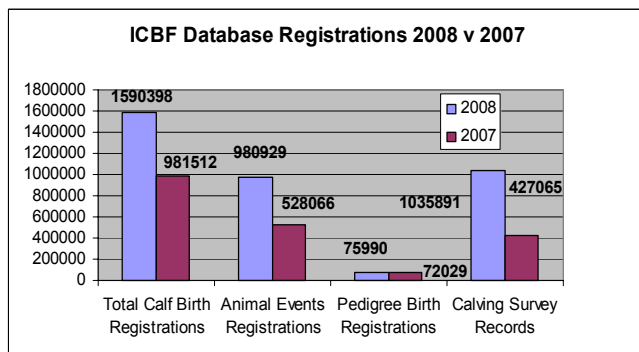
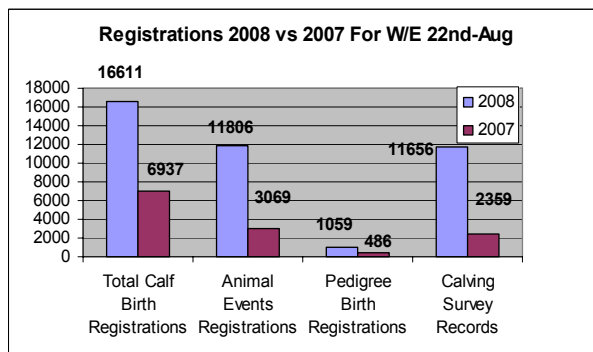


UPDATE – for period 16th– 22nd August 2008

1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Tue. 26th August, 10:00** – Beef Industry Genetic Evaluation Consultation meeting, Tullamore Court Hotel.
- ✚ **Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th August** – Sheep breeding consultation meetings, Tullamore Court Hotel.
- ✚ **Thursday 18th September** – ICBF Board meeting 10:30 to 14:00.
- ✚ **Thursday 18th September** – Interim Sheep Board meeting 14:00 to 17:00.
- ✚ **23rd to 25th September** – Ploughing Championships, Kilkenny.
- ✚ **9th to 11th October** – World Holstein Friesian Conference hosted by Ireland at Killarney & Millstreet. For details see www.ihfa.ie.
- ✚ **11th and 12th October** – International Beef Expo being hosted in Ireland at Kilkenny Mart. For details see www.beefexpoireland.ie.

2 Database



- ✚ 486,960 inseminations have been received so far in 2008, compared with 337,478 in 2007 for the same period.
- ✚ Over 605,000 birth registrations from new Animal Events users have been received as part of the Suckler Scheme.
- ✚ Approximately 13500 suckler preweaning forms have been received and processed thus far.
- ✚ Slaughter Reports for 2007 are now available on the website for beef herds.
- ✚ The loading of the current Genetic Evaluations is progressing this week.
- ✚ The Beef Calving Report for this year was completed this week and will be available online from next week.
- ✚ Work on the Dairy Cow Report is continuing.
- ✚ Requirements analysis on the upgrade of the web server hardware has commenced.
- ✚ Work on enhancing the Teagasc Discussion Group reports has continued.
- ✚ Work is continuing on the new Bull Search.

3 Sheep

- ✚ Organisation for the sheep meetings next week has progressed. On Monday 25th there will be a workshop of stakeholders and the team leading the development of a new sheep breeding infrastructure for Ireland. On Wednesday 27th the Team will report their initial recommendations to a review group. By the end of next week we expect to have a finalised report for consideration by the Interim Sheep Board at its next meeting.



4 Tully

- Interviews with candidates for the managers position took place this week. We expect to make a decision next week.

5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 15/08/08 to 22/08/08.

| | <i>No. Herds Recorded</i> | <i>No. Cows Recorded</i> | <i>Average Herd Size</i> | <i>Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow</i> | <i>Average Fat %</i> | <i>Average Protein %</i> | <i>Average F + P kg</i> | <i>Average SCC</i> |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| CARLOW | 14 | 841 | 60 | 19.5 | 4.02 | 3.48 | 1.46 | 312 |
| CAVAN | 49 | 2,871 | 59 | 22.0 | 3.73 | 3.36 | 1.56 | 292 |
| CLARE | 23 | 1,300 | 57 | 20.2 | 3.89 | 3.44 | 1.48 | 260 |
| CORK STH | 208 | 13,850 | 67 | 20.1 | 3.99 | 3.52 | 1.51 | 265 |
| CORK NTH | 245 | 16,309 | 67 | 19.9 | 4.02 | 3.48 | 1.49 | 271 |
| DONEGAL | 7 | 480 | 69 | 17.7 | 3.87 | 3.49 | 1.30 | 298 |
| DUBLIN | 3 | 137 | 46 | 27.2 | 3.44 | 3.33 | 1.84 | 390 |
| GALWAY | 11 | 1,080 | 98 | 17.5 | 4.50 | 3.61 | 1.42 | 448 |
| KERRY | 93 | 5,461 | 59 | 22.6 | 3.83 | 3.40 | 1.63 | 325 |
| KILDARE | 13 | 1,004 | 77 | 21.0 | 3.92 | 3.42 | 1.54 | 334 |
| KILKENNY | 78 | 5,468 | 70 | 18.9 | 4.04 | 3.53 | 1.43 | 258 |
| LAOIS | 30 | 2,171 | 72 | 19.9 | 4.07 | 3.51 | 1.51 | 306 |
| LEITRIM | 3 | 173 | 58 | 22.8 | 3.48 | 3.21 | 1.53 | 279 |
| LIMERICK | 121 | 7,847 | 65 | 20.8 | 3.75 | 3.43 | 1.49 | 295 |
| LONGFORD | 6 | 377 | 63 | 21.5 | 4.09 | 3.52 | 1.64 | 235 |
| LOUTH | 16 | 1,322 | 83 | 21.3 | 3.80 | 3.36 | 1.53 | 337 |
| MAYO | 12 | 552 | 46 | 24.2 | 3.63 | 3.40 | 1.70 | 345 |
| MEATH | 52 | 4,011 | 77 | 21.7 | 3.79 | 3.38 | 1.56 | 323 |
| MONAGHAN | 34 | 1,824 | 54 | 22.9 | 3.71 | 3.32 | 1.61 | 289 |
| OFFALY | 19 | 1,321 | 70 | 20.9 | 3.79 | 3.35 | 1.49 | 265 |
| ROSCOMMON | 9 | 498 | 55 | 24.8 | 4.14 | 3.29 | 1.84 | 277 |
| SLIGO | 4 | 129 | 32 | 22.5 | 3.76 | 3.55 | 1.64 | 285 |
| TIPPERARY NTH | 51 | 3,499 | 69 | 20.2 | 3.87 | 3.52 | 1.49 | 262 |
| TIPPERARY STH | 101 | 7,890 | 78 | 18.8 | 3.96 | 3.47 | 1.40 | 231 |
| WATERFORD | 49 | 4,388 | 90 | 18.5 | 4.04 | 3.47 | 1.39 | 265 |
| WESTMEATH | 28 | 1,783 | 64 | 23.0 | 3.80 | 3.37 | 1.65 | 268 |
| WEXFORD | 66 | 4,432 | 67 | 19.7 | 4.06 | 3.52 | 1.49 | 271 |
| WICKLOW E | 24 | 1,598 | 67 | 18.6 | 3.85 | 3.48 | 1.36 | 280 |
| WICKLOW W | 10 | 902 | 90 | 17.6 | 3.77 | 3.36 | 1.25 | 314 |
| | <i>No. Herds Recorded</i> | <i>No. Cows Recorded</i> | <i>Average Herd Size</i> | <i>Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow</i> | <i>Average Fat %</i> | <i>Average Protein %</i> | <i>Average F + P kg</i> | <i>Average SCC</i> |
| National | 1,379 | 93,518 | 66 | 20.9 | 3.88 | 3.43 | 1.53 | 296 |

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 15/08/08 to 22/08/08.

| Provincial | <i>No. Herds Recorded</i> | <i>No. Cows Recorded</i> | <i>Average Herd Size</i> | <i>Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow</i> | <i>Average Fat %</i> | <i>Average Protein %</i> | <i>Average F + P kg</i> | <i>Average SCC</i> |
|------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Munster | 891 | 60,544 | 68 | 20.1 | 3.92 | 3.47 | 1.49 | 272 |
| Leinster | 359 | 25,367 | 71 | 20.8 | 3.88 | 3.43 | 1.52 | 299 |
| Connacht | 39 | 2,432 | 62 | 22.4 | 3.90 | 3.41 | 1.64 | 327 |
| Ulster | 90 | 5,175 | 58 | 20.9 | 3.77 | 3.39 | 1.49 | 293 |



| National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 22/08/08 | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Milk Recording Organisation | Total Herds Recorded YTD 22/08/08 | No. EDIY Herds YTD 22/08/08 | % Herds EDIY | Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 22/08/08 | No. EDIY Cows YTD 22/08/08 | % Cows EDIY |
| Progressive | 2,217 | 892 | 40% | 176,576 | 69,090 | 39% |
| Dairygold | 1,655 | 603 | 36% | 119,972 | 45,514 | 38% |
| Kerry | 1,156 | 247 | 21% | 78,242 | 16,185 | 21% |
| SWS | 913 | 132 | 14% | 60,989 | 9,332 | 15% |
| Tipperary | 171 | 72 | 42% | 12,920 | 5,715 | 72% |
| Arrabawn | 165 | 137 | 83% | 12,656 | 10,660 | 84% |
| Connacht | 158 | 67 | 42% | 9,870 | 4,027 | 41% |
| Donegal | 49 | 49 | 100% | 4,620 | 4,620 | 100% |
| Total | 6,484 | 2,199 | 34% | 475,845 | 165,143 | 35% |

| Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Milk Recording Organisation | YTD 2006 Cows Recorded 01/01/06 - 22/08/06 | YTD 2007 Cows Recorded 01/01/07 - 22/08/07 | YTD 2008 Cows Recorded 01/01/08 - 22/08/08 | 2008 vs 2007 Year on Year Difference (%) |
| Progressive | 152,568 | 162,781 | 176,576 | 13.6% |
| Dairygold | 102,177 | 109,735 | 119,972 | 8.5% |
| Kerry | 69,350 | 70,860 | 78,242 | 11.4% |
| SWS | 58,358 | 59,843 | 60,989 | 1.9% |
| Tipperary | 11,702 | 12,190 | 12,920 | 5.7% |
| Arrabawn | 10,924 | 11,744 | 12,656 | 7.2% |
| Connacht | 8,847 | 9,845 | 9,870 | 0.3% |
| Donegal | 5,105 | 3,861 | 4,620 | 16.4% |
| Total | 419,031 | 440,859 | 475,845 | 7.4% |

6 Genetic Evaluations

- Next Friday (29th August) the Interbeef Working Group will meet in Uppsala at the Interbull Centre. The main focus of this meeting is the development of databases to support international beef genetic evaluations.

7 Genomic Selection

- The current status is as follows:
 - 479 bulls genotyped
 - 192 extracted and ready to go
 - ~200 more to be extracted
 - Next run to occur mid/late September, consisting of ~380 samples
 - A further 350 still required.



8 GENE IRELAND®



Dairy

- ✦ 26,270 recorded inseminations received to date for the Dairy spring 08 test bulls (54% of straws dispatched)

Beef

- ✦ Good farmer interest in advance of the Autumn programme starting up
- ✦ Work continuing on selecting the bulls to be included
- ✦ Colour photos with €stars of the bulls being done up for promotion.
- ✦ Hope to start signing up herds in early Sept.

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