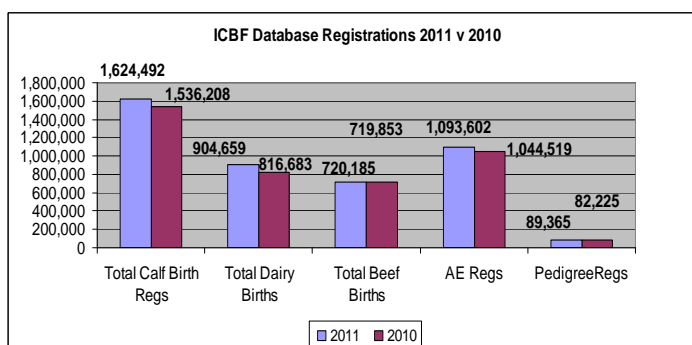
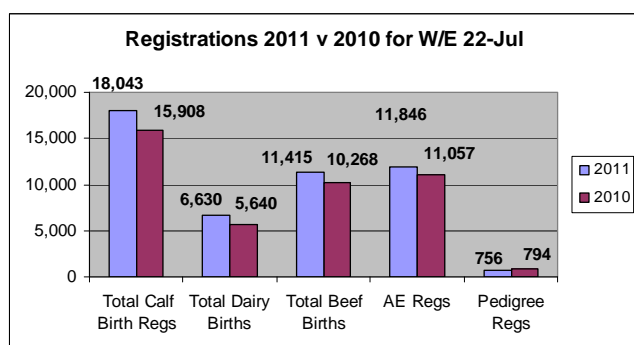


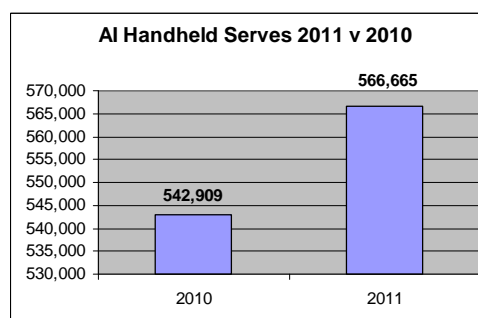
1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Tully Advisory Committee meeting** – Monday 25th July, 10:00 to 14:00 – Tully.
- ✚ **ICBF Dairy and Beef Industry meetings** – Wednesday 27th July, 10:00 to 17:00 - Killeshin Hotel Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 15th September, 10:30 to 14:00 – ICBF, Highfield House, Bandon.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 22nd September, 14:00 to 16:30 – ICBF, Highfield House, Bandon.

2 Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFF AIM systems.
- ✚ In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2010 born calves with meal introduced is 624,473 with the number of animals weaned at 561,484.
- ✚ The first pilot of the EID cattle tags linking to the ICBF handheld software was completed this week on one of the herds in the 'Better Farm' programmes.
- ✚ The first prototype of a new cattle weighing scales with blue-tooth integration to ICBF handheld software will be delivered in the next couple of weeks.
- ✚ Work is on-going in building the systems that will support the up-coming national BVD eradication programme.
- ✚ Some further work on the screens to support the transfer of genotypes to and from the ICBF database is on-going.
- ✚ This week, the work began on a major upgrade to one of the key software platforms used at ICBF. The tool used to generate our farmer forms and reports, (Streamserve), will undergo a major upgrade over the coming months.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2011 compared with 2010.



3 Tully

Current Intake

- The second live-weight on all bulls was obtained on Monday (Table 1). The average daily gain across all breeds was an exceptional 2.3 kg per day. Bulls are due to finish their performance test on the 19th of September.

Table 1. Average live-weight and average daily gain of bulls by breed

Breed	AA (n = 4)	BA (n = 3)	BB (n = 2)	CH (n = 16)	LM (n = 18)	PT (n = 2)	SA (n = 1)	SI (n = 6)
Average Live-weight (kg)	508	594	476	600	544	586	534	522
Average daily gain (kg)	2.43	2.22	2.05	2.27	2.12	2.05	2.05	2.46

- Bull owners and breed societies have received letters and e-mails, respectively, updating them on the performance of bulls to date. Also, AI companies have received the latest performance figures of bulls, along with all other relevant information.
- Bulls are being washed at present to help maintain and promote hair growth.
- Bulls received a mineral supplement where it was deemed necessary.
- Fresh woodchip was applied to all outdoor pens.
- All up to date feed intake data and live-weights have been inputted to the ICBF database.

Pat Flood's Contribution to Tully

Pat Flood, a valuable member of the farm staff at Tully, retired last week. Pat has worked at Tully since it was first set up by the Department of Agriculture in 1973. The first 29 years of his work at Tully was for the Department of Agriculture and the last 9 years with ICBF. Throughout the years Pat has given excellent service to Tully and has displayed exceptional skills in all aspects of animal husbandry. Pat is the first person to retire from ICBF. A function was held last Friday in Kildare town to mark Pat's retirement and it was a great opportunity for his current and former work colleagues to reminisce and celebrate Pat's contributions to Irish cattle breeding. We wish Pat all the very best for his retirement.

Reminder

A meeting of the Tully Advisory Committee will take place on Monday, 25th July at Tully Bull performance Test Centre. The meeting will run from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

4 HerdPlus

Beef Herdplus Farmers – Teagasc Events

This coming week there will be 3 Teagasc Events taking place on Suckler herds who are using HerdPlus®:

- Monday 25th July – 2pm on the farm of Robin Talbot, Coole, Ballacolla, Portlaoise, Co.Laois.
- Tuesday 26th July – 2pm on the farm of James Leahy, Bishopstown, Lismore, Co. Waterford.

- Thursday 28th July - 7pm on the farm of Ger Dineen, Knockroe, Kilnamartyra, Macroom, Co.Cork. This event will be focussing on his Suckler Cow Herd. In particular – his use of top AI sires and the results of a recent batch of AI Bred bulls that were slaughtered.

These are some pictures from Ger's farm showing overall performance and top prices:



14 Month old Simmental & Limousin Bulls all grading 'U' with an average Carcass Weight of 391Kgs. Average price/Head of €1486.



Above: Tag '616' - €1787 for a 15 month old (TSO Sired) Bull (U+3- & 470 Kgs).



Left: Tag '612' - €1717 for a 15month old (KFY sired) bull (U+4- & 451kg).

- The majority of Bulls slaughtered were Sired by 5 Star AI Bulls for 'Beef Carcass'.

EID Tagging

- Earlier this week the first ever Cattle EID tags – readable by an ICBF Handheld were put into 31 beef calves.
- The calves were tagged on the farm of Pat O'Reilly, Rathmore, Sixmilebridge, Co.Clare.
- The EID tags are being investigated to see what their possible on-farm uses may be.
- The photo shows a BYU Belgian Blue weanling with an EID button tag in his right ear.



5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 22/07/11						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 22/07/11	No. EDIY Herds YTD 22/07/11	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 22/07/11	No. EDIY Cows YTD 22/07/11	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,655	1,036	28%	296,586	92,951	31%
Progressive	2,349	885	38%	207,556	78,331	38%
Tipperary	144	64	44%	12,916	6,199	48%
Total	6,148	1,985	32%	517,058	177,481	34%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 22/07/10	YTD 2011 Cows Recorded 01/01/11 - 22/07/11	2011 vs. 2010 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	270,666	296,586	8.7%
Progressive	184,958	207,556	10.9%
Tipperary	11,298	12,916	12.5%
Total	466,922	517,058	9.7%

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 12/07/11 to 22/07/11								
	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	5	705	141	24.4	3.70	3.41	1.73	281
CAVAN	19	1867	98	25.7	3.51	3.26	1.74	195
CLARE	18	1446	80	23.8	3.71	3.40	1.69	247
CORK STH	251	20514	82	23.5	3.77	3.37	1.68	229
CORK NTH	191	18641	98	23.4	3.91	3.50	1.73	253
DONEGAL	5	403	81	22.4	4.09	3.38	1.67	379
DUBLIN	6	341	57	28.3	3.35	3.31	1.88	340
GALWAY	18	2186	121	23.3	3.77	3.36	1.66	287
KERRY	138	9930	72	25.2	3.67	3.34	1.77	311
KILDARE	10	783	78	24.7	3.68	3.34	1.73	337
KILKENNY	27	3511	130	22.2	3.77	3.49	1.61	225
LAOIS	22	2452	111	23.0	3.59	3.41	1.61	237
LEITRIM	4	290	73	25.2	3.84	3.34	1.81	264
LIMERICK	102	9564	94	23.7	3.72	3.39	1.69	273
LONGFORD	2	427	214	21.3	3.77	3.37	1.52	295
LOUTH	8	1013	127	23.5	3.66	3.29	1.63	221
MAYO	25	1587	63	26.4	3.28	3.29	1.73	448
MEATH	37	5648	153	23.5	3.81	3.35	1.68	211

MONAGHAN	15	1329	89	24.4	3.66	3.25	1.69	291
OFFALY	10	1196	120	24.8	3.83	3.39	1.79	268
ROSCOMMON	1	132	132	25.5	3.72	3.33	1.80	247
SLIGO	1	86	86	23.3	3.56	3.53	1.65	174
TIPPERARY NTH	15	3576	238	21.8	3.80	3.43	1.58	339
TIPPERARY STH	23	4848	211	23.0	3.86	3.42	1.67	278
WATERFORD	33	4906	149	23.3	3.78	3.46	1.69	205
WESTMEATH	8	865	108	23.4	3.68	3.33	1.64	243
WEXFORD	42	4236	101	24.2	3.77	3.42	1.74	233
WICKLOW E	16	1431	89	22.4	3.66	3.35	1.57	260
WICKLOW W	4	726	182	22.2	3.66	3.31	1.55	427
	<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	1,056	104,639	116	23.9	3.71	3.37	1.69	276

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 12/07/11 to 22/07/11

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	536	73,425	137	23.5	3.78	3.41	1.69	267
Leinster	187	23,334	125	23.7	3.69	3.37	1.67	275
Connacht	293	4,281	15	24.7	3.63	3.37	1.73	284
Ulster	35	3,599	103	24.2	3.75	3.30	1.70	288

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