

## ICBF Weekly Update 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013

### 1 Important Dates

- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30 to 14:00, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, at 14:00, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Beef Industry Meeting** – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 10:00 to 16:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.

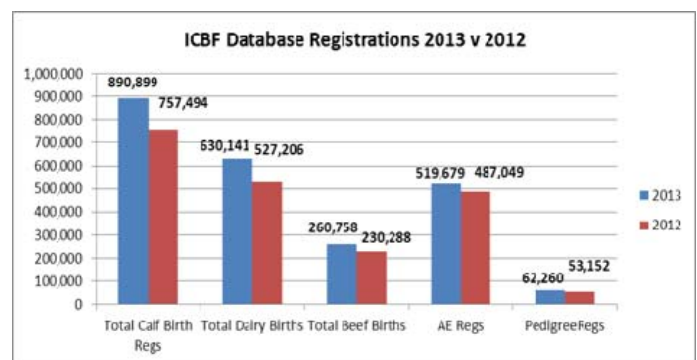
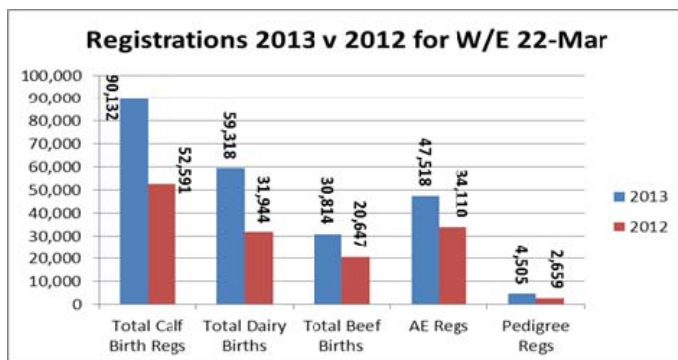
### 2 ICBF HerdPlus/G-EN-IR-ELAND Dairy User Day and Charity Auction – Corrin Mart 20<sup>th</sup> March

The ICBF HerdPlus and G-EN-IR-ELAND user day and the charity auction of high EBI heifer calves was held at Cork Marts, Fermoy, Co. Cork on Wednesday 20 March 2013. The event was a massive success. The top data recording users of the G-EN-IR-ELAND 2009 received awards of €500 each. Five bull breeders of previous G-EN-IR-ELAND bulls received awards of €2000 each. The awards were kindly sponsored by FBD Trust.

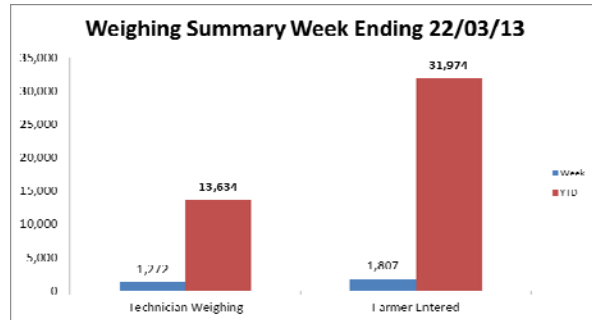
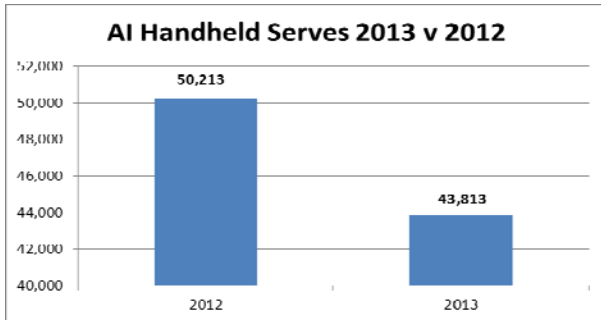


The top data recording winners pictured above include; Micheal J. Reidy, David Kerr, Bill O’Keefe, Richard Cronin, Eamon Kenny, Patrick Troy, James Tallon, Sylvester Phelan and William Downey. Also included in the picture is Kevin Whittle (FBD Trust) and Séan Coughlan (CEO ICBF).

### 3 Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFM AIM systems.
- ✚ In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2012 born calves with meal introduced is 595,070 with the number of animals weaned at 519,687.
- ✚ BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. There have been 872,000 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 87,000 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012 1.36 million results have now been received.
- ✚ The graph below shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2013 compared with 2012.



- ✚ This week there were 1,272 weights received through the technician service and 1,807 weights recorded by farmers. The graph shows the week and year to date totals.

#### 4 Euro-Star Sales Catalogues in use

- ✚ **The Irish Angus Society** is using the Euro-Star catalogue for the first time at their upcoming sale in Tullamore Livestock Mart on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2013.
  - Their sale will have 38 bulls and 10 heifers.
  - The Irish Angus Society also plans on using the Euro-Star catalogue at their Elite Sale later in the year.
  - Images of the catalogue and inside pages can be seen below.
- ✚ **The Irish Aberdeen Angus Society** is holding its High Health Status Show & Sale of 40 bulls and 3 heifers in Roscrea Mart on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2013
  - This is the second time that the Irish Aberdeen Angus Society will have used the Euro-Star catalogue. A Euro-Star catalogue was also used at the corresponding sale in 2012.
  - At that corresponding sale last year – a top price of €800 was given for the overall champion Westellan Dominator K707 from John and Kate Tait, Middleton, Co. Cork. By Jerusalem Faraday C071, he was a December 2010 born bull out of the Gigginstown Rolls Royce daughter Liss Dana E680.

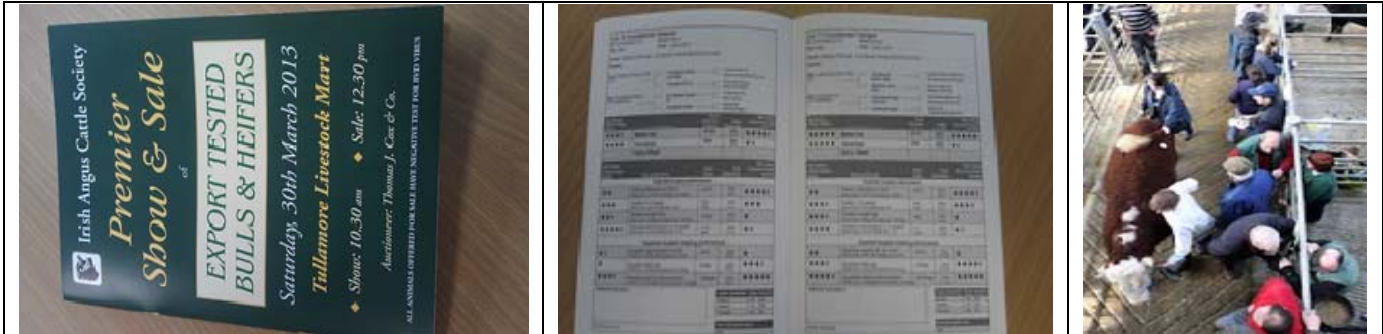


*Pictured above is John Tait with the judge on that day Pat Cahill.*

- The Euro-Star catalogue will also be used at their upcoming High Health Status sale in Bandon.

✚ **The Kilkenny Agricultural Society** commenced its series of Spring Sales last Wednesday also.

- This is their 4<sup>th</sup> year using the Euro-Star catalogue.



## 5 HerdPlus®

- ✚ Euro-Star reports were packed and posted this week.
- ✚ This is the first report that farmers will receive displaying the new index for their breeding stock.
- ✚ Updated Suckler Cow reports are now online for farmers to view through their HerdPlus login.
- ✚ These have also been updated with the new index.
- ✚ Farmers are being reminded to complete their sire advice before the end of March so that their breeding charts will have suggested bulls included.
- ✚ The charity auction of high EBI heifer calves, held at Corrin Mart, Fermoy last Wednesday, was a great success, with €16,380 being raised for a number of good causes.

## 6 Sheep Ireland



*A Five Star Maternal ewe checking the weather before letting the lambs out.*

- ✚ The first evaluations for 2013 have been loaded onto the Sheep Ireland website today (Friday). Breeders should assess these evaluations extremely carefully. There is still a large volume of lambing information flowing into the Sheep Ireland database every day and as a result we do not have a full picture of how different breeds/animals are performing as of yet. This is the earliest we have ever released the evaluations and we have done so in response from calls from breeders trying to assess what ram lambs look like good prospects for the coming sale season.
- ✚ We should warn breeders not to make any culling decisions based on these early evaluations. Until such time as our Ultrasound scanning campaigns have been completed for each of the respective breeds, participating breeders should remain cautious about the

decisions they make using the evaluations. As always the Accuracy % will reflect the depth of data that each individual evaluation is based on.



## 7 GENÉIRÉLAND®

### Beef

**Table 1. List of Maternal Bulls currently on-test**

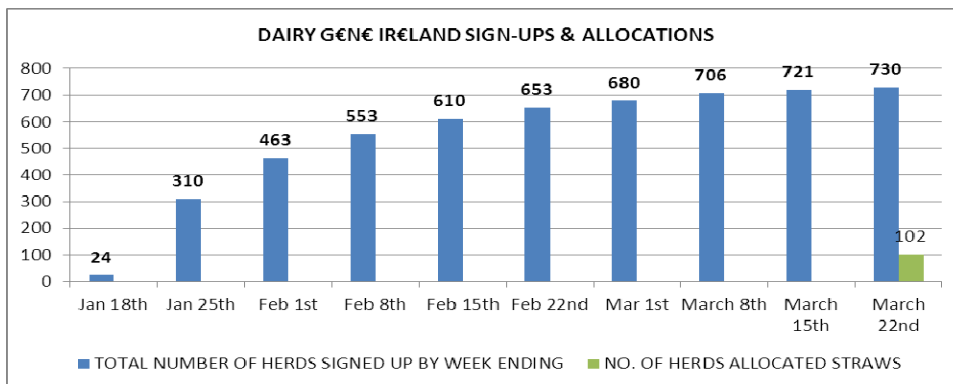
Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Straws
GJB	Goulding Jumbo King	AA	335
TQL	Templequain Lord Jake	AA	210
VMP	Villablues Empire ET	BB	350
RWM	Rosemount Emlyn	BB	205
FWO	Fleetwood	CH	310
FSZ	Fiston	CH	290
LZF	Cavelands Fenian	CH	500
FYB	Ballylannon Frankey ET	CH	440
GRF	Gerard	CH	125
GPD	Guepard	CH	35
GZS	Gouldingpoll Superduty	HE	185
WLZ	Wilodge Enrico	LM	500
FTH	Elite Fred ET	LM	500
CJH	Filou	LM	195
FQR	Ballygarvan Stud Fernando	LM	185
GWO	Castleview Gringo ET	LM	290
FTY	Lennon Frosty	LM	500
EBY	Elderberry Galahad	LM	55
PZB	Bonaparte	SA	135
QCD	Cloondroon Calling	SI	175

**Table 2. List of Terminal Bulls currently on-test**

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Straws
ZSD	Serpentin	BB	75
FSN	Folon	BB	50
GLP	Galopeur	BB	40
FFK	Conval Frank	CH	130
FGG	Leagaun Figaro	CH	110
FZM	Lenagh Equaliser	LM	65

- ✚ Sign-ups are continuing for the GENÉIRÉLAND spring program.
- ✚ 140 herds taking a total of 2800 straws have signed up so far.
- ✚ This week FTH, FTY and LZF reached the 500 straw target.
- ✚ To learn more or to order straws please phone 1850 600 900 or 045 521573.
- ✚ The approximate total straws ordered per bull so far are detailed in the tables below.

### Dairy



- ✚ Straws are currently being allocated according to AI start date and will increase each week as more bulls become available.
- ✚ The average EBI of the Holstein-Friesian panel is €75.

## 8 Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ Files of EBVs coming from France (7 breeds), UK, (Limousin), and Belgium (Belgian Blue) have been updated. French EBVs for 'carcass weight' (composite of carcass weight and age at slaughter) and carcass conformation estimated from factory data as well as docility EBV for UK Limousin are now available for the genetic evaluation on shared animals; research to integrate these new foreign EBVs into the genetic evaluation model as correlated traits will start shortly.

- The routine evaluations are currently underway. Files have been submitted to Interbull for the International evaluations. Calving and Beef evaluations will commence early next week. Official publication of proofs is April 16<sup>th</sup> 2013.

## 9 GROW<sup>®</sup>

- 296 Pedigree animals were weighed and scored in February.
- This is 168 fewer animals than February 2012.
- 116 Commercial animals were weighed and scored in February.
- This is down by 127 animals from February 2012.

## 10 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 22/03/13						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 22/03/13	No. EDIY Herds YTD 22/03/13	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 22/03/13	No. EDIY Cows YTD 22/03/13	% Cows EDIY
Munster	1,798	179	10%	104,255	12,545	12%
Progressive	1,340	322	24%	92,893	22,926	25%
Tipperary	23	3	13%	1,295	193	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,161</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>198,443</b>	<b>35,664</b>	<b>18%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2012 Cows Recorded 01/01/12 - 22/03/12	YTD 2013 Cows Recorded 01/01/13 - 22/03/13	2013 vs 2012 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	97,200	104,255	6.8%
Progressive	89,355	92,893	3.8%
Tipperary	1,447	1,295	-11.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>188,002</b>	<b>198,443</b>	<b>5.3%</b>

*Please see milk recording stats attached*

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