



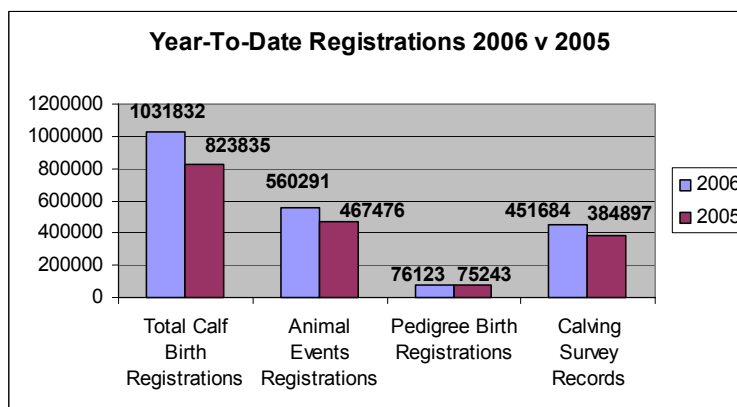
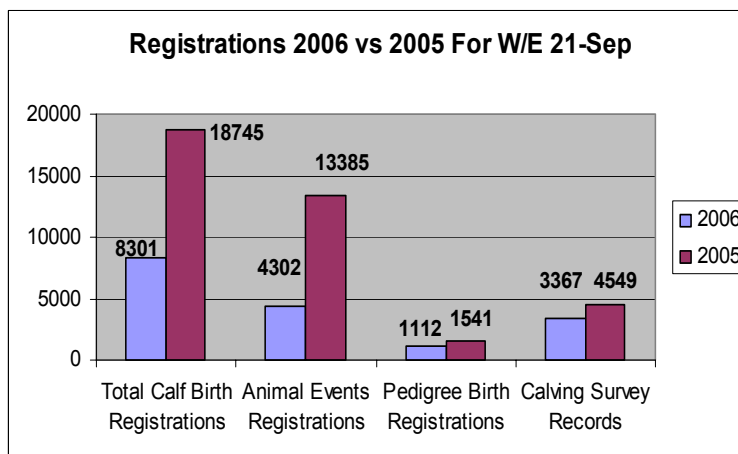
Update for period 15th – 22nd September 2006

1 Important Dates

- **September 27th to 30th** - Ploughing. **HerdPlus** will be the main focus of the ICBF stand.
- **New Date – Wednesday 18th October** **Beef Breeding Consultation** meeting
- **Wednesday 11th October** – **Dairy Genetic Evaluation Consultation** meeting – Moorepark.

2 Database Update

- 23 new herds added to the database last week.
- The number of inseminations recorded on handhelds this year now stands at 153,466..
- 31 Dairygold technicians have now recorded live inseminations. The current plan remains to have all Dairygold technicians currently working live by the end of September.
- Progressive Genetics are also making good progress in cleaning up the data before going live with the North East technicians. It is expected that the training of these technicians will begin in early October, with all technicians up and running by November 1st.
- The linear scoring of dairy progeny test heifers has continued this week, 780 progeny test heifers have now been scored.
- The commercial beef scoring project also kicked off continued this week, with 854 animals now scored.
- The commercial scoring report will be issued to all herds scored to date on Monday. A copy will be included in next weeks update.

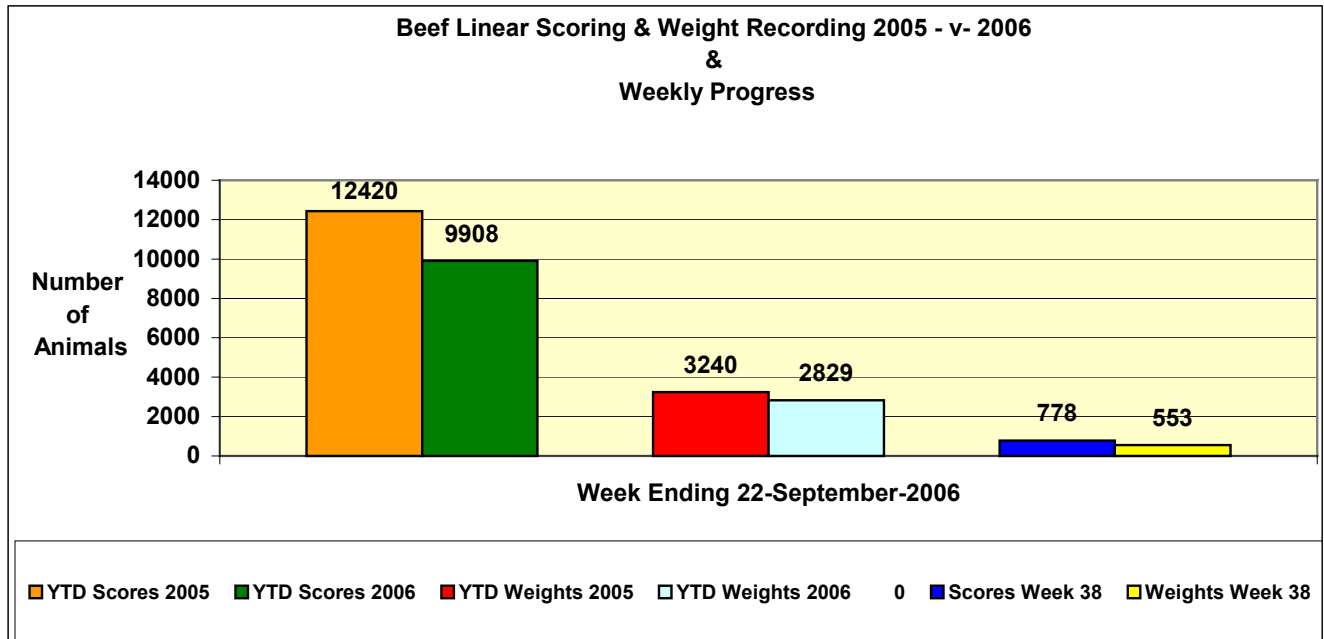


3 Tully

- Applications for the next intake to Tully will be sent out to breeders from the 2-10-06.
- A group of 40 beef farmers from Estonia will visit on the 27-9-06.
- A group of 25 Piedmontese breeders from Italy will visit on the 30-9-06.



4 Beef Linear Scoring



5 Genetic Evaluations

Dairy

- Preparatory work has begun for the extracts for the next routine EBI run, including the resolution of duplicate IDs.
- We are still awaiting the results of the test run for fertility from Interbull.

Beef

- Work is continuing on the maternal sub-index and linear type evaluations.

International Beef Evaluations

- Preliminary results from the international evaluation of weaning weight for Limousin are currently being summarised. These will be presented at the next beef industry meeting and will be available to the industry prior to the meeting.
- Work continues on the resolution of duplicates in the Simmental pedigree file.



6 Milk Recording Update

Milk Recording Stats week ending 15/09/06

Milk Recording Organisation	2006 Herds Recorded Week 15/09/06 - 22/09/06
Progressive	361
Dairygold	232
Kerry	150
SWS	128
Donegal	11
Arrabawn	10
Tipperary	10
Connacht	3
Total	892

Milk Recording Herds and Cows Year To date 2006 versus Year to date 2005

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2005 Herds Recorded 01/01/05 - 22/09/05	YTD 2006 Herds Recorded 01/01/06 - 22/09/06	Year on Year Herds Difference (%)	YTD 2005 Cows Recorded 01/01/05 - 22/09/05	YTD 2006 Cows Recorded 01/01/06 - 22/09/06	Year on Year Cows Difference (%)
Progressive	2,076	2,096	1%	147,029	154,226	5%
Dairygold	1,520	1,548	2%	96,836	102,712	6%
Kerry	1,064	1,074	1%	66,762	69,647	4%
SWS	936	958	2%	54,107	58,768	9%
Tipperary	141	168	19%	9,292	11,752	26%
Arrabawn	109	157	44%	7,085	10,956	55%
Connacht	110	138	25%	7,285	8,994	23%
Donegal	35	56	60%	3,543	5,157	46%
Total	5,991	6,195	3%	391,939	422,212	8%

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