


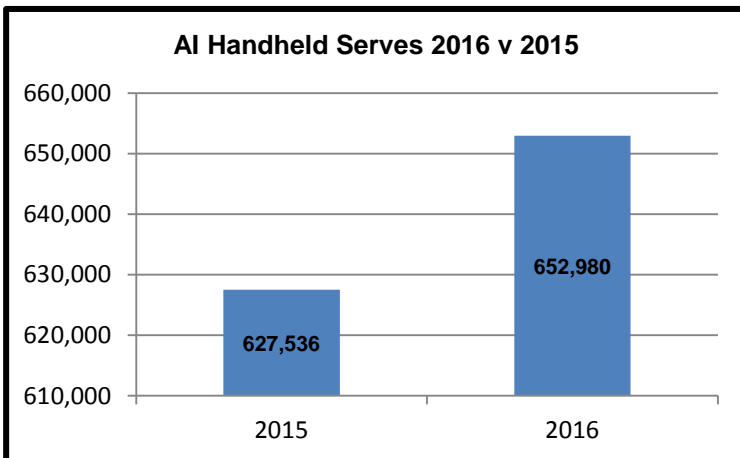
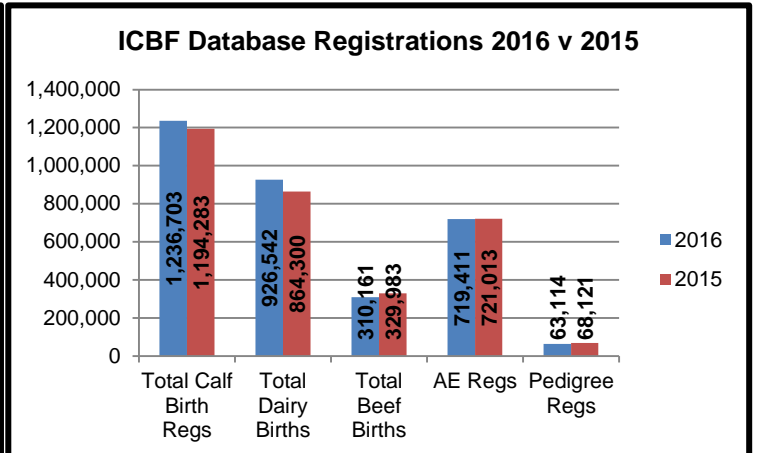
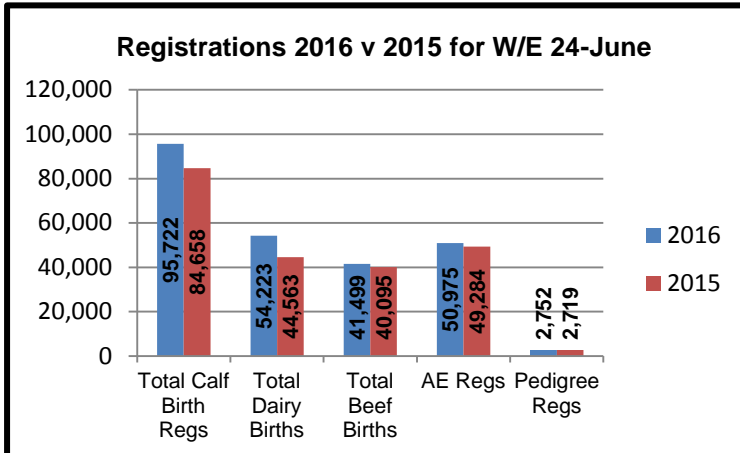





ICBF Weekly Update 24th June 2016

1 Important Dates





-  **Audit & Finance Meeting** – Thursday 7th July 2016 at 10:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
-  **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 7th July 2016 at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
-  **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 7th July 2016 at 14:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.

2 Database



-  The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFM AIM systems.
-  BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. There have been 2,178.05 results received since January 1st, of which 157,754 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 9.5 million results have now been received.
-  The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2016 compared with 2015.

3 Herd Plus®

-  Farmers can now genotype all their female calves which will allow them to make a more informed decision around breeding and culling potential replacements. This service could cost herd-owners as little as €22/head. Please contact HerdPlus on **1850 600 900** or **023 8820452** for further details. Alternatively when logged into HerdPlus, herd-owners can make orders online by selecting ‘Services’ – ‘Genomic Services’ – ‘Place Order’
-  With breeding season well underway, if your AI technician does not have a handheld or you are doing DIY AI please remember to record AI serves on your HerdPlus account. This will be used to generate fertility reports and an expected calving list for the 2017 calving season.
-  The Irish Grassland Association Dairy Summer Tour will take place on 19th July 2016. It will take place in Kerry and Cork and will focus on ‘Milk production on more challenging soils’. *For full details see document attached.*
-  The HerdPlus Euro-Star reports are now online and available to view in the reports section of your HerdPlus account. They are currently being printed and will arrive to herd-owners early next week.

4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 24/06/16

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 24/06/16	No. EDIY Herds YTD 24/06/16	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 24/06/16	No. EDIY Cows YTD 24/06/16	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,623	1,110	31%	343,348	114,167	33%
Progressive	2,243	887	40%	233,721	92,042	39%
Tipperary	113	49	43%	10,522	4,354	41%
Total	5,979	2,046	34%	587,591	210,563	36%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15- 24/06/15	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16- 24/06/16	2016 vs 2015 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	351,306	343,348	-2.3%
Progressive	237,354	233,721	-1.5%
Tipperary	10,887	10,522	-3.4%
Total	599,547	587,591	-2.0%

5 Sheep Ireland Regional Meetings

Sheep Ireland and Teagasc Pedigree Breeder Workshops

- This coming July, Sheep Ireland in association with Teagasc are planning to hold a number of on-farm evening workshops (starting at 7.00pm) for Irish ram breeders. The objective of these workshops will be to explain the workings of the Sheep Ireland genetic evaluations to current and potential LambPlus breeders, go through some of the reports and other functionality available on the website that can assist breeders in making important breeding decisions. We aim to have lots of open discussion on the day and to make it a worthwhile event for all attendees.
- Ram breeders are the people that engage most with commercial sheep farmers, so by further increasing the knowledge of LambPlus breeders about the Euro-Stars, will help ram breeders to pass the message on to commercial farmers as well as helping to increase their own understanding on the stars.

Date	Breeder	Location
Monday 4 th July	Aidan & Anne Murphy	Belcarrig, Gorey, Co. Wexford
Tuesday 5 th July	Arthur & Patrick O'Keeffe	Annakisha House, Mallow, Co. Cork
Friday 8 th July	Eamon Duffy	Ethelstown, Kells, Co. Meath
Monday 11 th July	James McKane	Whitehill, Killygordon, Co. Donegal
Friday 15 th July	Michael Murphy	Moneen, Cummer, Tuam, Co. Galway

Sheep Ireland Industry Meeting

- ✚ This meeting will take place at 4:30pm in the Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise on **7th July**. The initial results of the OVIGEN project (Genomics trial) will be presented by Dr. Donagh Berry and Dr. Noirin McHugh from Teagasc. They will be covering a range of topics from this project including Major gene results, Parentage errors, the Pilot project, the INZAC flock (New Zealand vs. Irish genetics), Health data collected during the OVIGEN flock visits and the future of genotyping sheep in Ireland.
- ✚ The meeting will be used as an opportunity to educate the industry about the benefits genomic technology has to offer and how we can position the Irish sheep industry to reap these benefits. As spaces will be limited, we will require anyone interested in attending to make contact with Sheep Ireland directly **to reserve a place** – please call **1850 601 901** or email query@sheep.ie.

CPT Weaning Weights

- ✚ All the CPT weaning weights have now been collected and will be included in next week's evaluation. All the lamb weights get adjusted to 100 days of age so that they are all compared fairly within each flock. The average 100 day weight across all the CPT flocks is 31.5kg.

Birth Rank	Adjusted 100 day weight (ADG)
Singles	34.3kg (250g/day)
Twins	31.5kg (241g/day)
Multiples	29.7kg (220g/day)

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 15-JUN-2016 To 24-JUN-2016

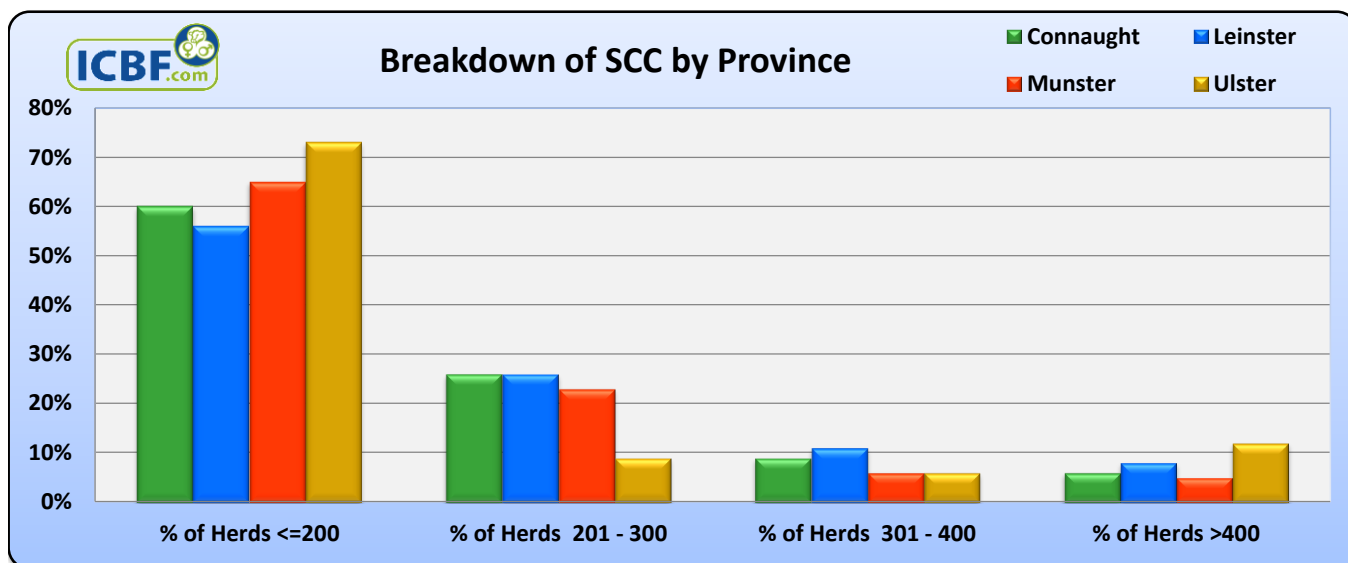
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	35	2,429	69	25.6	3.74	3.35	1.80	171
Leinster	160	17,042	107	24.5	3.81	3.37	1.76	179
Munster	570	54,822	96	24.9	3.85	3.40	1.80	164
Ulster	33	2,161	65	26.3	3.62	3.25	1.79	166
National Statistics	798	76,454	96	24.9	3.83	3.39	1.79	167

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 15-JUN-2016 To 24-JUN-2016

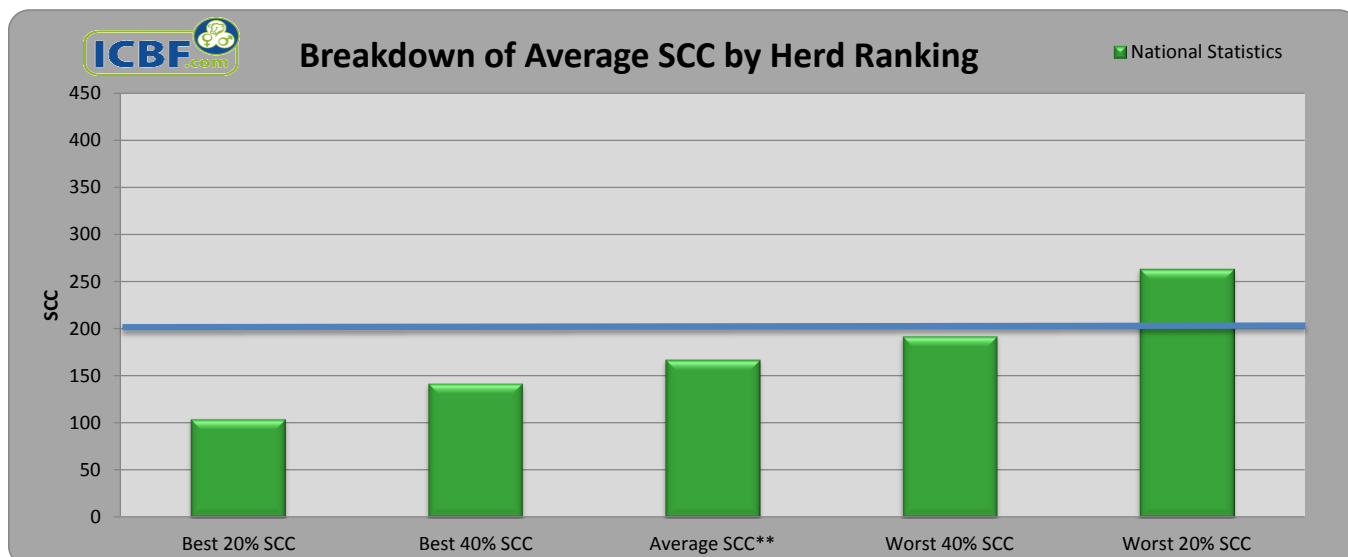
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	% of Herds <=200	% of Herds 201 - 300	% of Herds 301 - 400	% of Herds >400	Average SCC*
Connaught	35	2,429	69	60%	26%	9%	6%	171
Leinster	160	17,042	107	56%	26%	11%	8%	179
Munster	570	54,822	96	65%	23%	6%	5%	164
Ulster	33	2,161	65	73%	9%	6%	12%	166
National Statistics	798	76,454	96	64%	23%	7%	6%	167

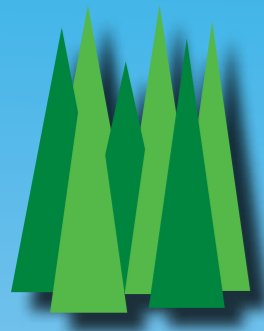
* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 15-JUN-2016 To 24-JUN-2016								
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Best 20% SCC	Best 40% SCC	Average SCC**	Worst 40% SCC	Worst 20% SCC
Connaught	35	2,429	69	97	138	165	199	261
Leinster	160	17,042	107	109	164	191	211	287
Munster	570	54,822	96	103	141	164	184	252
Ulster	33	2,161	65	106	143	154	174	281
National Statistics	798	76,454	96	104	142	167	192	263

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)





IRISH GRASSLAND ASSOCIATION

Dairy Summer Tour, sponsored by AIB

Tuesday 19th July 2016



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Event Focus: "Milk production on more challenging soils"

Farm 1: Sean O'Riordan, Knockenaugh, Kiskeam, Co. Cork.

- Listen to Sean talk about the development of his 80 ha heavy soil dairy farm
- See how Sean has drained some of the heaviest paddocks on the milking platform and increased grass yield
- Hear Sean's thoughts on changing the breed of his dairy herd to suit more challenging soils

Farm 2: Conor Creedon, Gortnagown, Rathmore, Co. Kerry.

- Hear Conor's story of evolving from a mixed enterprise 20 cow farm in the late '90's to milking 95 cows today on a 26 ha milking platform
- Explore how Conor's herd is delivering over 90% 6-week in-calf rates
- See how Conor has developed an elevated steep hill farm to grow over 16 T DM/ha grass in 2015

- Pre-registration is essential as this event sells out early every year
- Registration at 8:30am The Green Glens Arena Millstreet
(STRICTLY no parking or admission at either farm)
- Cost: €30 for IGA members €60 for non IGA members
(These discounted rates apply if you register online by Friday 8th July)

Admission by pre-registration ONLY. Book today and don't miss out on this exciting event!
Web: www.irishgrassland.com Phone: 087 9626483

