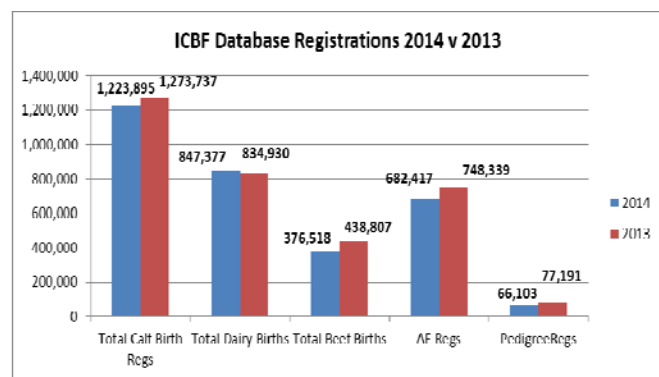
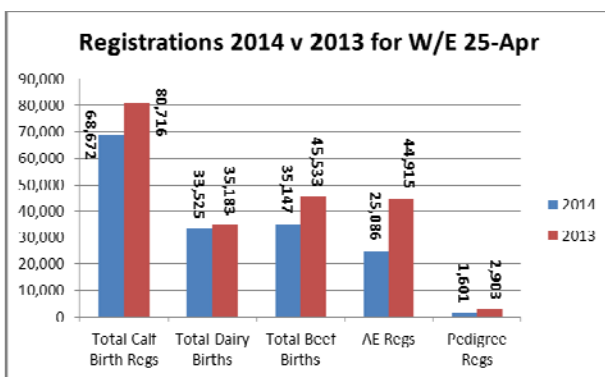


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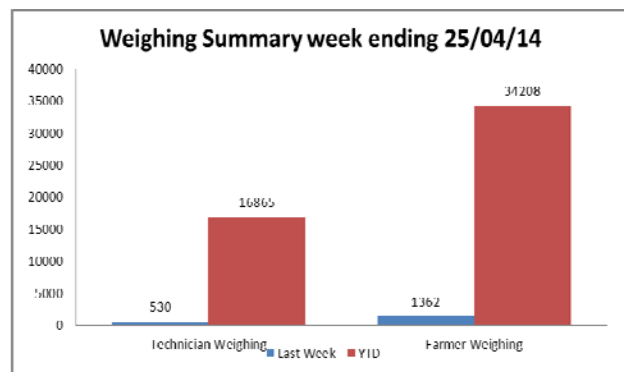
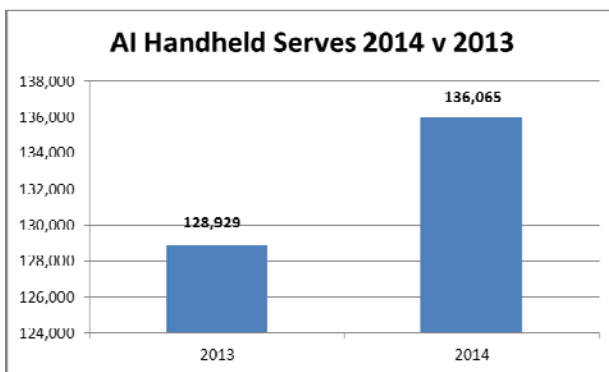
1 Important Dates

- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 1st May 2014, 10:30am to 12:30pm, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF AGM** – Thursday 1st May 2014, 12:30 to 13:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep Ireland Board / AGM Meeting** – Thursday 1st May 2014, 14:00 to 17:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF Dairy & Beef Industry Meetings** – Tuesday 27th May 2014, 10:00 to 16:00, 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 1,290,000 results received since January 1st, of which 68,000 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 3.95 million results have now been received.
- The graph below shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2013 compared with 2014.
- This week there were 530 weights received through the technician service and 1362 weights recorded by farmers.
- The graph below shows the week and year to date totals.



3 GENÉIRLAND®

Beef

- + Sign-ups are continuing for the Beef GENÉIRLAND Spring 2014 programme.
- + 288 herds taking a total of 5250 straws have signed up so far.
- + The average order is 18 straws.
- + 4 bulls have reached the 500 straws target (ZAG, KZH, KCH and GKA).
- + To learn more or to order straws please phone **1850 600 900**.
- + Approximate total straws ordered to date for the 14 remaining available bulls are in the table below.

Table 1. List of Bulls currently on-test

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Straws Ordered
JZJ	Cairnmor Jameson	AA	235
YBH	Ballym Henri	CH	360
YCM	Clewboy High-Master	CH	170
GGM	Gageboro Morgan	HE	220
YHB	Drombanny Hero	LM	200
OHT	Roundhill Hunter	LM	130
AYH	Lisnagranchy Hulio	PT	150
ZGH	Hurricane Gonzo	PT	220
ZYH	Alamira Harry	PT	100
KTM	Knottown Michael	SA	100
ZBZ	Breffni Muzz	SA	30
XDM	Celtic Diceman	SI	350
LZZ	Lisnacraan Demertios	SI	180
KDZ	Curaheen Dickens	SI	270

4 Herd Plus®

- + Dairy breeding charts have now been posted to all HerdPlus customers. For those that ran sire advice this will be included on the charts. If farmers that didn't submit sire advice wish to do so now they can contact HerdPlus on **1850 600 900**.
- + Updated evaluations are now available on EBI and Euro-Star profiles online. Reports will be generated in the coming weeks.
- + ICBF will have a stand at the Emerald Expo on this Saturday 26th April at Cillin Hill Mart, Kilkenny. If you are in attendance on the day make sure to come and say hello to the ICBF representatives. They would be more than happy to deal with any questions you may have.
- + A new and improved record insemination screen is now live on the ICBF website. The screen is more user-friendly, but also allows the recording of sexed semen use. See screen shot below for example of the new screen. It is important to note that stock bull serves can also be recorded on this screen. To do this, simply enter the stock bull's tag number instead of an AI code in the bull used section.

Record AI / Natural Service Events Record inseminations/serves for your herd.

Showing 1 to 28 of 28 entries

Jumbo	Animal Number	Lact	Calving Date	Last Served	Last Bull	Num Serves	Date	Bull Used	Treatment	Sire Check
076	IE141461010076	9	26-JAN-14	29-MAR-14	LGL	1			Select treatment	
087	IE141461040087	8	09-MAR-14	16-APR-14	GWO	1			Select treatment	
103	IE141461030103	6	22-JAN-14						Select treatment	
104	IE141461040104	7	31-JAN-14						Select treatment	
106	IE141461060106	6	22-JAN-14	02-APR-14	ADX	1			Select treatment	
111	IE141461030111	5	07-JAN-14	10-APR-14	GWO	2			Select treatment	
123	IE141461070123	4	06-FEB-14	29-MAR-14	LGL	1			Select treatment	
124	IE141461080124	4	19-SEP-13	30-OCT-13	ZLA	1			Select treatment	
130	IE141461060130	4	21-AUG-13	07-NOV-13	FSZ	1			Select treatment	
137	IE141461040137	3	01-SEP-13	28-OCT-13	OGN	1			Select treatment	
154	IE141461050154	3	08-JAN-14	31-MAR-14	ZLA	1			Select treatment	
157	IE141461080157	2	06-SEP-13	01-NOV-13	FSZ	1			Select treatment	
163	IE141461060163	2	11-JAN-14	01-APR-14	FSZ	1			Select treatment	

5 Genetic Evaluations

- The monthly beef evaluation for linear scored animals has commenced. Results will be uploaded by 1st May.
- Preparation is underway ahead of the Tully discussion group open day next Wednesday week. 300 farmers are registered for the open day where topics such as Euro-Star indexes, the overall GENETIC LAND program, HerdPlus and genomics will be discussed.

Beef Genomics Scheme

- The first 27,000 tags will be sent to farms today and early next week. In total over 70,000 tags have been sent for printing to date. Once samples are sent to the lab and genotyped, research on beef genomics will commence.
- Work on updating the dairy genomic evaluations will commence in the next couple of weeks. These updates will include expanding the training population with new foreign sires, and cows and upgrading the genomic evaluation software to cater for the expanding numbers of animals being genotyped. We will also be doing a full analysis to date on how genomic predictions have performed for all traits in the EBI.

6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 25/04/14						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 25/04/14	No. EDIY Herds YTD 25/04/14	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 25/04/14	No. EDIY Cows YTD 25/04/14	% Cows EDIY
Munster	2,959	643	22%	206,550	49,576	24%
Progressive	1,925	666	35%	153,907	54,626	35%
Tipperary	76	21	28%	5,913	1,775	30%
Total	4,960	1,330	27%	366,370	105,977	29%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2013 Cows Recorded 01/01/13 - 25/04/13	YTD 2014 Cows Recorded 01/01/14 - 25/04/14	2014 vs. 2013 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	189,983	206,550	8.0%
Progressive	152,395	153,907	1.0%
Tipperary	4,388	5,913	25.8%
Total	342,378	366,370	6.5%

7 Sheep Ireland

- ✚ The **April 30th** deadline for submission of 2014 lambing data is almost upon us. Final reminder texts will be circulated to all LambPlus breeders today (Friday 25th). A number of extensions will be granted for later lambing breeders as we certainly do not want to penalise breeders that choose to operate these systems of ram production. However all early lambing flocks will be required to meet this deadline if they wish to receive Euro-Star evaluations in 2014.
- ✚ We also require breeders to notify us of their intention to carry out ultrasound scanning of Backfat and Muscle before April 30th.
- ✚ The reasons for these deadlines are numerous. By encouraging the early entry of lambing data to the Sheep Ireland database it gives the best possible chance to provide breeders with accurate evaluations. In previous years, lambing data was being submitted by breeders from January to July and this caused major problems, from a practical point of view and more importantly from an evaluation point of view.
- ✚ The lambing season has now concluded on our lowland MALP flocks and this data is being loaded onto the database today. This will be included in an evaluation run which will take place over the weekend. We are in final preparations to launch the 2014 Euro-Star evaluations on the Sheep Ireland online ram search. Due to the changes in how the Sheep Ireland Indexes will display from this year forward, quite a number of updates to our online ram search have been required. Once this work is fully completed, the evaluations will go live and will be updated online on a weekly basis. All breeders had an opportunity to request an early run of evaluations and we have been facilitating these requests over the past few weeks.

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 16-APR-2014 To 25-APR-2014

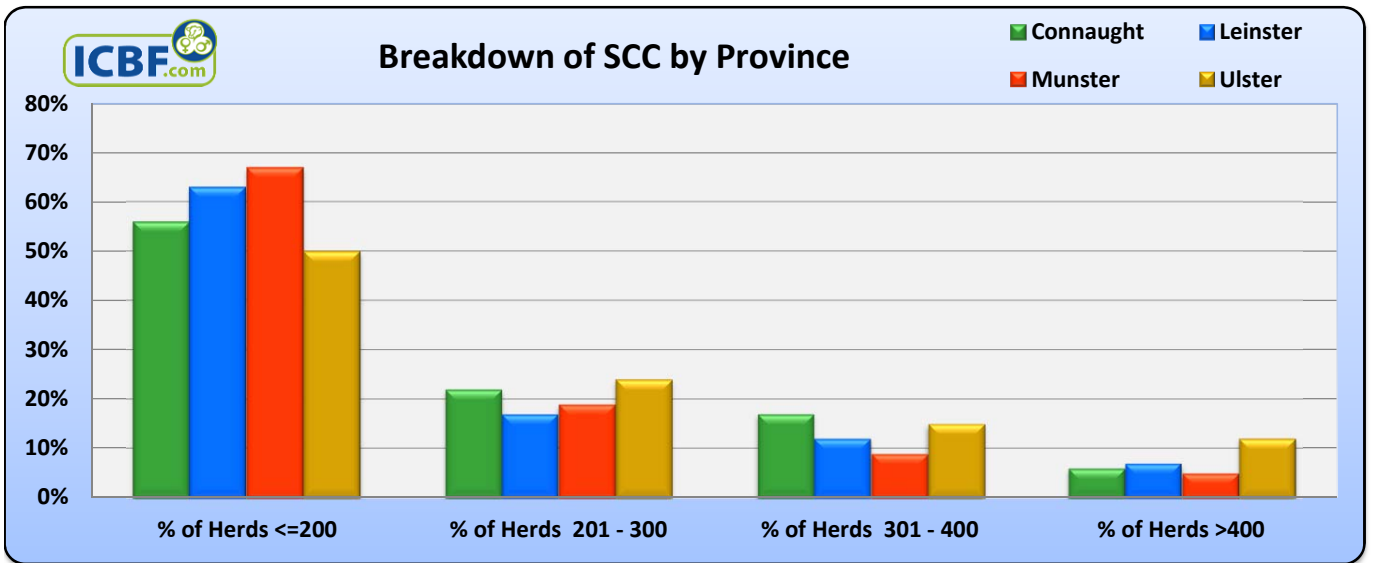
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	18	969	54	29.1	3.72	3.35	2.06	206
Leinster	155	12,127	78	27.5	3.72	3.40	1.96	165
Munster	464	35,316	76	28.1	3.74	3.36	1.99	157
Ulster	34	2,168	64	27.1	3.72	3.30	1.90	203
National Statistics	671	50,580	75	27.9	3.73	3.37	1.98	162

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 16-APR-2014 To 25-APR-2014

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	18	969	54	56%	22%	17%	6%	206
Leinster	155	12,127	78	63%	17%	12%	7%	165
Munster	464	35,316	76	67%	19%	9%	5%	157
Ulster	34	2,168	64	50%	24%	15%	12%	203
National Statistics	671	50,580	75	65%	19%	10%	6%	162

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 16-APR-2014 To 25-APR-2014

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	18	969	54	159	192	198	207	292
Leinster	155	12,127	78	93	143	166	192	299
Munster	464	35,316	76	98	133	152	179	259
Ulster	34	2,168	64	141	165	198	241	334
National Statistics	671	50,580	75	99	139	162	185	268

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

