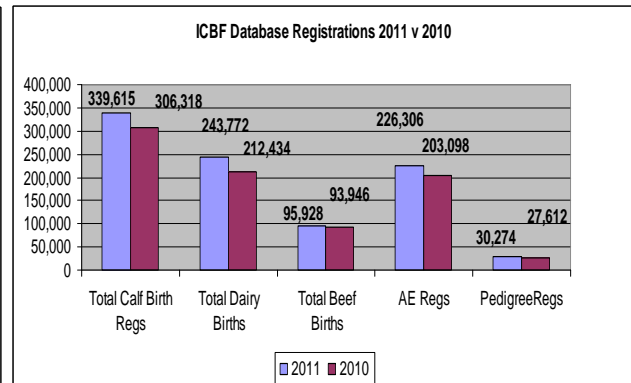
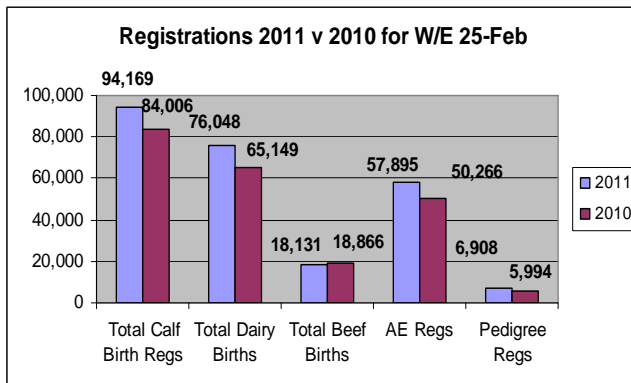


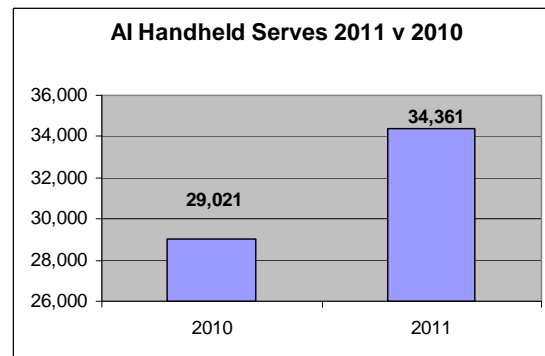
1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 10th March, 10:00 to 14:00 – Horse & Jockey Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 24th March, 10:00 to 14:00 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 24th March, 14:00 to 17:00 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Tully Bull Sale** – Monday 25th April, 12:00 to 16:00 – Tully Performance Test Centre, Tully.

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 580,211 with the number of animals weaned at 496,895.
- ✚ As the newly launched genotyping process progresses, on-going development tweaks are being carried out. Farmer requests continue to be processed on a daily basis.
- ✚ Further development on the outputs for farmers and AI companies of Genomic EBI results are in the final stages of testing.
- ✚ Testing on a new authorisation module for farmers and their service providers is on-going. This will give farmers more flexibility and control in providing authorisation to others to see their data.
- ✚ Development of a new 'Weight Profile' is nearing completion. It will link up with the Teagasc Better Farms data collection process, but will also be available to all beef farmers.
- ✚ This week, ICBF participated in an AHI workshop with the various commercial 'Animal Health Testing' laboratories in Ireland (north and south), with a view to ensuring that we utilise the existing infrastructure to capture the health testing results for the non-regulatory diseases.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2011 compared with 2010.



3 GENEIRLAND®

Dairy

- ✚ Straws have been allocated to 281 herds.
- ✚ There are a large number of Jersey and Crossbred bulls available.

SUMMARY OF GENEIRLAND SIGN UPS		
BREED PACKS	NUMBER OF HERDS	NUMBER OF STRAWS
HO	354	13,900
FR	20	673
HO/FR MIX	98	4,378
MIXED BREED	21	940
CROSSBRED	82	3,581
TOTAL	575	23,472

Beef

- ✚ 68 herds have signed up so far.
- ✚ Catalogues have been sent out this week.
- ✚ Sign ups will actively begin next week for the 2011 program.
- ✚ More details on the bulls are available in the GENEIRLAND section of the website.
- ✚ To order straws phone 1850 600 900 or 045 521573.

BREED	AA	BA	BB	BB	CH	CH	CH	HE	LM	LM	PT	SA	SI
CODE	MLJ	KCE	BZP	KYR	CSQ	LGL	DZP	GCT	CZH	ERE	CBQ	BHU	SXD
# STRAWS	318	355	0	660	0	226	0	93	408	0	154	636	0

4 GROW®

- ✚ 702 Pedigree animals were weighed and scored in January (down from 783 in January 2010).
- ✚ 691 Commercial animals were weighed and scored in January (up from 150 in January 2010).
- ✚ The overall percentage of beef animals weighed and scored in January was 99%.
- ✚ Work is continuing on the review of the GROW service.

5 Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ The monthly beef evaluation run for linear scored animals has commenced. Updated indexes will be published on 1st March.
- ✚ The cut-off for pedigree and milk recording data changes and updates, for the upcoming April full evaluation for dairy and beef, is Monday 28th February.
- ✚ Work has commenced on a new beef fertility evaluation, which will include calving interval information on multiparous cows, in addition to 1st parity cows which is the basis of the current beef fertility index.

6 Tully

- ✚ The third live-weight on all bulls was obtained on Monday (Table 1). Bulls are now over half way through their 90 day performance test with two live-weights remaining. Across all breeds bulls gained an impressive 2.2 kg per day for the last 21 days.

Table 1. Live-weight and average daily gain (last 21 days) of bulls averaged by breed

Breed	AA (n = 20)	AU (n = 2)	BA (N = 2)	BB (n = 5)	CH (n = 30)	HE (n = 3)	LM (n = 24)	SA (n = 7)	SI (n = 10)	SP (n = 1)
Average Live-weight (kg)	617	522	670	530	641	572	605	589	649	500
Average daily gain (kg)	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3

- ✚ 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 supplementation where it was deemed necessary.
- ✚ Fresh woodchip was applied to all outdoor pens.
- ✚ Hoofcare was carried out on bulls where it was deemed necessary.
- ✚ Bull owners were sent out entry forms for the up-coming sale. Breeders have until Friday, 11th March to return the form.
- ✚ All up-to-date feed intake data and live-weights have being inputted into the ICBF database.
- ✚ A number of overseas visitors visited the centre to look at the bulls in Tully.
- ✚ Bulls are to be ultrasonically scanned for muscle and fat depth on Thursday, 10th March.

7 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 15/02/11 to 25/02/11

	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	7	554	79	25.7	3.93	3.38	1.88	414
CAVAN	19	794	42	25.4	3.90	3.28	1.82	367
CLARE	6	220	37	26.2	3.79	3.16	1.82	329
CORK STH	179	8837	49	25.6	4.15	3.37	1.93	321
CORK NTH	126	6856	54	24.6	4.25	3.45	1.89	329
DONEGAL	5	259	52	21.9	3.96	3.12	1.55	231
DUBLIN	4	169	42	24.0	3.58	3.37	1.67	392
GALWAY	8	412	52	27.5	4.06	3.24	2.01	370
KERRY	46	2061	45	26.1	3.92	3.27	1.88	363
KILDARE	18	1319	73	26.6	4.07	3.39	1.98	653
KILKENNY	17	1102	65	23.3	3.81	3.49	1.70	307
LAOIS	19	946	50	22.6	4.23	3.47	1.74	383
LEITRIM	2	67	34	23.0	4.24	3.45	1.77	286
LIMERICK	50	2046	41	25.9	4.09	3.43	1.95	342
LONGFORD	4	209	52	18.3	3.99	3.66	1.40	230
LOUTH	6	472	79	25.6	3.28	3.62	1.77	557
MAYO	12	418	35	23.1	3.78	3.27	1.63	565
MEATH	45	3240	72	23.2	3.79	3.35	1.66	394
MONAGHAN	20	784	39	23.8	3.82	3.33	1.70	507
OFFALY	11	580	53	26.3	4.12	3.36	1.97	331
ROSCOMMON	1	104	104	23.3	4.03	3.37	1.72	287

SLIGO	3	99	33	30.6	2.87	3.45	1.93	345
TIPPERARY NTH	10	396	40	25.1	4.25	3.42	1.93	347
TIPPERARY STH	15	639	43	25.3	4.09	3.30	1.87	309
WATERFORD	24	1458	61	23.9	4.05	3.37	1.77	277
WESTMEATH	9	665	74	25.8	4.04	3.23	1.88	351
WEXFORD	44	2412	55	23.7	4.11	3.43	1.79	262
WICKLOW E	20	1144	57	24.0	3.77	3.40	1.72	309
WICKLOW W	10	687	69	26.9	3.56	3.30	1.85	485
	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Average Herd Size	Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F + P kg	Average SCC
National	740	38,949	54	24.7	3.91	3.37	1.80	367

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 15/02/11 to 25/02/11

Provincial	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Average Herd Size	Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F + P kg	Average SCC
Munster	456	22,513	49	25.3	4.07	3.35	1.88	327
Leinster	214	13,499	63	24.3	3.86	3.42	1.77	390
Connacht	26	1,100	42	25.5	3.80	3.36	1.82	371
Ulster	44	1,837	42	23.7	3.89	3.24	1.69	368

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 25/02/11

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 25/02/11	No. EDIY Herds YTD 25/02/11	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 25/02/11	No. EDIY Cows YTD 25/02/11	% Cows EDIY
Munster	866	53	6%	46,009	3,760	8%
Progressive	1,017	210	21%	66,365	13,877	21%
Tipperary	14	1	7%	647	41	6%
Connacht	67	6	9%	3,214	326	10%
Total	1,964	270	14%	116,235	18,004	15%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 25/02/10	YTD 2011 Cows Recorded 01/01/11 - 25/02/11	2011 vs. 2010 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	40,425	46,009	12.1%
Progressive	56,784	66,365	14.4%
Tipperary	320	647	50.5%
Connacht	2,848	3,214	11.4%
Total	100,377	116,235	13.6%

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