

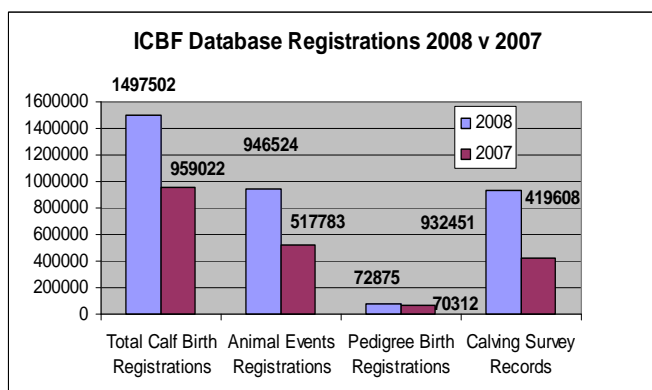
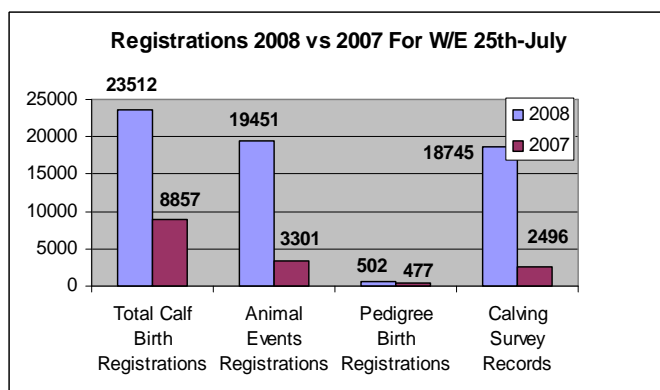


**UPDATE – for period 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

**1 Important Dates**

- ✚ **Tue. 26<sup>th</sup> August, 10:30** – Beef Industry Genetic Evaluation Consultation Meeting. Venue to be advised.
- ✚ **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August** – Sheep breeding consultation meetings, Tullamore Court Hotel.
- ✚ **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – ICBF Board meeting 10:30 to 14:00.
- ✚ **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – Interim Sheep Board meeting 14:00 to 17:00.
- ✚ **23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September** – Ploughing Championships, Kilkenny.
- ✚ **9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October** – World Holstein Friesian Conference hosted by Ireland at Killarney & Millstreet. For details see [www.ihfa.ie](http://www.ihfa.ie).
- ✚ **11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October** – International Beef Expo being hosted in Ireland at Kilkenny Mart.

**2 Database Update**



- ✚ 461,348 inseminations have been received so far in 2008 from AI handhelds, compared with 318,290 in 2007 for the same period.
- ✚ The work on reviewing the AI software for next season is continuing. We expect to have a session with each of the AI organisations using handhelds in early September.
- ✚ Over 520,000 birth registrations from new Animal Events users have been received as part of the Suckler Scheme. Over 43,000 herds have received pre-weaning forms. By the end of next week, all herds will have received their initial pre-weaning form.
- ✚ A number of new developments have continued this week, including a revamp of the bull search output, further development of the G-EN-IR-ELAND<sup>®</sup> application, and the update of the milk recording data entry screens.
- ✚ Work on updating the Dairy Calving report is almost completed, and reports will be available by the end of next week.

**3 Tully**

**June 2008 Intake**

- ✚ The first IBR test on the current intake was carried out on the 16-7-08 and all were negative for IBR on the 24-7-08.
- ✚ The second IBR test was carried out on the 24-7-08 and results are due before the 1-8-08.



- All bulls from the pre entry isolation units will enter Tully before the 8-8-08 depending on health test results.

### Veterinary Advisory Group

- The Tully Veterinary Advisory group met on Wednesday this week and reviewed options for making it more convenient for bull breeders to comply with the health standards required for Tully. A proposal has been developed for consideration by the Pedigree Cattle Breeders Council.

### Survey of Bull Owners

- A survey of bull owners has been initiated. The results will be available for consideration at the next meeting of the Tully Advisory Committee.

### Tully Manager – Vacancy

- Michael Barron, the current Manager at Tully, is leaving to take up another job.
- Please bring the following advertisement to the notice of anybody you think would be a good candidate for this important position in ICBF.



## Tully Manager – GENEIRELAND®

**Are you good with cattle and know all about breeding and diseases? Do you have experience in leading a team? Are you an excellent communicator? If so, we would like to hear from you.**

**We are searching for a Manager to take over at Tully - Ireland's beef bull performance test centre located on the outskirts of Kildare town. This is a challenging position and would suit a tertiary qualified person who is looking to make a contribution to the Irish beef industry. ICBF is leading the development of cattle breeding in Ireland and has established its GENEIRELAND® service to identify the best bulls for use on Irish farms. The Tully Manager is an important member of our team of highly skilled professionals devoted to increasing the profitability of cattle farming in Ireland through breeding better animals.**

**A full job description is available and can be obtained by emailing [bwickham@icbf.com](mailto:bwickham@icbf.com). Applications, including a full CV, should be emailed to [bwickham@icbf.com](mailto:bwickham@icbf.com) or posted to The Chief Executive, ICBF, Highfield House, Shinagh, Bandon, Co. Cork. Applications close on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August.**

## 4 Genetic Evaluations

- The next routine evaluation run is currently underway. Files are currently being prepared for Interbull and for the calving and beef evaluations. The process will be on-going over the next number of weeks and progress and release dates will be made available here in due course.



- Lists of linkage animals between the UK and Ireland (Limousine, Aberdeen Angus, Simmental), and Belgium and Ireland (Belgian Blue) have been assembled; a tentative list has also been done for the Piemontese breed between Italy and Ireland. These lists have been passed on to the relevant foreign societies for the addition of the proofs and reliability, and an extract of the pedigree.

## 5 Milk Recording

### National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 15/07/08 to 25/07/08.

	<i>No. Herds Recorded</i>	<i>No. Cows Recorded</i>	<i>Average Herd Size</i>	<i>Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow</i>	<i>Average Fat %</i>	<i>Average Protein %</i>	<i>Average F + P kg</i>	<i>Average SCC</i>
CARLOW	17	1,082	64	22.7	3.76	3.33	1.61	330
CAVAN	43	2,145	50	23.5	3.70	3.35	1.66	291
CLARE	28	1,627	58	23.1	3.71	3.46	1.66	273
CORK STH	264	17,723	67	22.7	3.84	3.42	1.65	273
CORK NTH	242	16,322	67	22.6	3.86	3.42	1.65	290
DONEGAL	28	2,590	93	20.5	4.01	3.38	1.51	345
DUBLIN	3	143	48	23.3	3.43	3.51	1.62	426
GALWAY	24	1,529	64	26.1	3.71	3.25	1.82	310
KERRY	138	8,541	62	24.0	3.69	3.38	1.70	282
KILDARE	23	1,724	75	24.1	3.76	3.42	1.73	324
KILKENNY	52	3,583	69	21.7	3.83	3.46	1.58	217
LAOIS	34	2,118	62	20.6	3.82	3.43	1.49	377
LEITRIM	5	194	39	27.6	3.66	3.27	1.91	203
LIMERICK	105	7,040	67	23.1	3.61	3.38	1.61	277
LONGFORD	4	214	54	25.9	3.81	3.28	1.84	324
LOUTH	18	1,460	81	23.0	3.74	3.44	1.65	320
MAYO	19	1,243	65	25.2	3.22	3.34	1.65	403
MEATH	67	6,020	90	21.8	3.87	3.44	1.59	351
MONAGHAN	38	2,018	53	22.9	3.91	3.35	1.66	385
OFFALY	17	1,421	84	24.1	3.76	3.38	1.72	298
ROSCOMMON	2	171	86	29.9	4.10	3.17	2.17	252
SLIGO	9	440	49	20.2	3.59	3.36	1.40	340
TIPPERARY NTH	49	3,474	71	22.2	3.89	3.41	1.62	333
TIPPERARY STH	39	2,593	66	21.2	3.95	3.44	1.57	277
WATERFORD	55	4,308	78	21.5	3.91	3.43	1.58	204
WESTMEATH	21	1,434	68	21.8	3.96	3.54	1.64	283
WEXFORD	73	4,774	65	21.4	3.89	3.47	1.58	245
WICKLOW E	22	1,447	66	20.5	3.73	3.46	1.47	292
WICKLOW W	12	1,095	91	21.2	3.90	3.43	1.55	307
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National	1,451	98,473	67	23.0	3.78	3.39	1.65	305



**National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 15/07/08 to 25/07/08.**

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
<b>Munster</b>	920	61,628	67	22.6	3.81	3.42	1.63	276
<b>Leinster</b>	363	26,515	73	22.5	3.79	3.43	1.62	315
<b>Connacht</b>	59	3,577	61	25.8	3.66	3.28	1.79	302
<b>Ulster</b>	109	6,753	62	22.3	3.87	3.36	1.61	340

**National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 25/07/08**

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 25/07/08	No. EDIY Herds YTD 25/07/08	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 25/07/08	No. EDIY Cows YTD 25/07/08	% Cows EDIY
<b>Progressive</b>	2,211	885	40%	174,484	67,651	39%
<b>Dairygold</b>	1,635	584	36%	117,502	43,684	37%
<b>Kerry</b>	1,156	247	21%	77,644	16,086	21%
<b>SWS</b>	911	131	14%	60,184	8,921	15%
<b>Tipperary</b>	171	72	42%	12,773	5,654	70%
<b>Arrabawn</b>	165	137	83%	12,522	10,527	84%
<b>Connacht</b>	149	56	38%	9,193	3,289	36%
<b>Donegal</b>	48	48	100%	4,469	4,469	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,446</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>468,771</b>	<b>160,281</b>	<b>34%</b>

**Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison**

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2006 Cows Recorded 01/01/06 - 25/07/06	YTD 2007 Cows Recorded 01/01/07 - 25/07/07	YTD 2008 Cows Recorded 01/01/08 - 25/07/08	2008 vs 2007 Year on Year Difference (%)
<b>Progressive</b>	150,672	160,922	174,484	13.6%
<b>Dairygold</b>	101,127	108,461	117,502	7.7%
<b>Kerry</b>	68,794	70,201	77,644	11.4%
<b>SWS</b>	57,635	59,373	60,184	1.3%
<b>Tipperary</b>	11,616	12,044	12,773	5.7%
<b>Arrabawn</b>	10,724	11,643	12,522	7.0%
<b>Connacht</b>	8,562	9,517	9,193	-3.5%
<b>Donegal</b>	4,945	3,620	4,469	19.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>414,075</b>	<b>435,781</b>	<b>468,771</b>	<b>7.0%</b>

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