

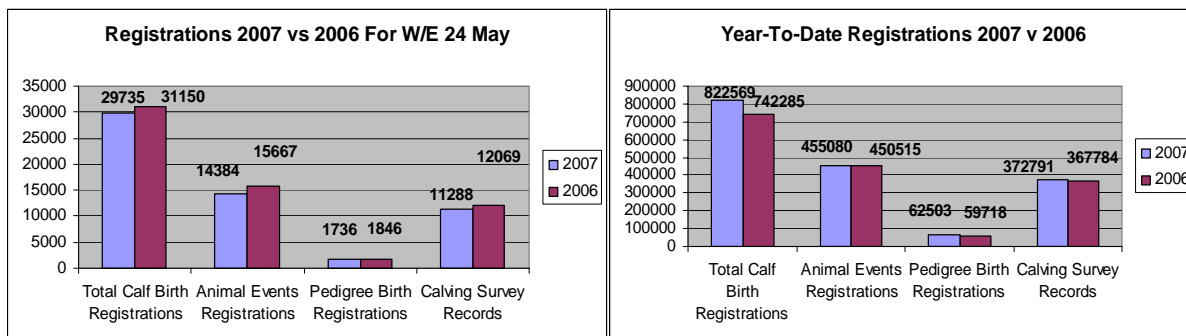


UPDATE – for period 19th - 25th May 2007

1 Important Dates

- ✚ **30 May – 1 June, ICAR Workshop, Verona, Italy.**
- ✚ **Thursday 21st June, Moorepark Open Day.**
- ✚ **Thursday 21st June, ICBF Board Meeting.**
- ✚ **Thursday 5th July, ICBF Beef Breeding Industry Consultation Meeting, Horse & Jockey.**

2 Database Update



- ✚ 197,004 inseminations have been received so far in 2007, compared with 74,610 for the same period last year.
- ✚ A meeting with the AI organisations has been tentatively scheduled for June 20th to do a review of how the handhelds have performed this season and to plan any updates that the technicians/AI staff might see as beneficial.
- ✚ The Teagasc Calving discussion group report was put live this week.
- ✚ A further iteration to the new Herdbook front end has been issued this week.
- ✚ A review of the Milk Recording Lab Interface is continuing with the aim of reducing the duration of the nightly batch process.
- ✚ The Sire Errors Report was issued to herds this week.
- ✚ The new season fertility reports continue to be generated for HerdPlus members with the first of the Week 6 reports going out this week.

3 Genetic Evaluations

Dairy Genetic evaluations

- ✚ The EBI proofs for May 07 are now officially available. The bull files have been updated on the website as is the bull search.
- There are a couple of points of difference to note from the provisional proofs to the official proofs:
- 1) Gestation Length and reliabilities are from the Feb 07 run due to a problem identified with the current proofs. The other calving performance traits are not affected.
 - 2) The calving interval for some foreign bulls has changed. Incorrect calving interval figures were used in the provisional run and these have now been corrected.
- ✚ Top cows files have been updated on the website



Beef Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ New proofs are available for beef bulls via the bull search. Relevant files for the website will be updated early next week.
- ✚ Development work on beef linear traits and beef CIS is ongoing.

International Evaluations

- ✚ Tools have been developed using Excel spreadsheet to allow user, after typing in the French breeding value of an animal, to read the converted proofs in the Irish scale (May 2007) as well as an estimation of the economic indexes Calving traits, weanling export, beef carcass, replacement milk and fertility, replacement calf quality and the relevant Euro-stars rating. This exercise has been done for Charolais & Limousine and is being tested at the moment.

4 Milk Recording

Processing

Milk Recording Organisation	2007 Herds Recorded Week 18/05/07 - 25/05/07
Progressive	326
Dairygold	196
Kerry	139
SWS	51
Arrabawn	19
Tipperary	26
Connacht	12
Donegal	4
Total	773

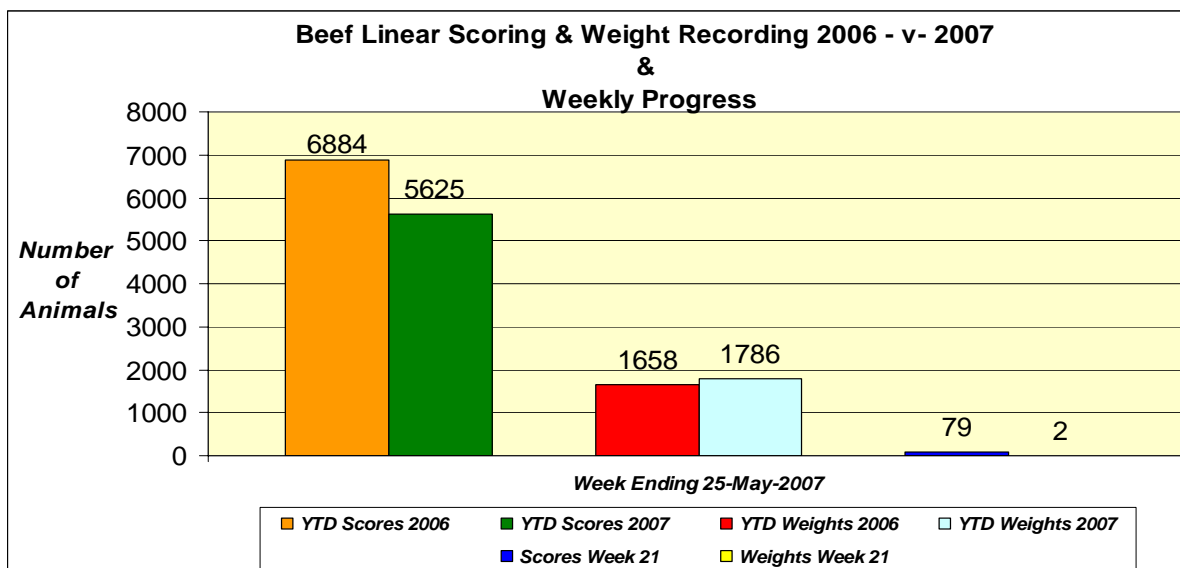
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2005 Cows Recorded 01/01/05 - 25/05/05	YTD 2006 Cows Recorded 01/01/06 - 25/05/06	YTD 2007 Cows Recorded 01/01/07 - 25/05/07	2007 vs 2006 Year on Year Difference (%)
Progressive	132,776	132,979	142,519	6.7%
Dairygold	78,780	88,929	94,540	5.9%
Kerry	58,497	61,677	62,178	0.8%
SWS	49,216	52,067	53,015	1.8%
Tipperary	8,046	9,674	10,633	9.0%
Arrabawn	5,974	9,660	10,215	5.4%
Connacht	6,256	6,383	7,912	19.3%
Donegal	1,384	2,886	3,182	9.3%
Total	340,929	364,255	384,194	5.2%



5 HerdPlus

- ✚ Fertility Reports – first of the 6 week Reproductive Performance Reports were put up on web (or posted) this week.
- ✚ EBI profiles (inc. 2007 born calves) being updated this weekend.
- ✚ HerdPlus home page redesign being drawn up.

6 Beef Linear Scoring



7 Tully

- ✚ A review of bio security at Tully has commenced and will be finished by the 31-5-07.
- ✚ 2 bulls will be exported to Northern Ireland on Monday the 28-5-07.
- ✚ A review of the Animal feed at Tully will take place on the 29-5-07.

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