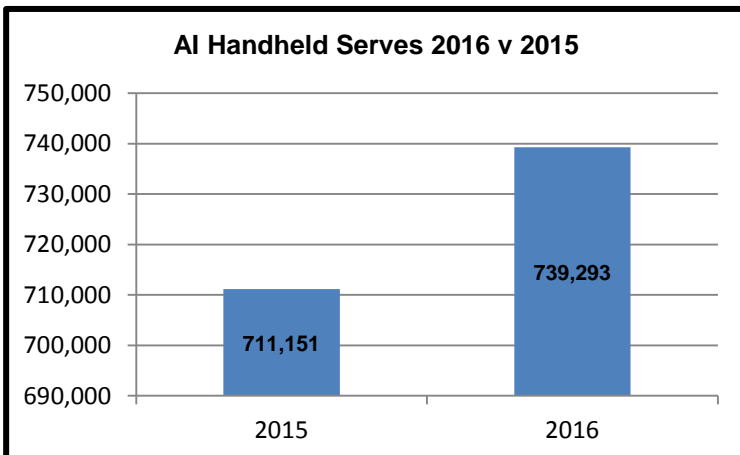
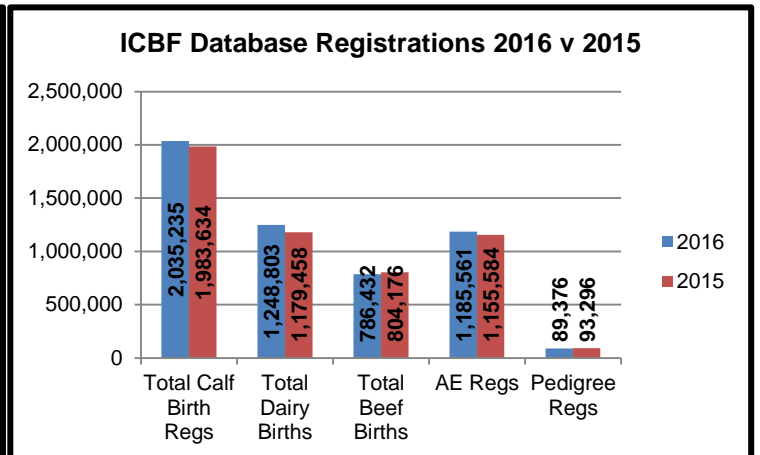
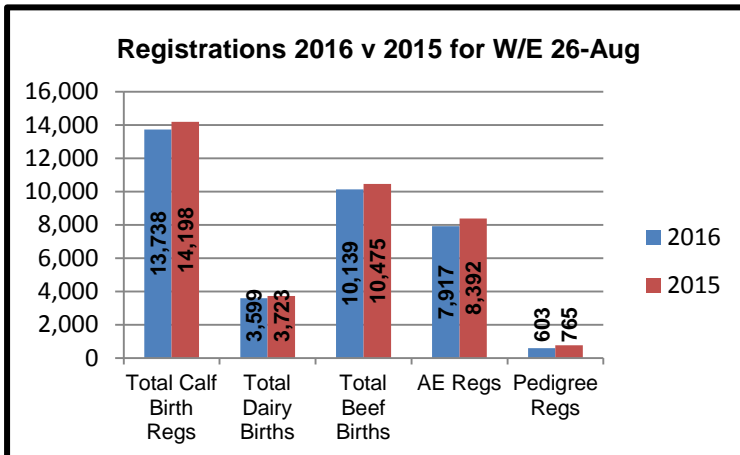


## ICBF Weekly Update 26th August 2016

### 1 Important Dates

- Audit & Finance Meeting** – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 08:30am in Highfield House.
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10:00am in Highfield House.
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 14:00pm in Highfield House.

### 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 2,556,601 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 28,027 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 9,885,041 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2016 compared with 2015.

### 3 Herd Plus®

- HerdPlus is ICBF's subscription service which provides herd-owners with performance data which can be used to increase on-farm profit. For the latest information on the HerdPlus service please click on this link <http://www.icbf.com/?p=6008>
- In September 2016, the EBI genetic base cow, which is the genetic reference point for all dairy cattle in Ireland, will become younger, as we move from a 1995 to a 2005 born genetic base cow. For more information on this check out this short video on the ICBF YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQ9DkzxLbHQ>
- The latest HerdPlus Dairy Co-op Performance reports are now available for viewing online under the reports section. All reports have now been dispatched to herd-owners.
- If you would like to submit an upcoming event for consideration that our readers would be interested in, please let us know by emailing [query@icbf.com](mailto:query@icbf.com). For a full list of upcoming events please check out our upcoming events page anytime located in the 'Publications' menu.

- ICBF are now recruiting for the position of Software Developer. For more information on this position and how you can apply please click on this link <http://www.icbf.com/?p=5859>
- 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’
- Scanned your cows recently? You can now record ‘Pregnancy Diagnosis’ on ICBF.com. This screen is now available on the new platform and it allows users to record ‘Pregnancy Diagnosis’ for each breeding female in the herd.

#### 4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 26/08/16						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 26/08/16	No. EDIY Herds YTD 26/08/16	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 26/08/16	No. EDIY Cows YTD 26/08/16	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,640	1,117	31%	353,347	118,519	34%
Progressive	2,298	925	40%	247,072	99,645	40%
Tipperary	116	52	45%	11,107	4,852	44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,054</b>	<b>2,094</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>611,526</b>	<b>223,016</b>	<b>36%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15- 26/08/15	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16- 26/08/16	2016 vs 2015 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	362,632	353,347	-2.6%
Progressive	252,226	247,072	-2.0%
Tipperary	11,723	11,107	-5.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>626,581</b>	<b>611,526</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>

#### 5 Sheep Ireland

##### Sheep Ireland Elite Multi-Breed Ram Sale

- All roads lead to Tullamore tomorrow for the Sheep Ireland Sale which kicks off at 12:30pm. Sheep Ireland Technicians will be there from 9:00am to inspect Sheep and all sheep will be penned by 12:00pm. With over 200 lots entered in the sale from 6 breeds, all of which are 5 star, there will be a ram there to suit everyone’s needs. For a catalogue or more information on the sale please visit [www.sheep.ie](http://www.sheep.ie) or contact **1850 601 901**.
- Directions to the sale:** The GPS Co-ordinates for the mart is **53°17'45.2"N 7°29'49.9"W** for anyone using a Sat-Nav, or you can find it by searching GVM Property Sales on google maps.

### Texel RamPlus

- ✚ The four Texel Rams that have been selected for the Texel RamPlus are listed below; if you click on their names it will take you to their evaluations on the Ram Search. Frozen Semen is now available from these rams at a subsidised rate of €5 per dose. For breeders that use this semen to inseminate their ewes the cost of AI will also be subsidised by €5. By using semen from these rams it will help to increase the genetic linkage of the flocks, therefore leading to more stable evaluations in future. All the rams also have a very high Euro-Star rating so it will also help to increase the rate of genetic gain in the flocks.
- ✚ If you are interested in using some of these rams please call us on **1850 601 901** and delivery of the straws can be arranged.

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## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 17-AUG-2016 To 26-AUG-2016

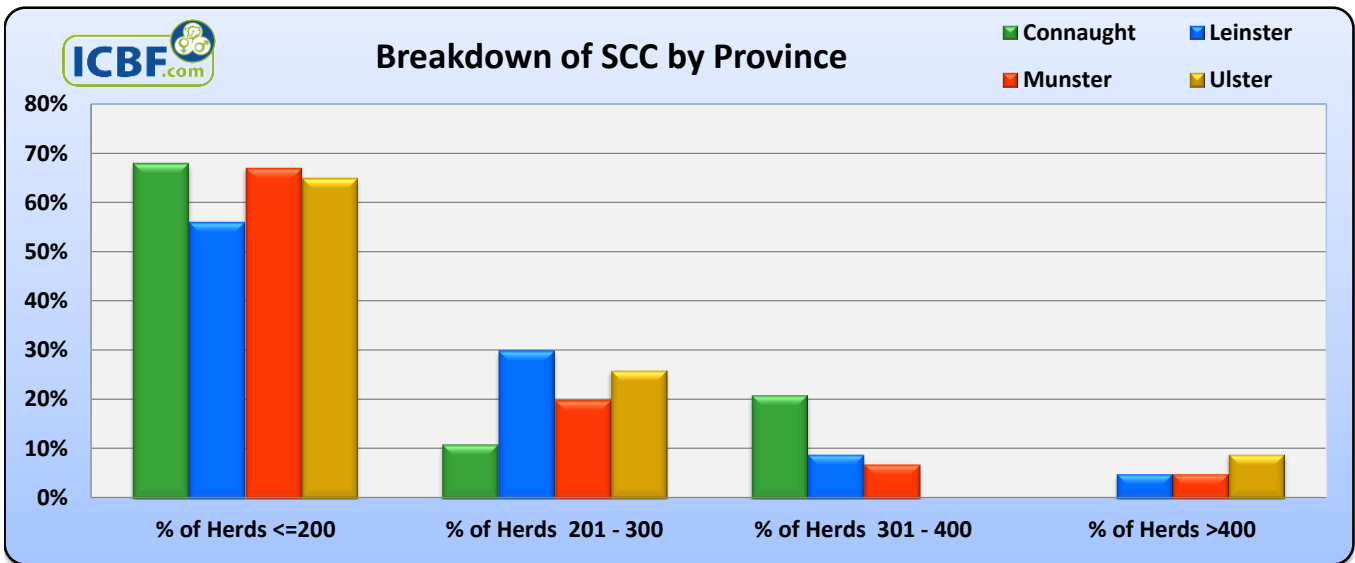
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	28	2,006	72	22.6	3.95	3.38	1.66	154
Leinster	130	13,301	102	20.2	4.01	3.46	1.51	179
Munster	576	52,469	91	20.4	4.14	3.57	1.57	168
Ulster	23	1,490	65	20.1	3.79	3.34	1.43	176
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>69,266</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>3.54</b>	<b>1.56</b>	<b>170</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 17-AUG-2016 To 26-AUG-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	28	2,006	72	68%	11%	21%	0%	154
Leinster	130	13,301	102	56%	30%	9%	5%	179
Munster	576	52,469	91	67%	20%	7%	5%	168
Ulster	23	1,490	65	65%	26%	0%	9%	176
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>69,266</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>170</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 17-AUG-2016 To 26-AUG-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	28	2,006	72	87	140	164	177	281
Leinster	130	13,301	102	117	168	191	203	272
Munster	576	52,469	91	112	147	161	180	253
Ulster	23	1,490	65	120	146	153	163	248
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>69,266</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>260</b>

\*\* Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

