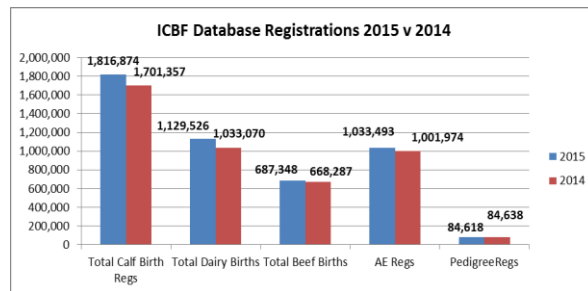
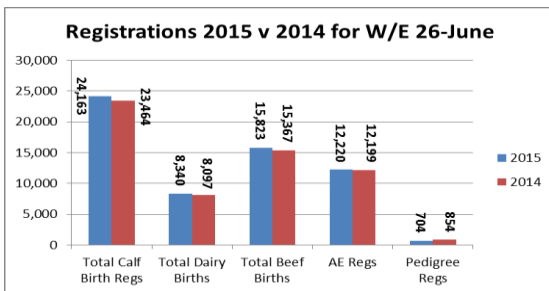


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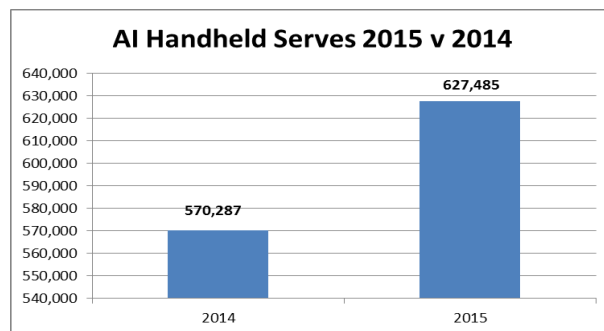
1 Important Dates

- ICBF Beef Industry Meeting** – Tuesday 7th July 2015, 10:00 to 15:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Audit & Finance Sub Committee Meeting** – Friday 10th July 2015, 10:00 to 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Friday 10th July 2015, 10:30 to 13:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 9th July 2015, 14:00 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 1.89 million results received since January 1st, of which 30,000 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 6.84 million results have now been received.
- The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2014 compared with 2015.

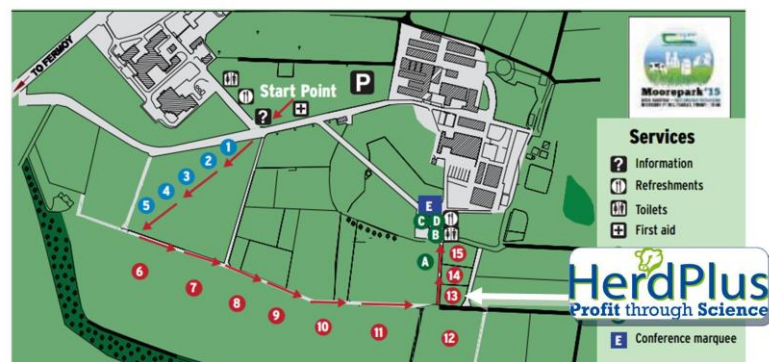


3 Herd Plus®

Moorepark Open Day 2015

- Moorepark Open Day 2015 will be held on Wednesday 1st July. This promises to be the biggest dairy event of the year. The ICBF team will be in attendance on the day - be sure to say "hello". Some of our geneticists will be at the Next Generation Breeding & Reproduction Village to present some of the latest research and to help answer your questions. The Herdplus team will be in the first large tent as you leave the villages.

Teagasc Moorepark 2015 Open Day Site Map



Stands

- 1 Principles of sustainable expansion
- 2 Building management capabilities for resilient farming businesses
- 3 Milk production from pasture: Target 12t of grass utilised per ha
- 4 Achieving 5.5 lactations per cow
- 5 Herd health: healthy profits

Villages

- 6 Grassland demonstration
- 7 Achieving more milk solids from pasture
- 8 Next generation breeding and reproduction
- 9 Healthy herd - healthy milk
- 10 Managing expansion
- 11 Being both competitive and sustainable
- 12 Health and safety
- 13 Industry partners HerdPlus
- 14 Food research programme
- 15 Research to adoption

Beef Data Programme 2014

- Farmers that participated in this scheme should record any outstanding data as soon as possible. Data can be recorded through the ICBF website, farm software packages or on paper forms. The deadline for calves born in November and December is 30th June 2015. All 2014 born calves are now old enough to record quality, docility and any scour or pneumonia events. It is important that farmers do not forget any of these calves.

4 Genetic Evaluations

- Extracts have commenced ahead of the routine evaluation run scheduled for July/August. Production and pedigree file extracts have been sent to CRV for the milk production evaluation.
- Work continues on various research projects including beef genomics, maternal weaning weight, integration of foreign breeding values and health and disease traits.

5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 26/06/15						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 26/06/15	No. EDIY Herds YTD 26/06/15	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 26/06/15	No. EDIY Cows YTD 26/06/15	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,966	1,262	32%	351,318	120,156	34%
Progressive	2,421	1,010	42%	237,358	100,399	42%
Tipperary	123	51	41%	10,887	4,496	41%
Total	6,510	2,323	36%	599,563	225,051	38%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2014 Cows Recorded 01/01/14 - 26/06/14	YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15 - 26/06/15	2015 vs 2014 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	317,996	351,318	9.5%
Progressive	226,483	237,358	4.6%
Tipperary	9,752	10,887	10.4%
Total	554,231	599,563	7.6%

6 Sheep Ireland

Ultrasound Scanning 2015

- A large number of flocks continue to be visited for Ovigen (12 flocks) and Ultrasound scanning (30 flocks) purposes each week. Visits to some individual LambPlus flocks are being delayed until data issues are resolved. Sheep Ireland is insisting that an event is recorded for every ewe in a LambPlus flock for 2015. Many flocks have achieved this and have marked ewes as lambled, sold, dead, aborted, barren or not mated (ewe lambs only). However a number of flocks have not carried out this tidy up and the number of ewes listed in their flocks is grossly inaccurate. These flocks will not be visited for Ovigen purposes and may not be Ultrasound scanned. The DQI (Data Quality Index) of these breeders flocks will also be severely affected and may prevent the publishing of Euro-Star evaluations for the flock.
- Catalogue entries for premier ram sales are being prepared by some breed societies at present and we are prioritising Ultrasound scanning for these breeds. Due to the number of flocks left to visit for scanning, we will not have all LambPlus flocks scanned in advance of the catalogue generation for each sale. We will however attempt to scan the breeder's flocks, intending on attending each premier sale. We encourage breeders attending their respective breed premier sales to contact us if they have not already been scanned. We will do our best to accommodate any such breeder as soon as possible. As mentioned above, it is critical that all scanning breeders have the required flock data recorded on the Sheep Ireland database. All lambs being ultrasonically scanned need to be tagged with the official NSIS tag. Full requirements for the scanning visit were circulated to all breeders by letter a number of weeks ago.

Sheep 2015

- Last Saturday June 20th Sheep Ireland was present at Sheep 2015. This was a fantastic event and lived up to its billing as the biggest sheep event of the year. A huge crowd attended on the day with an estimated 12,000 people visiting the site in Athenry. The feedback on the day and since the event has been universally positive. Huge credit must go to the organising committee and Teagasc staff, who ensured that absolutely every detail was taken care of on the day.
- Sheep Ireland had a very strong presence at the event and demonstrated the benefits of the Euro-Star Indices to farmers throughout the day. Despite challenging lamb prices the optimism among farmers on the day was very encouraging and we hope that many went home believing that a breed improvement programme for sheep is of critical importance for our industry going forward. *Some images from the day below.*



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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 17-JUN-2015 To 26-JUN-2015

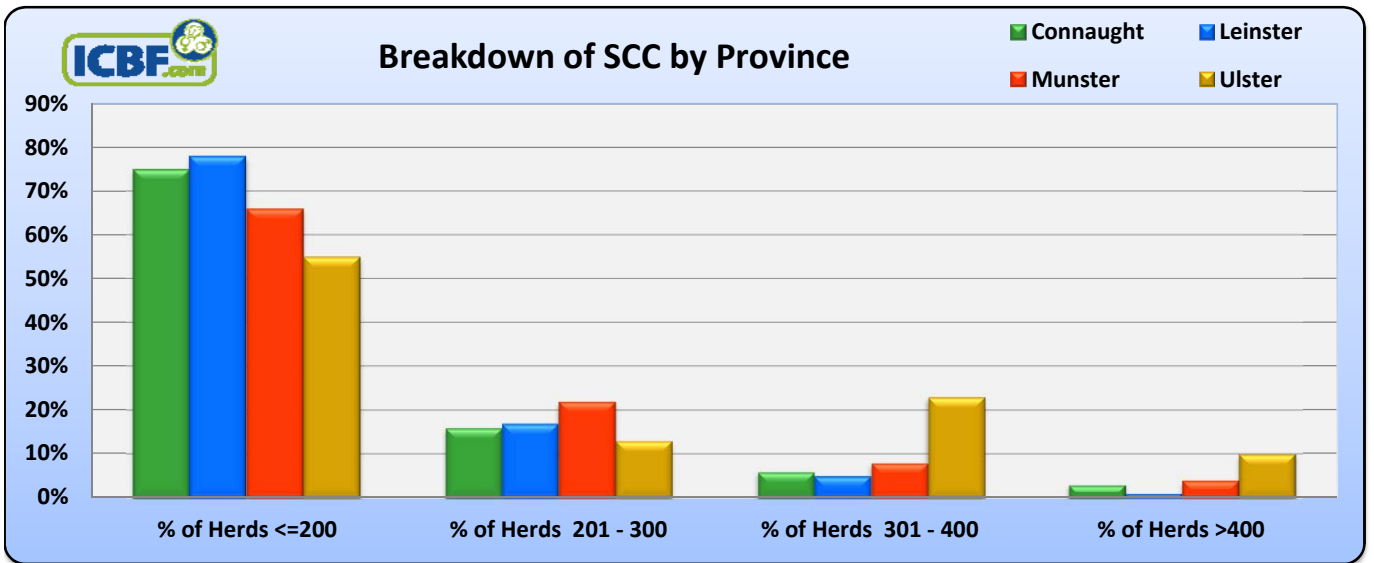
ICBF	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	32	2,257	71	26.6	3.70	3.46	1.90	155
Leinster	161	17,509	109	24.9	3.71	3.47	1.78	135
Munster	589	52,648	89	25.4	3.80	3.52	1.86	165
Ulster	31	2,472	80	26.6	3.66	3.44	1.87	181
National Statistics	813	74,886	92	25.4	3.77	3.50	1.84	159

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 17-JUN-2015 To 26-JUN-2015

ICBF	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	32	2,257	71	75%	16%	6%	3%	155
Leinster	161	17,509	109	78%	17%	5%	1%	135
Munster	589	52,648	89	66%	22%	8%	4%	165
Ulster	31	2,472	80	55%	13%	23%	10%	181
National Statistics	813	74,886	92	68%	21%	8%	4%	159

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 17-JUN-2015 To 26-JUN-2015								
ICBF	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Best 20% SCC	Best 40% SCC	Average SCC**	Worst 40% SCC	Worst 20% SCC
Connaught	32	2,257	71	113	156	167	174	229
Leinster	161	17,509	109	85	123	143	164	210
Munster	589	52,648	89	107	141	159	185	242
Ulster	31	2,472	80	100	126	169	224	340
National Statistics	813	74,886	92	104	137	157	179	239

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

