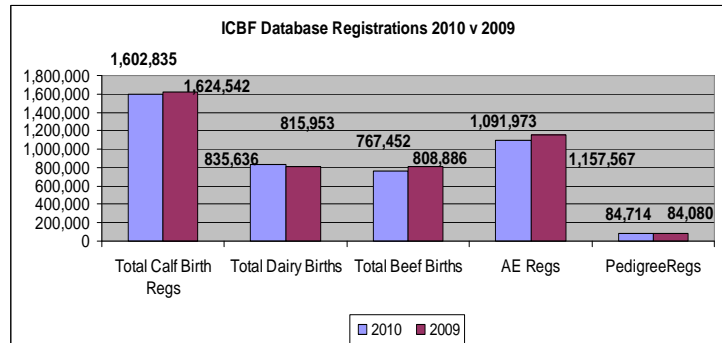
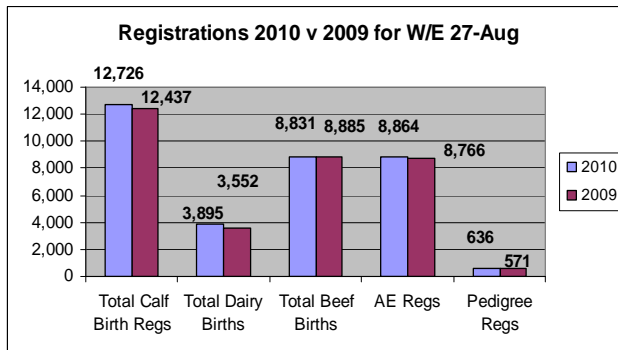


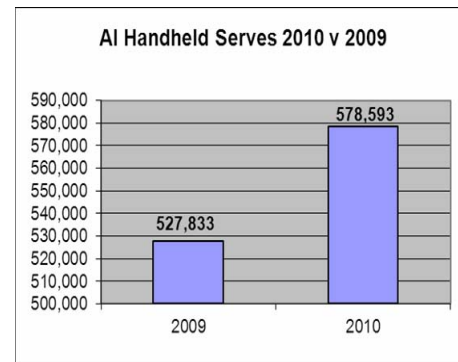
## 1. Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 10:30 to 14:00 – Highfield House, Bandon.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 14:00 to 16:30 – Highfield House, Bandon.
- ✚ **Tully Bull High Health Status Sale** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October, ICBF Tully Central Performance Test Centre.

## 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 156,922 with the number of animals weaned at 12,030.
- ✚ All batches of Suckler pre-wean forms for 2010 have been sent out to farmers.
- ✚ Work is continuing on the design of the new catalogue service for both beef and dairy animals.
- ✚ Vets wishing to begin interacting with the AHI/ICBF system can register at <http://www.animalhealthireland.ie/registerpage.php>.
- ✚ Work on a new Dairy Replacements discussion group report is almost complete with testing taking place this week.
- ✚ The Beef Calving reports are currently being run.
- ✚ Work is ongoing on the window server infrastructure, involving a move to a more resilient infrastructure for email, file servers, etc.
- ✚ Work on a new infrastructure for communicating with marts is on-going, with a view to getting the data flows on a more efficient and effective basis.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2010 compared with 2009.



## 3. Sheep Ireland

- ✚ The Belclare Breed Society is 100% involved in Sheep Ireland with all breeders recording in the scheme. Their second sale of the year is being held in Tullamore Mart on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September at 1:30pm. All sheep in the catalogue will have Euro-Stars.

- ✦ Production Sale of Eammon Duffy's flock will be held in Carnaross Mart, on the 7th of September. All Lambs will have Euro-Star figures.
- ✦ The Euro-Star figures for all the sheep in these sales as well as all other lambs in the Sheep Ireland flocks are available at [www.sheep.ie](http://www.sheep.ie).
- ✦ Breeders who have not returned their declaration of interest forms for rams to enter the CPT are urged to do so straight away.
- ✦ LambPlus breeders who have matings completed on farm should submit the data to avoid errors and reduce the recording workload at a later stage.

#### 4. Genetic Evaluations

- ✦ Official proofs were published on Monday for dairy and beef cattle. Correlations were high with changes primarily due to the addition of more information.
- ✦ Work is now focused on improvements to fertility, calving performance and other evaluation that were discussed at the last dairy and beef industry meetings.

#### 5. Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 17/08/10 to 27/08/10								
	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	16	979	61	18.5	4.17	3.53	1.42	389
CAVAN	31	1,901	61	20.8	3.84	3.39	1.50	293
CLARE	38	2,337	62	20.7	3.70	3.35	1.46	326
CORK STH	274	19,069	70	20.2	3.99	3.52	1.52	271
CORK NTH	276	20,892	76	21.2	4.02	3.55	1.60	268
DONEGAL	13	968	74	20.7	4.13	3.50	1.58	369
DUBLIN	6	285	48	25.6	3.48	3.39	1.76	439
GALWAY	23	2,162	94	18.6	3.99	3.46	1.39	309
KERRY	144	8,891	62	22.4	3.77	3.43	1.61	340
KILDARE	14	1,119	80	23.4	3.76	3.42	1.68	407
KILKENNY	67	4,756	71	20.0	3.81	3.38	1.44	254
LAOIS	35	2,709	77	21.4	3.96	3.44	1.58	392
LEITRIM	5	207	41	20.3	3.61	3.20	1.38	273
LIMERICK	120	8,855	74	20.8	3.74	3.43	1.49	296
LONGFORD	6	565	94	19.9	3.70	3.34	1.40	284
LOUTH	15	1,118	75	21.7	3.50	3.34	1.48	432
MAYO	29	1,509	52	24.0	3.68	3.53	1.73	291
MEATH	47	3,787	81	20.8	3.78	3.44	1.50	412
MONAGHAN	28	1,485	53	20.6	3.66	3.29	1.43	345
OFFALY	40	2,814	70	20.3	4.02	3.51	1.53	317
SLIGO	8	380	48	24.3	4.01	3.46	1.82	336
TIPPERARY NTH	45	4,154	92	20.0	3.93	3.60	1.51	269
TIPPERARY STH	66	5,526	84	19.2	4.03	3.48	1.44	303
WATERFORD	54	4,850	90	20.1	3.99	3.51	1.51	282
WESTMEATH	12	856	71	22.3	3.85	3.36	1.61	445
WEXFORD	74	5,243	71	20.0	3.93	3.51	1.49	337
WICKLOW E	11	678	62	22.2	3.26	3.34	1.47	446
WICKLOW W	5	411	82	22.1	3.72	3.42	1.58	413

	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	1,502	108,506	71	21.1	3.82	3.43	1.53	341

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 17/08/10 to 27/08/1

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	1017	74,574	73	20.6	3.90	3.48	1.52	294
Leinster	348	25,320	73	21.4	3.76	3.42	1.54	382
Connacht	65	4,258	66	21.8	3.82	3.41	1.58	302
Ulster	72	4,354	60	20.7	3.88	3.39	1.50	336

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 27/08/10

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 27/08/10	No. EDIY Herds YTD 27/08/10	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 27/08/10	No. EDIY Cows YTD 27/08/10	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,556	998	28%	274,288	84,901	31%
Progressive	1,995	760	38%	173,379	65,630	38%
Tipperary	133	57	43%	11,869	5,722	48%
Connacht	150	59	39%	9,866	3,715	38%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,834</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>469,402</b>	<b>159,968</b>	<b>34%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2009 Cows Recorded 01/01/09 - 27/08/09	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 27/08/10	2010 vs. 2009 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	254,477	274,288	7.2%
Progressive	174,056	173,379	-0.4%
Tipperary	11,073	11,869	6.7%
Connacht	9,345	9,866	5.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>448,951</b>	<b>469,402</b>	<b>4.4%</b>

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