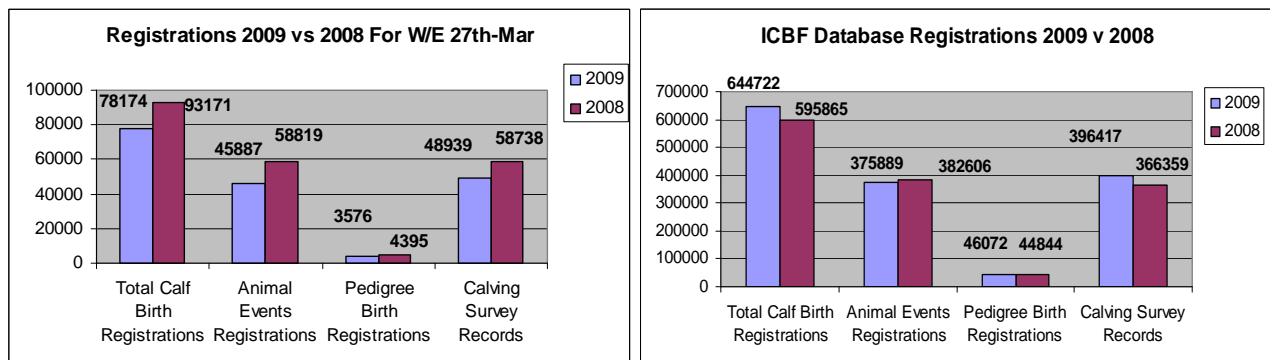


1. Important Dates

- ✚ **Tuesday 31st March 2009.** Beef Genetic Evaluation Consultation meeting, Abbeyleix Manor Hotel, 10:30-16:00.
- ✚ **Thursday 2nd April 2009.** ICBF Board Meeting, The Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise, 10:30-14:00.
- ✚ **Thursday 2nd April 2009.** Sheep Ireland Board Meeting, The Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise, 14:00 – 16:30.
- ✚ **Tuesday 28th April 2009.** ICBF, TEAGASC, UCD Genomics Workshop, Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise, 10:30-16:00.

2. Database



- ✚ 43,456 inseminations have been received so far in 2009, compared with 41,511 in 2008 for the same period.
- ✚ The 2009 Suckler Scheme calvings are continuing at a solid rate. Next week, we will have a clear view of Suckler Scheme registrations to the end of March. In relation to 2008 born calves, the number of calves with a meal feeding introduction has increased to 760,000, with just over 666,000 of these having been weaned.
- ✚ The revamp of the Milk Recording system continues. Testing has continued this week, and it is envisaged that there are about another 3 weeks of testing left. Parallel runs on some Munster Milk Recording herds began this week and will continue next week.
- ✚ Work has begun on updates to the Fertility reports for the coming AI season.
- ✚ Work on a new mechanism of sending and receiving Suckler scheme data to DAFF is beginning and will take a number of weeks to complete.
- ✚ Development on the sheep application continues, with on-going updates being released.

3. Tully

- ✚ Application forms have come in at a steady rate for the next intake and bulls are to be inspected on farms next week.
- ✚ The advertising of bulls has been quite successful with quite a number of bulls been sold or near to been purchased at present by A.I and farmers as stock bulls.
- ✚ Bull owners and breed societies have received final performance test results of their bull and other bulls in Tully (Please see results attached).

4. Genetic Evaluations

Dairy & Beef

- ✚ Files have been sent to Interbull for the international evaluation run.
- ✚ Beef and calving evaluations have commenced.
- ✚ Staff from the Genetic Evaluations office have attended the discussion group farm walks of the winners in the EBI discussion group competition in Louth, Wexford and Galway this week. The focus of these meetings was on the breeding season, including the active bull list and bull selection, replacement heifer management and heat detection.

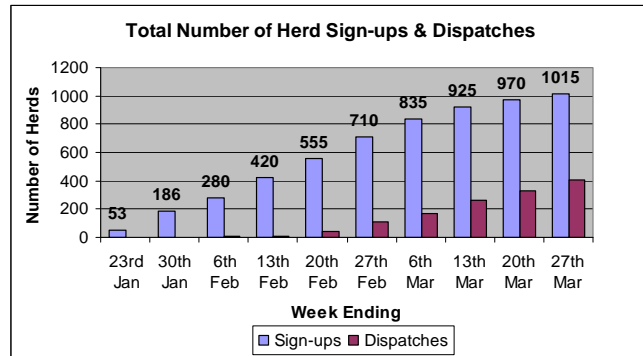
Genomic Update

- ✚ DNA is currently being extracted from semen. Once 96 samples have been achieved they will be sent to Denmark for genotyping.

5. GENE IRELAND[®]

Dairy

- ✚ 1,000 sign-ups reached this week!! Requesting 44,700 doses (~ 64 test bulls).
- ✚ Limited spaces remaining across all breed packs!
- ✚ There are currently 37 test bulls under dispatch (or completed)
- ✚ Revised converted indexes now available for the Jersey and KiwiCross bulls being marketed by Eurogene/LIC (see attached, also available on the ICBF website). Dispatching of the Crossbred pack commenced today.



Beef

- ✚ Sign ups have reached 310 herds taking an average of 17 straws each. 102 herds ahead of the same week last year.
- ✚ A new LM bull RHF has been added to the panel. See his details on Gene Ireland section of the ICBF website.
- ✚ Total straws sent out per bull currently on the panel are in the table below

BREED	CH	LM	SI	SI	BB	PT	BA	AA	AA	AA	SH
CODE	RHI	RHF	RWV	SKU	RSA	KCP	WOA	RWB	FPG	LZE	CZB
# STRAWS	293	55	96	418	500	242	331	284	114	200	127

6. Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 17/03/09 to 27/03/09.

	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	10	532	53	23.7	4.59	3.38	1.89	306
CAVAN	19	754	40	27.1	4.12	3.24	1.99	261
CLARE	13	609	47	26.6	3.87	3.24	1.89	348
CORK STH	228	11,714	51	25.6	3.99	3.30	1.87	290
CORK NTH	243	13,056	54	25.7	3.95	3.27	1.86	322
DONEGAL	3	194	65	25.3	4.18	3.11	1.84	281
DUBLIN	2	77	39	23.7	3.95	3.55	1.78	272
GALWAY	16	747	47	27.6	3.84	3.25	1.96	337
KERRY	72	3,492	49	25.3	3.88	3.27	1.81	305
KILDARE	15	991	66	25.3	4.40	3.34	1.96	287
KILKENNY	32	2,114	66	23.7	4.11	3.24	1.74	196
LAOIS	27	1,963	73	20.4	4.37	3.44	1.59	367
LEITRIM	4	132	33	31.6	3.48	3.36	2.16	281
LIMERICK	87	4,526	52	25.9	3.81	3.24	1.83	351
LONGFORD	5	184	37	25.1	3.87	3.46	1.84	240
LOUTH	28	1,772	63	25.5	3.94	3.35	1.86	273
MAYO	23	820	36	23.1	3.83	3.24	1.63	339
MEATH	46	3,431	75	23.7	3.96	3.38	1.74	394
MONAGHAN	21	954	45	26.9	3.90	3.29	1.93	336
OFFALY	10	533	53	22.8	4.08	3.35	1.69	283
ROSCOMMON	3	165	55	23.4	4.18	3.36	1.76	639
SLIGO	7	270	39	22.5	3.67	3.19	1.54	326
TIPPERARY NTH	26	1,694	65	24.4	4.25	3.27	1.83	312
TIPPERARY STH	34	1,870	55	23.6	4.09	3.27	1.74	309
WATERFORD	43	2,571	60	25.3	3.94	3.26	1.82	253
WESTMEATH	11	533	48	23.6	3.83	3.34	1.69	367
WEXFORD	49	2,879	59	24.9	3.62	3.37	1.74	297
WICKLOW E	16	972	61	25.9	3.83	3.27	1.84	176
WICKLOW W	6	496	83	24.4	4.10	3.41	1.83	232
	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	1,099	60,045	54	24.9	3.99	3.31	1.82	310

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 17/03/09 to 27/03/09.

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	746	39,532	53	25.3	4.06	3.27	1.85	311
Leinster	257	16,477	64	24.1	3.88	3.38	1.75	284
Connacht	53	2,134	40	25.6	3.88	3.28	1.84	384
Ulster	43	1,902	44	26.4	4.05	3.21	1.92	293

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 27/03/09						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 27/03/09	No. EDIY Herds YTD 27/03/09	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 27/03/09	No. EDIY Cows YTD 27/03/09	% Cows EDIY
Progressive	1,343	328	24%	85,504	21,592	25%
Dairygold	771	150	19%	41,569	9,120	22%
Kerry	531	11	2%	25,517	675	3%
SWS	616	26	4%	30,114	1,694	6%
Tipperary	39	9	23%	2,218	685	31%
Arrabawn	36	24	67%	2,394	1,721	72%
Connacht	73	1	1%	3,680	57	2%
Donegal	2	2	100%	140	140	100%
Total	3,411	551	16%	191,136	35,684	19%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2008 Cows Recorded 01/01/08 - 27/03/08	YTD 2009 Cows Recorded 01/01/09 - 27/03/09	2009 vs 2008 Year on Year Difference (%)
Progressive	87,610	85,504	-2.5%
Dairygold	39,700	41,569	4.5%
Kerry	26,836	25,517	-5.2%
SWS	30,174	30,114	-0.2%
Tipperary	2,638	2,218	-18.9%
Arrabawn	2,484	2,394	-3.8%
Connacht	4,183	3,680	-13.7%
Donegal	214	140	0.0%
Total	193,839	191,136	-1.4%

7. Change in our phone numbers

The ICBF phone numbers have changed. Our new numbers have "88" added to them after the area code (023). Please amend your files as soon as possible. The old numbers will continue to work until May of 2009.

Old Number (example)	New Number (example)
Phone: 023 20222	023 88 20222
Fax: 023 20229	023 88 20229

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Tully final performance test results

			Start wt	End wt	² ADG	¹ DMI	³ FCE	⁴ UFD	⁵ UMD	
Tag number	Breed	DOB	(KG)	(KG)	(kg/day)	(kg/day)	(DMI/ADG)	(mm)	(mm)	Sire name
IE272170630047	AA	14/01/2008	414	578	1.9	12.5	6.6	8.34	70.0	NAKKEG NORD 913
IE161595270246	AA	02/12/2007	485	644	1.8	13.4	7.4	7.63	62.9	NAKKEG NORD 913
IE111242660051	AA	08/02/2008	462	654	2.2	13.0	5.9	7.04	66.9	EARLY SUNSET HIGH TIME 81G
UK542600100109	AA	07/03/2008	489	656	1.9	13.2	6.9	6.66	72.7	CURZON ENTERTAINER
IE161578920339	AU	15/03/2008	345	518	2.0	9.5	4.8	2.0	76.4	CALVERSTOWN RICK O'SHEA
IE161578970327	AU	14/02/2008	382	580	2.3	9.9	4.3	2.36	86.5	CALVERSTOWN RICK O'SHEA
IE201038460691	AU	16/01/2008	432	640	2.4	10.7	4.5	2.69	83.8	RAMON ACAJOU
IE141305650504	AU	02/02/2008	447	632	2.1	10.9	5.2	2.31	88.0	RAMON TOMMY
IE141305650495	AU	19/01/2008	455	638	2.1	11.8	5.6	2.69	85.0	RAMON TOMMY
IE341549410320	AU	29/12/2007	444	626	2.1	9.6	4.6	2.66	84.0	PERLOU
IE391055710811	AU	09/02/2008	429	606	2.0	9.6	4.8	3.2	90.7	CALVERSTOWN SARAWAK
IE211007450553	BB	03/02/2008	456	640	2.1	10.8	5.1	1.03	93.9	TINTIN DE MY
IE192001930064	CH	24/04/2008	504	720	2.5	13.0	5.2	4.11	96.3	MAJOR
IE192001940065	CH	29/04/2008	506	704	2.3	11.9	5.2	3.13	90.0	NELSON
IE271305890177	CH	12/01/2008	478	720	2.8	13.8	4.9	2.93	95.4	MAERDY SINNDAR
IE181942350242	CH	15/01/2008	672	888	2.5	14.6	5.8	4.29	90.9	LYONSDMESNE TZAR
IE201122870006	CH	01/03/2008	423	618	2.2	11.1	5.0	2.79	89.0	BOULTEEN VIVALDI
IE281526470038	HE	17/03/2008	432	628	2.3	12.7	5.5	9.87	69.5	SKEHANORE JASON
IE281526420041	HE	05/04/2008	414	602	2.2	11.7	5.3	9.09	65.8	RATHREGAN AILBE
IE181594690382	LM	27/02/2008	439	640	2.3	10.8	4.7	2.13	79.9	ROCKY
IE181594680381	LM	24/01/2008	447	610	1.9	10.5	5.5	2.4	85.0	MUC
IE131511790288	LM	13/01/2008	528	686	1.8	10.5	5.8	2.99	80.3	RONICK ICEMAN
IE131511750284	LM	06/01/2008	590	782	2.2	12.6	5.7	5.59	87.0	RONICK ICEMAN
IE131231530222	LM	04/12/2007	592	782	2.2	13.7	6.2	3.36	91.2	MANOIR
IE271992920189	LM	12/03/2008	390	572	2.1	11.0	5.2	3.6	87.7	MAS DU CLO
IE271992910188	LM	14/02/2008	373	548	2.0	10.0	5.0	2.99	77.7	MAS DU CLO
IE271992990187	LM	07/02/2008	387	560	2.0	9.2	4.6	3.64	85.0	MAS DU CLO
IE271992940190	LM	12/03/2008	364	520	1.8	9.3	5.2	3.13	74.4	MAS DU CLO
IE131448340711	LM	31/03/2008	340	520	2.1	9.6	4.6	3.63	85.0	MILBROOK TANKO
IE251049480186	LM	10/02/2008	542	698	1.8	11.5	6.4	3.0	86.2	CLEGGHILL UPTON
IE131306670423	LM	06/03/2008	459	614	1.8	9.6	5.3	4.06	83.0	RONICK HAWK

IE131306660422	LM	01/03/2008	554	782	2.6	12.9	4.9	2.69	90.4	RONICK HAWK
IE141411791410	LM	10/02/2008	389	590	2.3	10.1	4.4	2.53	83.8	ROCKY
IE251402710062	LM	10/02/2008	435	596	1.9	11.3	5.9	3.59	85.3	ROCKY
IE361410950510	LM	05/12/2007	492	704	2.4	11.2	4.7	2.69	92.7	ROCKY
IE161581170577	LM	24/01/2008	442	596	1.8	8.9	5.0	2.03	91.8	SAUVIGNON
IE121133330208	LM	07/04/2008	478	636	1.8	10.1	5.6	3.33	87.7	ROUNDHILL SATURN ET
IE121133360210	LM	11/04/2008	457	610	1.8	9.8	5.5	3.54	86.5	ROUNDHILL SATURN ET
IE201288820156	LM	08/03/2008	456	658	2.3	12.2	5.3	4.81	90.0	GRAHAMS UNBEATABLE
IE281516080134	LM	09/02/2008	564	754	2.2	12.0	5.4	3.41	96.6	RONICK ICEMAN
IE251079870121	LM	07/01/2008	640	836	2.3	14.6	6.4	2.74	84.3	SCORBORO REGIUS
IE181955470154	LM	17/12/2007	558	740	2.1	10.6	5.0	2.94	81.3	ROCKY
IE231399860166	LM	07/03/2008	454	634	2.1	12.4	5.9	2.97	77.6	OMISB
IE281084570762	LM	01/04/2008	397	604	2.4	11.2	4.7	3.46	82.6	VANTASTIC
IE281084580763	LM	01/04/2008	432	624	2.2	10.5	4.8	2.53	88.5	VANTASTIC
IE182586660161	PT	20/12/2007	480	634	1.8	10.6	5.9	2.54	99.0	TURBO
IE301375360036	PT	25/01/2008	473	720	2.8	15.4	5.5	1.76	101.5	RONCHON
IE291084370028	SA	08/04/2008	378	556	2.0	10.8	5.4	5.84	71.7	O POPEYE
IE321237630482	SA	18/01/2008	478	670	2.2	12.5	5.7	5.24	75.2	MOYGARA CASTLE
IE321082380052	SH	17/04/2008	380	570	2.2	11.9	5.4	7.21	70.3	CASTLETROY BERTIE
IE321447720229	SI	02/02/2008	495	650	1.8	11.5	6.4	5.37	78.9	EXODUS
IE221152670397	SI	08/01/2008	556	758	2.3	14.3	6.2	4.73	84.0	CURAHEEN TYSON (ET)

¹ Dry matter intake ² Average daily gain ³ Food conversion efficiency ⁴ Ultrasonic fat depth ⁵ Ultrasonic muscle depth

Table 1.1: List of JERSEY and CROSSBRED Bulls for GENE IRELAND Spring 2009 program. (Revised 26th March 09)

ANIMAL NUMBER	ANIMAL NAME	BRD	AI	SIRE	MGS	EBI	Milk SI	Fert SI	M kg	F kg	P kg	F%	P%	CI	SU%	CD %	Sire EBI	Sire Milk	Sire Fert	Dam EBI	Dam Milk	Dam Fert	BREEDER	
IRISH SOURCED																								
KZR	KINTEERA GER	JE	NCBC	SEA	Jas Tabi	€99	24%	30	113	-580	11.3	-5.3	0.84	0.36	-6.2	3.5	1.0	€82	-€9	€131	€118	€69	€95	INA-PATRICIA O'CALLAGHAN
YHY	BALLYHOOLY BLAKE DR ROB	JE	NCBC	LIF	PWC	€104	29%	59	80	-312	11.3	2.5	0.52	0.29	-4.7	2.2	0.8	€62	€56	€55	€152	€63	€104	TEAGASC
BYW	BRIDEVALLEY ROYAL PINE	JE	NCBC	PVS	WIV	€87	17%	38	70	-405	7.8	-1.1	0.52	0.27	-4.6	1.3	1.0	€66	€28	€41	€115	€48	€99	JERRY MURPHY
KTA	KINTEERA SAM	JE	NCBC	PVS	Lernvig	€85	16%	25	73	-580	9.0	-5.6	0.79	0.34	-4.8	1.4	1.1	€66	€28	€41	€101	€21	€105	INA-PATRICIA O'CALLAGHAN
LUB	(IG) LAURAGH BREN	XBREC	NCBC	KNW	WAS	€158	25%	88	81	-18	20.7	8.7	0.43	0.19	-4.6	2.3	1.6	€177	€90	€92	€144	€85	€89	PAULINE RYAN
IE151828721397	(IG) BALLYHOOLY DODDER	JE	NCBC	MRY	JSZ	€81	29%	52	71	-421	12.5	-0.3	0.66	0.32	-3.7	2.4	0.8	€129	€116	€53	€26	-€12	€89	TEAGASC
IE151828741408	(IG) BALLYHOOLY MISTER	JE	NCBC	WLT	S035	€115	29%	44	105	-552	13.0	-3.3	0.85	0.38	-6.0	2.9	0.8	€159	€91	€85	€72	-€4	€124	TEAGASC
IE151828761335	(IG) BALLYHOOLY FOREVER	JE	NCBC	RKV	ALD	€81	30%	40	74	-450	13.3	-2.5	0.72	0.30	-3.8	2.5	0.8	€63	€54	€54	€93	€25	€94	TEAGASC
IE151828791354	(IG) BALLYHOOLY MINSTREL	JE	NCBC	WLT	PWC	€154	31%	77	95	-350	17.0	3.5	0.68	0.34	-5.2	3.0	0.8	€159	€91	€85	€152	€63	€104	TEAGASC
NEW ZEALAND SOURCED																								
GHK	GREENMILE OM HAWK ET S3J	JE	EU/LIC	OKU	FSG	€129	36%	95	72	-142	17.6	8.6	0.46	0.26	-3.5	2.6	0.9	€102	€111	€26				NEW ZEALAND
GKG	GLEN LEITH GOODLOOKING	JE	EU/LIC	301104	MKU	€133	34%	100	72	-278	19.5	7.4	0.61	0.34	-3.4	2.7	0.9	€159	€103	€57				NEW ZEALAND
OKV	OKURA OM LAVA	JE	EU/LIC	OKU	99485	€152	36%	105	86	-266	20.6	7.9	0.62	0.34	-4.4	2.9	0.9	€102	€111	€26				NEW ZEALAND
OUK	OKURA OM IDEALIST	JE	EU/LIC	OKU	98485	€86	35%	75	51	-216	18.8	4.6	0.54	0.24	-2.9	1.4	0.9	€102	€111	€26				NEW ZEALAND
TWG	TAWA GROVE NEVS VISA	JE	EU/LIC	301104	MKU	€144	36%	117	68	-185	24.4	10.1	0.63	0.32	-3.7	2.1	0.9	€159	€103	€57				NEW ZEALAND
WIU	WILLIAMS MANS CATALDO ET	JE	EU/LIC	OKU	94438	€142	36%	107	76	-207	21.6	8.8	0.59	0.31	-3.7	2.8	0.9	€102	€111	€26				NEW ZEALAND
GIU	GREENMILE MAUN IMPISH S3J	JE	NCBC	300528	97463																			NEW ZEALAND
HIJ	HILLSTAR MAUNGAS JONO	JE	NCBC	300528	66113																			NEW ZEALAND
LXK	LYNBROOK EXPOSE TREAT ET	JE	NCBC	301734	97463																			NEW ZEALAND
MJS	MULLINS MAUNGA ORION S2J	JE	NCBC	300528	LYD																			NEW ZEALAND
MTD	MERRIDOWNS MANS STING	JE	NCBC	OKU	95459																			NEW ZEALAND
OKR	OKURA MAUNGA KAWAKAW	JE	NCBC	300528	OKU																			NEW ZEALAND
OKY	OKURA NEVVY KELVIN ET	JE	NCBC	301104	OKU																			NEW ZEALAND
BMU	BOARDMANS BLUEPRINT-ET	KiwiX	EU/LIC	NTZ	DNG	€87	26%	67	24	142	13.0	9.0	0.15	0.09	-1.0	1.1	3.3	€151	€93	€60				NEW ZEALAND
BSF	BIRCHLANDS FAST FORWARD	KiwiX	EU/LIC	504023	NTZ	€94	21%	50	52	62	9.0	7.0	0.12	0.09	-3.0	1.5	2.8	€113	€54	€74				NEW ZEALAND
BWF	BURWELLS ANCHORMAN	KiwiX	EU/LIC	NTZ	GPA	€98	21%	58	47	-106	13.0	5.0	0.34	0.17	-2.7	1.3	1.4	€151	€93	€60				NEW ZEALAND
CFD	CUTFORTHS LORD BRIAN	KiwiX	EU/LIC	NUO	61636	€85	17%	37	42	-99	8.0	3.0	0.24	0.12	-2.3	1.3	3.8	€172	€74	€84				NEW ZEALAND
OPM	OPARIA MESSENGER	KiwiX	EU/LIC	OKU	UYC	€85	31%	77	25	45	15.0	9.0	0.26	0.15	-1.1	1.1	2.4	€102	€111	€26				NEW ZEALAND
WIJ	WAIWARE JETSTREAM	KiwiX	EU/LIC	DXU	WAS	€76	28%	66	18	101	14.0	8.0	0.23	0.11	-1.1	0.5	2.7	€88	€90	€0				NEW ZEALAND
Average:						€108	28%	€67	€66															

Notes:

New Zealand Jerseys: conversion equation used to calculate indexes
 KiwiCross indexes based on Parent Average

25 & 35 straw packs: 3 Jerseys, 1 KiwiCross and 1 HOFER.

49 straw pack: 4 Jerseys, 1 KiwiCross and 2 HOFER.

Maximum of 140 straws