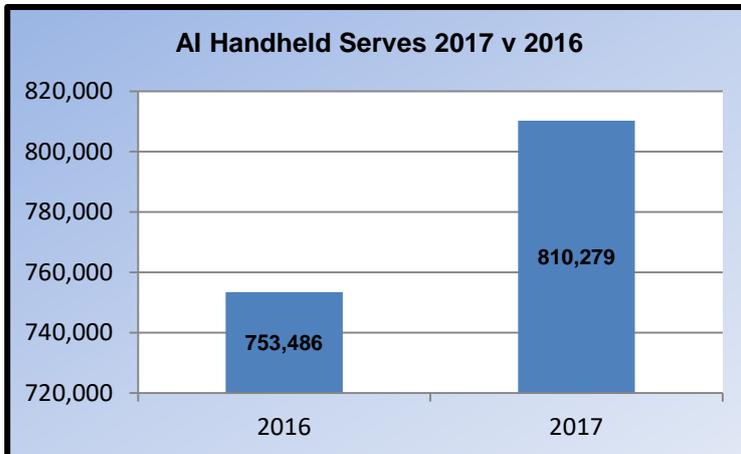
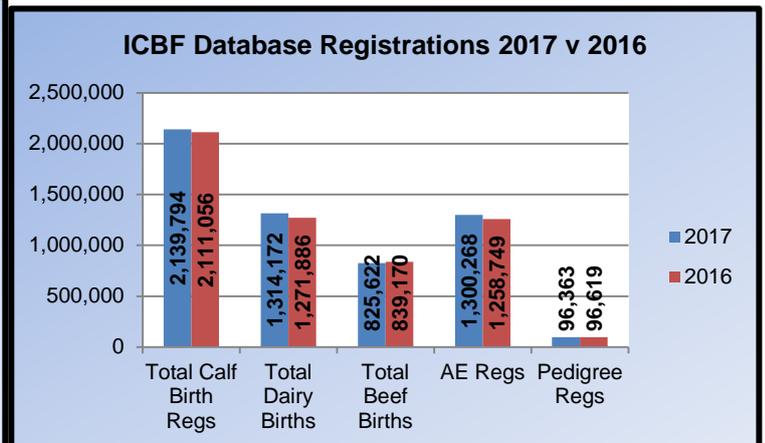
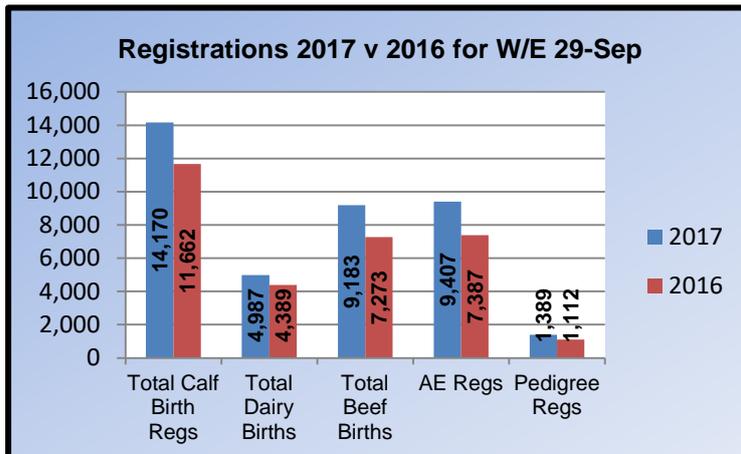


ICBF Weekly Update 29th September 2017

1 Important Dates

- ICBF Board Meeting** – Date of meeting will be confirmed next week.
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 23rd November at 2pm, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 16th November at 10:30am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.

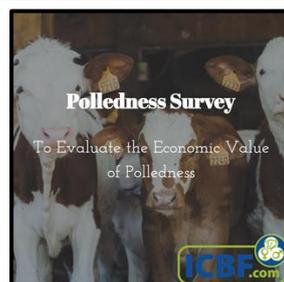
2 Database



- 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 2,204,001 results received since January 1st, of which 14,756 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,734,231 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

3 Herd Plus®

- ICBF are conducting this anonymous survey to gauge your perceptions of disbudding (dehorning) and its impact on your farm. Click [here](#) for more details.



- Sire errors at similar levels on new versus old AI codes. Click [here](#) for more details.



✚ Pouring Money Down the Drain? Farmers that don't record dry offs do not receive an accurate Annual Report for their herd or valid lactations for their animals that have paid for. Click [here](#) for further details.



✚ The first calves from the Autumn 2016 Gene Ireland beef bulls are currently being born on farms. Below is a Curaheen Earp bull calf. To order



straws of the new high index Gene Ireland bulls please call ICBF on 023 8820452. All straws cost €5 each and are delivered to your own AI technician or DIY flask. Click [here](#) for more details.

✚ Software Developers Vacancy. Click [here](#) for further details.



4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 29/09/17

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 29/09/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 29/09/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 29/09/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 29/09/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3859	1272	33%	391697	141080	36%
Progressive	2333	987	42%	267695	114649	43%
Tipperary	112	51	46%	11654	5283	45%
Total	6,304	2,310	37%	671,046	261,012	39%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 29/09/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 29/09/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	358671	391697	9.2%
Progressive	250545	267695	6.8%
Tipperary	11151	11654	4.5%
Total	620,367	671,046	8.2%

5 Sheep Ireland

Sheep Ireland Central Progeny Test 2017

Today Friday 29th September the first ewe sponging is taking place in advance of our CPT AI programme. AI ram panels are now finalised for most breeds, with some late selection decisions to be made on a minority of rams. Ram availability at this time of year has been an issue for some breeders as we made our invitations for programme involvement. Unfortunately a number of breeders also refused to enter rams, which is disappointing. The Central Progeny Test while operated by Sheep Ireland, is a programme which hugely benefits all breeds which participate. The CPT helps these breeds to maximise their genetic which ultimately will help their long term contribution to Irish sheep farmers. A number of meetings with breed societies and ram breeders will be taking place over the coming months and Sheep Ireland will be once again inviting input into the running of the CPT especially around annual ram identification.

CPT AI

Our first AI date will take place in two weeks from today Friday, on the farm of James Naper outside Oldcastle in Co. Meath. At present the CPT rams are being assembled in our usual base in Lyons Estate on the UCD farm. Rams will be quarantined here for a period of time and given thorough inspection by our vet before being trained to jump and provide semen for AI. Please see below some images of the first rams which arrived this.



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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 20-SEP-2017 To 29-SEP-2017

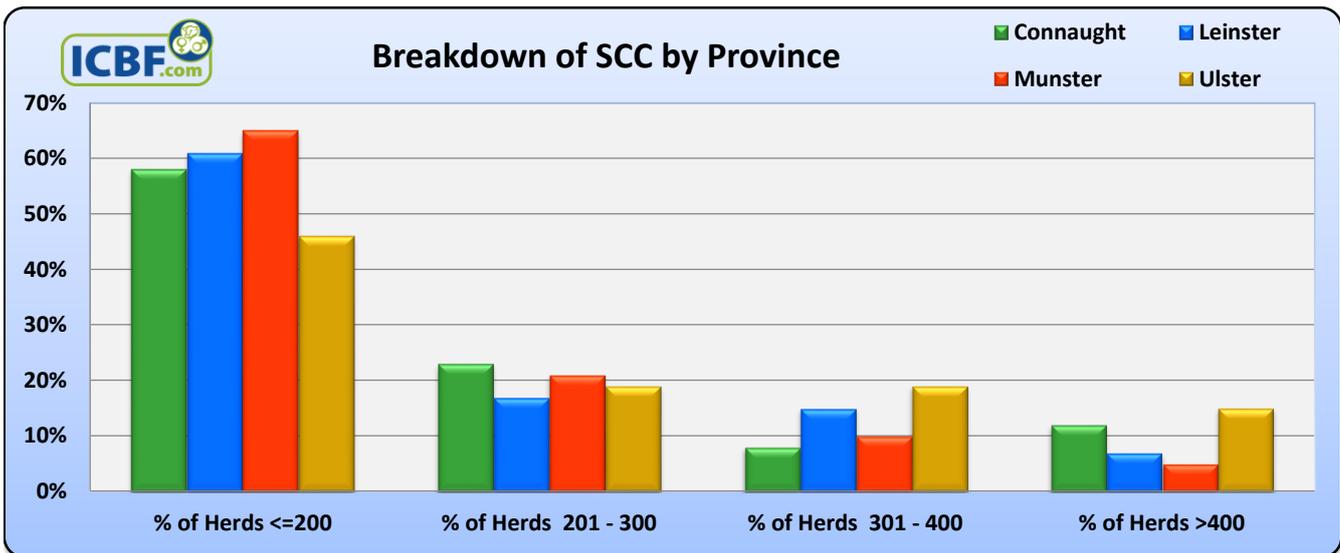
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	26	1,896	73	18.4	4.40	3.77	1.50	175
Leinster	95	9,987	105	18.6	4.35	3.83	1.52	177
Munster	398	35,268	89	18.6	4.45	3.88	1.54	178
Ulster	26	1,808	70	19.8	4.14	3.66	1.54	227
National Statistics	545	48,959	90	18.6	4.42	3.86	1.54	180

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 20-SEP-2017 To 29-SEP-2017

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	26	1,896	73	58%	23%	8%	12%	175
Leinster	95	9,987	105	61%	17%	15%	7%	177
Munster	398	35,268	89	65%	21%	10%	5%	178
Ulster	26	1,808	70	46%	19%	19%	15%	227
National Statistics	545	48,959	90	63%	20%	11%	6%	180

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 20-SEP-2017 To 29-SEP-2017								
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	26	1,896	73	94	155	173	214	275
Leinster	95	9,987	105	107	155	171	196	307
Munster	398	35,268	89	120	155	172	188	261
Ulster	26	1,808	70	127	169	218	259	354
National Statistics	545	48,959	90	117	155	172	191	280

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

