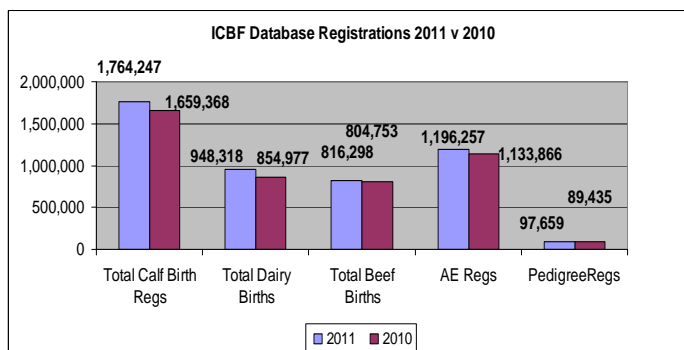
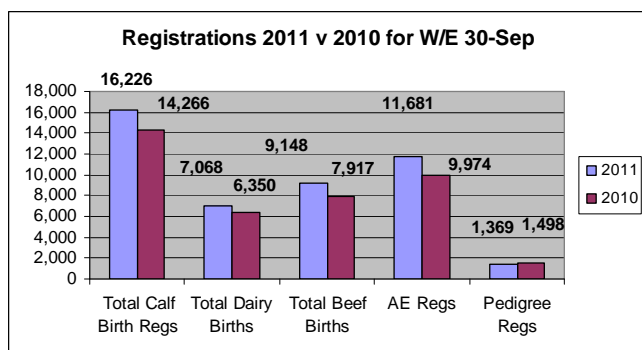


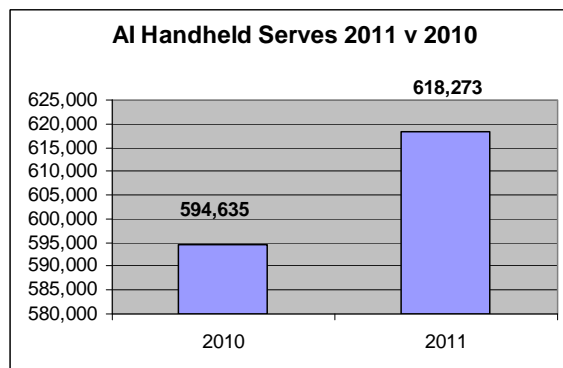
## 1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Sheep Ireland - LambPlus User Meeting** – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 19:00 to 21 :00 – Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone.
- ✚ **Sheep Breeding Consultation Industry Meeting** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 11:00 to 14:00 – Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 14:00 to 16:30 – Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore.
- ✚ **High Health Status Beef Bull Sale** – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011 – 12:00 to 2:00 - Tully Performance Test Centre.

## 2 Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFF AIM systems.
- ✚ In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2011 born calves with meal introduced is 296,515 with the number of animals weaned at 57,185.
- ✚ 500 herds have already completed their Dairy Efficiency Programme (DEP) health recording requirements for 2011 (200 paper, 300 electronically). There are around 6,500 herds in the DEP.
- ✚ Testing continues on the prototype of a new cattle weighing scales with blue-tooth integration to ICBF handheld software. The platforms have arrived today and it is intended to start field trials next week.
- ✚ Significant work is also on-going in relation to the farmer upload and download of data to existing scales out on farms (e.g. Tru-test scales)
- ✚ Work is on-going in building the systems that will support the up-coming national BVD eradication programme.
- ✚ The high density beef genotype files are currently being loaded to the ICBF database.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2011 compared with 2010.



### 3 Tully

- This week saw the champion beef bulls selected from each of the main breeds that participated in the latest Tully intake. All bulls at Tully completed their 90 day performance tests on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Now that the test has been completed, bulls will have their concentrate offering gradually decreased leading up to the sale, to ensure they are acclimatised to their new on-farm environment. The champion bulls are a reflection of the exceptional quality of bulls available for purchase at the up-coming sale. They achieved excellent performance figures, for instance average daily gain ranged from 1.8 to 2.6 kg per day, across breeds. Also, all champion bulls have excellent star ratings for Suckler Beef value, with 5 bulls in the top 10% of their respective breed. All measurements at Tully are incorporated in the Euro-Star indexes to give more accurate genetic evaluations whilst also increasing the reliability on key production traits. Also, bulls at Tully have a high health status as they are tested free of IBR, BVD, Johne's, EBL, TB and Brucellosis.
- The Champion bulls (Table 1) were identified within each breed based on 3 main criteria. These criteria were Visual assessment (33%), Euro-Star indexes (33%) and Tully performance data (33%). These bulls will be among the 49 offered up for sale at Tully on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, which consists of 3 Blonde d'Aquitaine, 1 Saler, 4 Angus, 18 Limousin, 15 Charolais, 6 Simmental & 2 Belgian Blue.
- The sale is located minutes from Kildare town, exit 13 of the M7 motorway. For more information or a copy of the catalogue, contact Stephen or Niall on 045 521573. The catalogue is also available at <http://www.icbf.com/services/tully/index.php>. On the day of sale bulls will be between 13 and 18 months of age.

**Table 1.** Performance and Indexes of Champion bulls at Tully

Breed	Name	Average Daily Gain (kg/day)	Feed Conversion Efficiency (DMI/ADG)	Scan Muscle Dept (mm)	Scan Fat Dept (mm)	SBV <sup>1</sup> (€)	SBV <sup>1</sup> Stars within breed (Stars)	Milk within breed (Stars)
AA	Templequain Lord Jake K798	2.5	5.6	80	7.1	64	****	****
CH	Redgate Folengo	2.5	5.5	90	3.0	176	****	****
LM	Glebe Park Franco	2.5	5.3	98	3.9	102	****	*
SI	Curaheen Bronson	2.5	5.7	81	4.4	160	****	****
SA <sup>2</sup>	Corlurgan Kemp	2.3	5.1	79	4.1	34	*	*
BA <sup>2</sup>	Mountbrown Flint	2.4	4.9	94	2.6	95	****	**
BB <sup>2</sup>	Hawksford Eoin	2.1	4.9	87	2.1	106	****	***

<sup>1</sup> Suckler Beef Value

<sup>2</sup> Selected from low numbers within breed

### 4 Genetic Evaluations

- The September beef evaluation for end of test Tully animals and animals linear scored between 15<sup>th</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup> September has been completed and new proofs have been loaded to the database.
- GROW reports will be sent out next week

## 5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 30/09/11						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 30/09/11	No. EDIY Herds YTD 30/09/11	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 30/09/11	No. EDIY Cows YTD 30/09/11	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,670	1,041	28%	301,752	94,993	31%
Progressive	2,373	903	38%	214,318	81,816	38%
Tipperary	144	64	44%	13,084	6,301	48%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,187</b>	<b>2,008</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>529,154</b>	<b>183,110</b>	<b>35%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 30/09/10	YTD 2011 Cows Recorded 01/01/11 - 30/09/11	2011 vs. 2010 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	275,613	301,752	8.7%
Progressive	191,526	214,318	10.6%
Tipperary	11,924	13,084	8.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>479,063</b>	<b>529,154</b>	<b>9.5%</b>

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 20/09/11 to 30/09/11								
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	861	60,506	70	17.9	4.28	3.79	1.44	271
Leinster	278	20,125	72	18.8	4.15	3.63	1.46	327
Connacht	52	3,103	60	20.2	3.94	3.53	1.51	311
Ulster	66	4,155	63	17.7	4.11	3.60	1.36	325

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 20/09/11 to 30/09/11								
	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	561	56	18.2	4.53	3.67	1.49	367
CAVAN	32	1,741	54	17.3	4.10	3.51	1.32	288
CLARE	37	2,079	56	17.3	4.35	3.79	1.41	288
CORK STH	243	16,304	67	18.2	4.32	3.81	1.48	236
CORK NTH	223	16,007	72	18.4	4.34	3.81	1.50	283
DONEGAL	9	1,111	123	17.1	4.43	3.81	1.41	322
DUBLIN	2	283	142	18.7	4.22	3.53	1.45	331

<b>GALWAY</b>	22	1,273	58	19.2	4.16	3.53	1.48	261
<b>KERRY</b>	125	7,832	63	17.7	4.08	3.67	1.37	303
<b>KILDARE</b>	19	1,432	75	20.5	4.03	3.52	1.55	393
<b>KILKENNY</b>	42	3,234	77	17.3	4.04	3.60	1.32	308
<b>LAOIS</b>	35	2,528	72	16.5	4.23	3.77	1.32	299
<b>LEITRIM</b>	4	167	42	21.5	3.66	3.51	1.54	364
<b>LIMERICK</b>	108	8,260	76	18.9	4.11	3.72	1.48	282
<b>LONGFORD</b>	11	574	52	17.4	4.37	3.75	1.41	235
<b>LOUTH</b>	16	1,340	84	19.1	4.05	3.66	1.47	246
<b>MAYO</b>	16	1,151	72	20.0	3.89	3.55	1.49	408
<b>MEATH</b>	40	3,153	79	19.2	3.95	3.60	1.45	301
<b>MONAGHAN</b>	25	1,303	52	18.6	3.80	3.47	1.35	364
<b>OFFALY</b>	19	1,323	70	18.4	4.48	3.70	1.51	405
<b>ROSCOMMON</b>	2	96	48	20.3	3.87	3.46	1.49	239
<b>SLIGO</b>	8	416	52	20.1	4.14	3.62	1.56	283
<b>TIPPERARY NTH</b>	29	2,504	86	18.2	4.15	3.76	1.44	253
<b>TIPPERARY STH</b>	55	4,530	82	16.7	4.40	3.82	1.37	290
<b>WATERFORD</b>	41	2,990	73	17.7	4.47	3.92	1.49	229
<b>WESTMEATH</b>	10	560	56	21.2	4.38	3.61	1.69	385
<b>WEXFORD</b>	50	3,367	67	18.4	4.17	3.73	1.45	261
<b>WICKLOW E</b>	16	1,124	70	18.6	3.90	3.53	1.38	356
<b>WICKLOW W</b>	8	646	81	20.7	3.95	3.55	1.55	370
	<i>No. Herds Recorded</i>	<i>No. Cows Recorded</i>	<i>Average Herd Size</i>	<i>Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow</i>	<i>Average Fat %</i>	<i>Average Protein %</i>	<i>Average F + P kg</i>	<i>Average SCC</i>
<b>National</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>87,889</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>4.16</b>	<b>3.65</b>	<b>1.46</b>	<b>309</b>

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