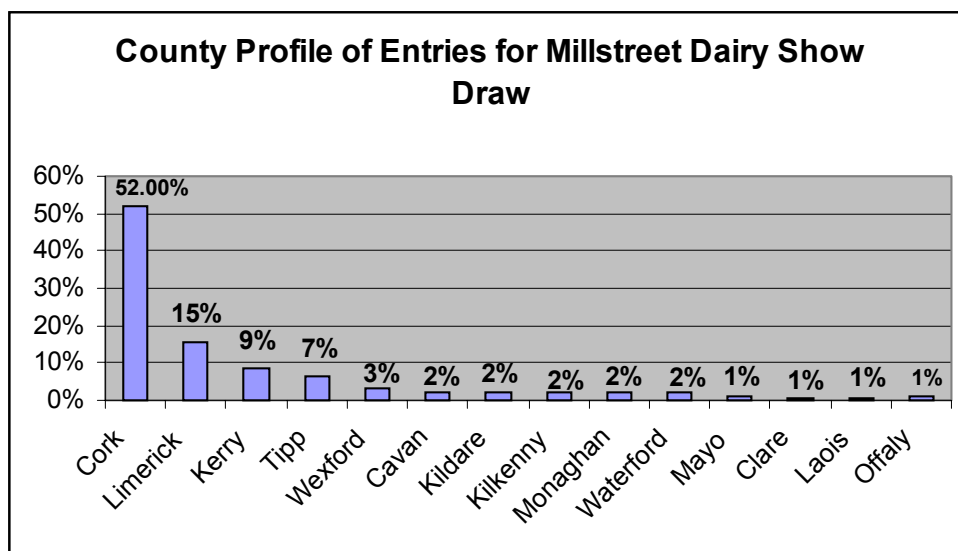




UPDATE – for period 18th to 22th October 2004

1 National Dairy Show – Millstreet Saturday 16th October

- The joint stand involving IHFA, Munster AI, Progressive Genetics and ICBF was busy with a lot of interest in the new milk recording system. A number of farmers came with queries about their records and having access to the database at the Dairy Show helped resolve these and to build confidence in the system.
- The four bull dams also drew considerable favorable comment. The 45 young Irish born bulls selected by Munster AI & Progressive Genetics for progeny test inseminations in 2005 have an EBI's average of €73 – a substantial increase on previous years. Farmers responded very favorably to the increased usage of Irish born bulls for progeny testing.
- Based on a sample of 150 entries to the Draw for the €500 prizes, below is a profile of the counties of where the draw entries (and by extension, the attendees to the show) came from. While the show is popular with Munster farmers we need to be thinking about providing further opportunities for farmers in other regions to learn about recent developments in dairy cattle breeding.



- The three winners of the cash prizes of €500 were:
 - Mr. John C Murphy, Ballagh, Kilmanagh, Co. Kilkenny
 - Mr. Barry Laffan, Killonan, Ballysimon, Co. Limerick
 - Mr. Peter Murphy, Islandhill, Clonbanin, Mallow, Co. Cork
- A special thanks to all who helped organize the stand and who were present on the day to meet with farmers.

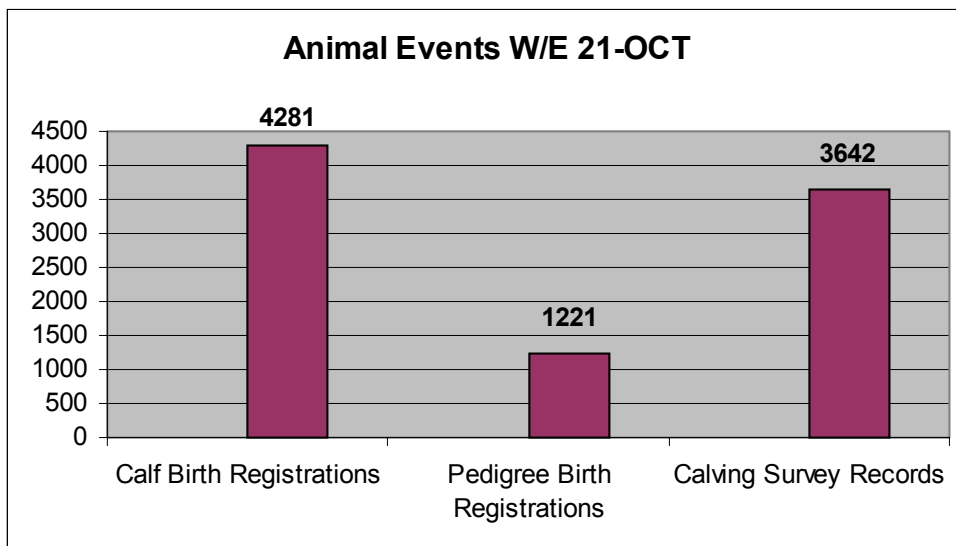
2 Tully

- The October intake has settled in and will start test on 26th October.
- All applications for the November intake are back, 283 applications for a total of 388 bulls. Inspections will start on 22nd October, 110 bulls will be sent for disease testing and the intake will be in Tully by 1st December.
- A group of 25 commercial beef farmers from Wicklow visited Tully on Wednesday and were impressed with the quality of bulls at the Centre.
- The May '04 intake will finish test on 2nd November and will be advertised in the Farmers Journal for two weeks.



3 Database Update

- 80 new herds added to the database - the major increase this week is due to the first of the AI customers signing up to Animal Events.



- Animal Events sign-up forms will be issued to Teagasc clients on November 15th. A coordinated campaign will be launched during the same week, incorporating a joint Teagasc & ICBF stand at the National Dairy Conferences in Cork on 17th November and Cavan on 18th November.
- Testing of the first version of the new AI handheld application has begun - Technicians to participate in the pilot have been identified in a number of AI member organisations. The first planned recording of inseminations with the new handheld devices will happen the week of November 22nd.

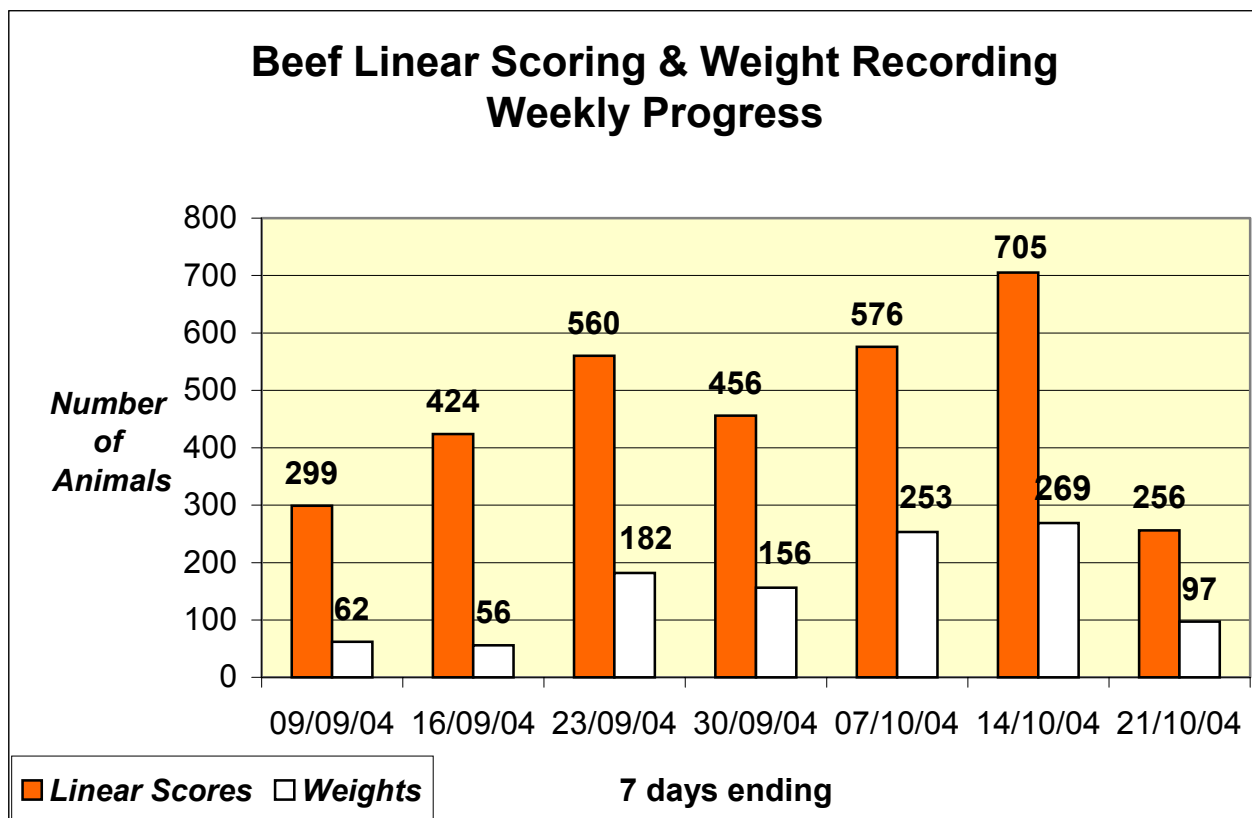
4 Milk Recording – Summary to Date

Milk Recording Organisation	Herds Recorded Week 24/09 - 01/10	Herds Recorded year to date 2004
Progressive	473	2,220
Dairygold	269	1,611
Kerry	183	1,098
SWS	166	964
Tipperary	38	147
Connacht	23	120
Arrabawn	24	119
Total	1,176	6,279

- “The Animal Events office is sending out “Dry off Notification” sheets to 5,267 Milk Recording Herd-owners. This is a list of cows in the herd that still have open lactations and have at least 2 tests this year. (Excluded are email clients and any herds with less than 10 qualifying cows). The form was designed to make it easier for the farmer to supply dry-off events to the AE office. It was trialed in August for 476 autumn calving herds with positive feedback. An example of the sheet and covering letter is included below.



5 Beef Linear Scoring and Weight Recording



- There has been a significant drop in numbers this week. One cause of this is the late submission by the inspectors of their scores. Some 170 scores arrived last night and this morning after the cut-off for the weekly statistics. They will be included in next weeks statistics.

6 Richie Ryan

- Richie Ryan has resigned from the staff of ICBF effective 22nd October 2004. Richie commenced employment on 20th August 2001 as a Database Analyst. He made a major contribution to ensuring the database was successfully established. His work during the difficult early period is gratefully acknowledged. Irish farmers are now benefiting greatly from Richie's contributions as part of the ICBF team.
- While Richie is very skilled and has been of tremendous value to ICBF we will not be seeking to appoint a direct replacement. The current team of staff and contractors, with some reallocation of work have between them the skills required to undertake the database analysis and PL SQL work required in the foreseeable future. Rather, we are seeking a new graduate in computer science on a two-year contract and will increase the contracting time for one of our existing contractors.



Richie Ryan at farewell lunch with ICBF's Bandon based team.



- Today the Bandon based staff joined Richie in a farewell lunch. His contribution to the work of ICBF and his value as a member of the ICBF team was acknowledged. We all wish Richie & Sinead the very best for their move to Tipperary and the future.

7 Active Bull List – Autumn 2004

ICBF's Active Bull List for Holstein-Friesians is currently being updated. The updated list will be included with next weeks update and is scheduled for publication in the Farmers Journal on Thursday 4th November.

8 IRIS User Group Meeting

I will be in South Africa next week attending the annual IRIS User Group meeting. This meeting provides an opportunity for the users of IRIS to compare notes and to discuss priorities for the future.

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ANIMAL EVENTS - HOW TO SEND IN 'DRY OFFS'

MARTIN BURKE
HIGHFIELD HOUSE,
BANDON,
CO CORK

National ID: IE1234567

Dear HerdOwner,

Getting 'dry off dates' through Animal Events last year proved difficult. The reasons for these were;

- Herdowners were not always aware they had to submit the dry off dates themselves (previously the recorder took the dry off dates whereas now the herd-owner is supposed to send dry offs directly to Animal Events office in Bandon).
- Herd-owners were unfamiliar with the lower portion of the Animal Events sheet. (The calf registration on top half of sheet was familiar but the dry off section on lower half of the sheet was not so readily filled in).
- The existing Animal Events sheet means you can only dry off one cow at a time ('one cow - one line'). This is a limitation and made it non user friendly as cows are usually dried in batches.

To make it easier for herd-owners in 2004, the Animal Events office is sending out 'Dry Off Notification Sheets'. This print run contains the list of the cows in your herd that calved before June 30th 2004 and still have an open lactation. If you have recently acquired a farm software package please ignore these lists and use the package instead to dry off cows. For other farmers the list is designed to get your dry off dates into the database while saving you time and hassle.

What to do in 3 simple steps :

1. Each time you dry off a batch of cows take out one copy of the list. Put the date of dry off for that batch of cows in the grey box on top of the list.

DRY OFF DATE : 20 / 10 / 04

2. Place a tick a in the box next to the cows that dried off on that date. e.g.

Tick Here	Freeze Brand	Number
<input type="checkbox"/> a	162	IE123456750162

3. Pop the list in the prepaid envelope supplied and post to Bandon. The Animal Events office will enter the dry off dates into the database on receipt of ticked list. When the next batch of cows dry off use second sheet and repeat steps 1, 2 and 3. (We have sent you 4 copies in the print run with 4 envelopes.)

If you have any questions on completing the sheets or you need extra copies of the list, don't hesitate to contact the ICBF Help line at 1 850 625 626.

Yours truly,



Brian Wickham
Chief Executive, Irish Cattle Breeding Federation

Dryoff Notification Sheet

Name: MARTIN BURKE

Herd ID:

IE1234567

INSTRUCTIONS: Many farmers dry off cows in batches. Each time you dry a batch of cows put the date of dry off in the grey box on top of the list and below enter a tick opposite the cow number that dried off on that date.

USE ONE SHEET PER DRY OFF DATE

DRY OFF DATE : / /

Tick here	Freeze Brand	Number	Tick here	Freeze Brand	Number	Tick here	Freeze Brand	Number
<input type="checkbox"/>	001	IE999999950137	<input type="checkbox"/>	227	IEABCD0227B	<input type="checkbox"/>	466	IE123456770466
<input type="checkbox"/>	008	ABC260106	<input type="checkbox"/>	239	IEABCD0239T	<input type="checkbox"/>	486	IE123456720486
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Irish Shorthorn Society Ltd.

CARROWHUBBOCK WHITE WASH

Male
 Registration
 Grade: Class 1 Dairy

Purebred

Colour White

Herd: IE3214615

Breeder: DONAL MC KEON

SLIGO RD ENNISCRONE

CO SLIGO

Tel: 087/6740552

Identified by Ear Tag Number:

IE321461530348

Born: 19-MAR-2003

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Maura Mckeon, Secretary

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