



UPDATE – FOR PERIOD 17TH TO 23RD APRIL 2004.

1. Annual General Meeting

- The AGM will be held on Thursday 13th May starting at 14:00 at the Heritage Hotel, Port Laoise.
- Notice of meeting and notice of directors whose terms have been completed has been distributed to all member organizations.
- Preparation of the Audited Accounts has been completed and these will be distributed with a copy of the Annual Report to all members in advance of the meeting.

2. Consultation with Boards of Member Organisations – Beef Breeding

- The first of series of consultation meetings with Boards of member organizations will take place on Saturday 24th April when Brian Wickham and Nicholas Grubb meet with the Simmental Board.
- The purpose of this series of meetings is to discuss the Beef Breeding Development Plan and for ICBF to obtain feedback in relation to its future directions for beef breeding. The plan is to meet with all Herd Book and AI Company Boards by Friday 11th June.

3. AGM of IHFA

- At the AGM of IHFA a number of questions were raised about the development and implementation of the recent changes to the EBI and the Active Bull List. I attended the meeting and provided answers.
- The issues raised were essentially the same as those identified during the “farm walk” organized especially for IHFA on Tuesday 6th April. The following provides a summary of the lessons learnt and conclusions reached:
 - **Consultation during the formulation and reviewing of the EBI.** IHFA need to play a more active role by facilitating communication between the development team and farmers both during the formulation and implementation of changes to the EBI.
 - **Survival** – ICBF is committed to reviewing the extension of the survival evaluations to consider data from later lactations and total length of life.
 - **Calving interval** – as part of the next annual review of the EBI, for implementation February 2005, ICBF will ensure any significant economic considerations identified by IHFA will be examined and the results reported at the routine consultation meetings.
 - **Linear traits** – both the absence of information for some bulls and the economic weighting for linear traits will be examined in research work already underway with the results to be reported to the routine consultation meetings.
 - **Other traits** – ICBF is giving priority to the incorporation of calving survey (calving ease and calf mortality), udder health (mastitis, somatic cells and relevant linear traits) and slaughter (weight, grade) data into the EBI.
 - **Relevance of Active Bull List to fluid milk producers** – the impact of alternative milk payment systems on bull ranking will be examined and reported.
 - **Many NZ bulls on the active bull list** – I addressed this question in the update of 16th April. It is imperative that the procedures used to evaluate the suitability of bulls for inclusion in the Active Bull List are accurate, objective and without favor to any particular commercial interest.

4. Dairy Genetic Evaluations

- Domestic evaluation for production and conformation traits has been completed for both bulls and cows. The domestic bull proofs have been prepared and forwarded to the INTERBULL for the next International evaluation commencing on 27th of April with results expected back to ICBF on 10th of May.
- Bull proofs from the current production evaluation have been compared with the previous evaluation in January. Average correlation between proofs was 0.99 for each of the 3 traits. Proofs have been computed for the first time for 44 AI bulls and over 800 non AI bulls based on first lactation daughters as a consequence of the abolition of the 150-day rule. All available test-day records are now used for these evaluations.



- The calving interval and survival evaluation is in progress.
- Official proofs are due for release on 14th May, 2004.

5. EBI Education and Extension Campaign

- EBI farm walks and meetings have now been completed. In total, ICBF were involved in some 21 farm walks/farmer meetings related to EBI over the last 6 weeks.
- In summary, these walks were well-attended (on average 40 people/walk) and provided an excellent forum for discussion on EBI and the "Active Bull List". All groups acknowledged the increasing problem of fertility on Irish dairy farms and were pleased with the direction of the new index.
- We look forward to holding more of these walks in the Autumn where the focus will be on Winter AI.
- On behalf of ICBF I would like to acknowledge the invaluable role played by Teagasc in providing these forums and facilitating the discussions at each of the events.
- Active Bull Lists and Technical updates will be forwarded to some 12,000 non milk-recording herd-owners from next week.

6. Database Project

a) Newly Live Herdbooks

- 667 new pedigree registrations received during the past week.
- 102 New Beef Herds added to the database.
- The first run of BLUP reports and Pedigree Certificates has been issued to the Limousin Society. Attached is an example of the new BLUP report. It will be further refined on the basis of feedback. The BLUP figures in this report are updated on a weekly basis using the latest linear scores – gathered in the preceding week. That is, scoring conducted up to Wednesday and uploaded to ICBF are included in the BLUP reports available on Monday of the following week.
- Work has continued on the Breed Society Task List's which requires significant testing effort on the part of herd book staff, and good progress is being made.

b) Other database activities

- The Sire Error reports and Mobile phone numbers received back from farmers as a result of the recent EBI report distribution are currently being keyed to the ICBF database.
- The design for the revised 'New Herds' process by which new herds are added to the ICBF database has been finalized and development should be completed by the end of next week.
- The majority of work on the revised Milk Recording management reports that the Milk Recording organizations will use has been completed.
- The uploading and downloading time to the SORD handheld (Beef Linear Scoring Application) has been reduced once the handhelds are cleared down. This will be completed for the remaining scorers over the next two weeks. So far, some 11,000 beef linear scores have been recorded on this system since it commenced operation in 2003.

7. Milk Recording

a) Database Project - Milk Recording

- No. Herdowners Milk Recorded in IRIS = 5,668

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|-------------|-------|
| Dairygold | 1,682 |
| Progressive | 1,664 |
| Kerry | 993 |
| SWS | 951 |



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| Nenagh | 132 |
| Connacht Gold | 123 |
| Tipperary | 123 |

- No. Herd tests processed in IRIS = 21,890

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|---------------|-------|
| Dairygold | 9,118 |
| Progressive | 7,629 |
| SWS | 2,320 |
| Kerry | 1,682 |
| Connacht Gold | 555 |
| Nenagh | 413 |
| Tipperary | 173 |

- b) Weekly Update - No. herd tests processed in last 7 days = 1,269. **This is again another record week. Well done to all milk recorders, milk recording office staff, the animal events office and the ICBF processing team.**

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|---------------|-----|
| Progressive | 382 |
| Dairygold | 344 |
| Kerry | 259 |
| SWS | 210 |
| Connacht Gold | 30 |
| Tipperary | 27 |
| Nenagh | 17 |

c) Reporting

Now that the changeover to database processing is nearing completion we are reviewing the type of information we include in this weekly update. All suggestions are welcome. Please pass them on to Martin Burke (mburke@icbf.com). Our initial thinking is that we should focus on measures of service quality such as turnaround time.

8. Tully

- Good progress is being made with locating a site for the current intake to reside while being tested-out as a consequence of the TB case found at Tully. Several alternative sites have been found and they are now under detailed investigation.
- The May intake is proceeding although with a slight delay due to the time needed to ensure the TB problem is fully resolved.

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LIMOUSIN LINEAR SCORING HERD REPORT

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TRAIT ABBREVIATIONS

| | | | |
|------------------------------|------|------------------------|-------|
| Width at withers | WBW | Length of Back | LOB |
| Width behind withers | WBHW | Length of Pelvis | LOP |
| Development of hind quarters | DHQ | Level of Back | LVOB |
| Development of loin | DOL | Width at hips | WAH |
| Development of inner thigh | DOIT | Width at pins | WAP |
| Width of Hind Quarters | WHQ | Fore Legs - front view | FLFV |
| Width of Chest | WOC | Hind Legs - side view | HLSV |
| Thickness of bone (canon) | BONE | Hind Legs - Rear View | HLRV |
| Depth of Chest | DOCH | Condition Score | CSC |
| Withers height | WHT | Docility | DOCIL |

| CALF ID | Birth Date | Muscle Reliability | Muscle Index | Skeletal Index | Docility Index | WBW | | DOL | | WHQ | | WOC | | DOCH | | LOB | | LVOB | | WAP | | HLSV | | CSC | | Sire Indices | | | | Dam Indices | | | |
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| | | | | | | WBHW | DHQ | DOIT | BONE | WHT | LOP | WAH | FLFV | HLRV | DOCIL | Rel | Mus | Skl | Docil | Rel | Mus | Skl | Docil | | | | | | | | | | |
| SHINAGH TIM IE123456720229 | 01-JUN-2002 | 41 | 94 | 97 | 99 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 8 | SHINAGH PLEASURE 51 100 101 104 | | | | SHINAGH JOYCE 50 78 88 81 | | | |
| SHINAGH UNA IE123456710252 | 07-FEB-2003 | 49 | 113 | 96 | 103 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 7 | HIGHFIELD ROB 96 129 108 118 | | | | BANDON EVITA 54 99 84 90 | | | |
| SHINAGH ULICK IE123456730254 | 16-FEB-2003 | 49 | 113 | 103 | 100 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | HIGHFIELD ROB 96 129 108 118 | | | | SHINAGH IVY 51 103 98 85 | | | |
| SHINAGH TONY IE123456720245 | 30-DEC-2002 | 44 | 112 | 99 | 102 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 8 | MOUNT SCOTT PJ 77 112 106 91 | | | | SHINAGH MADAM 43 107 95 102 | | | |
| SHINAGH UNDERTONE IE123456730262 | 14-MAR-2003 | 41 | 113 | 86 | 97 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 7 | KILRONAN ROY 53 120 87 90 | | | | SHINAGH KITTY 24 107 105 100 | | | |
| SHINAGH UPTON IE123456740255 | 17-FEB-2003 | 38 | 123 | 110 | 113 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 8 | F544 RUTABAGA 39 134 116 117 | | | | SHINAGH NICOLE 41 107 98 101 | | | |
| SHINAGH URSULA IE123456730246 | 07-JAN-2003 | 46 | 108 | 103 | 81 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 5 | MOUNT SCOTT PJ 77 112 106 91 | | | | SHINAGH KIRSTY 53 112 93 95 | | | |
| SHINAGH UMBER IE123456770290 | 25-JUL-2003 | 41 | 114 | 85 | 98 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 7 | KILRONAN ROY 53 120 87 90 | | | | SHINAGH MICHELLE 53 111 98 108 | | | |
| SHINAGH TARZAN IE123456790243 | 20-DEC-2002 | 45 | 116 | 95 | 106 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 7 | SHINAGH TOM 98 129 104 124 | | | | SHINAGH NAOMI 28 101 86 94 | | | |
| SHINAGH URRIN IE123456760265 | 19-MAR-2003 | 42 | 106 | 94 | 94 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 7 | KILRONAN ROY 53 120 87 90 | | | | VERN FINOLA 54 95 100 96 | | | |
| SHINAGH TANYA IE123456750215 | 28-MAR-2002 | 41 | 100 | 93 | 96 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 7 | SHINAGH PLEASURE 51 100 101 104 | | | | SHINAGH GENUINE 54 101 90 85 | | | |

Note: The above list details the latest BLUP evaluations for your pedigree animals recently scored. Also included are the actual linear core trait scores which have not been corrected for any non-genetic effects such as age at scoring. Linear muscle scores are recorded using a 15 point scale. All other traits are scored using a 10 point scale. Higher scores are not necessarily best as in the case of leg scores where intermediate values are desired. A help sheet is available.