



UPDATE – for period 25th to 29th October 2004

1 IRIS User Group Meeting – Bloemfontein, South Africa

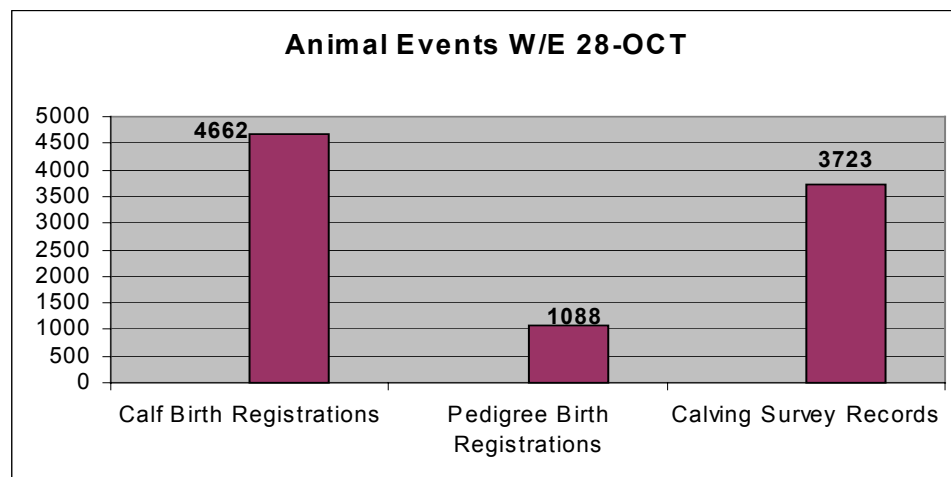
- Attended by 18 representatives–South Africa (11), Netherlands (4), Zimbabwe (2), Ireland (1)
- IRIS 3.3 is now fully operational in Ireland and South Africa. Zimbabwe uses IRIS 2.3 and is planning to upgrade to 3.3. Both Ireland and South Africa are now giving priority to increased farmer participation in performance recording.
- IRIS has recently been sold to organizations in China, Czech Republic and Greece.
- Pocket IRIS is being piloted in the Netherlands. This uses PDA's (personal digital assistance) in the farmers hands to provide an electronic alternative to the Animal Events Notebook, Animal Events Book and the Herd Register.
- South Africa has developed a web based interface (LOGIX) for farmers to both add data and retrieve information from their cattle breeding database.
- IRIS Version 4.0 is currently being implemented in the Netherlands with completion being expected in September 2005. A review will be initiated in late 2005 to determine how and when Ireland and South Africa will move to this version of IRIS.
- The IRIS User Group is very keen to see the shared international cross reference and ancestry files implemented as soon as possible. This concept developed as part of the International Beef Genetic Evaluation project has the potential to remove identification obstacles to International Beef Genetic Evaluations for cattle.
- Discussions have been initiated into ways of sharing software developments by IRIS users, e.g. ways of sharing ICBF developed herd reports and the South African developed Web Site.

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- Inspections have started for the November intake. The quality of bulls appears to be good and a total of 75 bulls will be accepted for this intake. A sale will take place in May 2005 if the quality and numbers are good enough.
- Work is taking place on putting single pens in the shed which was used for the young bulls. This will be finished 4-11-04.

3 Database Update

- 75 New Herds added to the database





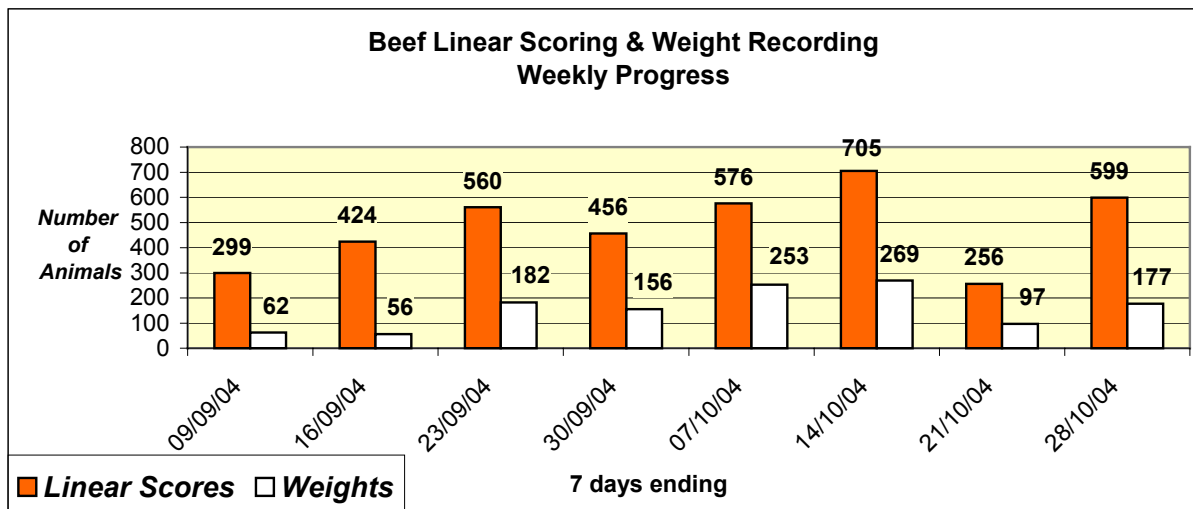
- Work on finalising the Annual Milk Recording report for 2004 is on-going and should be finalised next week.
- Development is beginning on the solution which will make farmer reports available on-line to those whom the farmer wishes to have access to his/her reports. While a prototype is already up and running, the production version will be in development until after Christmas.
- Testing is on-going on the AI handheld. It is expected that the sign-off on the application will be complete by Nov 19th, with first field tests beginning the following week.
- More Slaughter data and Mart data files have been received this week and loaded to the database.
- A number of requests from the Milk Recording and Herd book service providers are being worked on.

4 Milk Recording – Summary to Date

Milk Recording Organisation	Herds Recorded Week 22/10 - 28/10	Herds Recorded year to date 2004
Progressive	320	2,222
Dairygold	196	1,613
Kerry	194	1,098
SWS	174	964
Tipperary	10	147
Connacht	9	120
Arrabawn	9	119
Total	912	6,283

- The Animal Events office has sent out “Dry off Notification” sheets to 5,267 Milk Recording Herdowners during this week. This will enable the easier return of dry off dates to the Animal Events office.

5 Beef Linear Scoring and Weight Recording





6 ICBF Active Bull List – Autumn 2004 published

- The ICBF Active Bull List (Autumn 2004) was officially released on Thursday of this week. The list will appear in next weeks Irish Farmers Journal Winter AI supplement. This list is based on the August 2004 genetic evaluations computed by ICBF.
- The highest ranking bull on the list is AXA (Galtee Alex) who was progeny tested by Munster AI (EBI = €103.8). Of the 75 bulls on the list, some 22 have daughters milking in Ireland. Of these 10 are Irish tested bulls and a further 12 are foreign sires with daughters in Ireland. The remaining bulls (53 in total) are all foreign sires without daughters in Ireland.

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ICBF ACTIVE BULL LIST FOR AI SIRES - AUTUMN 2004



SIRE DETAILS			EBI DETAILS				PRODUCTION DETAILS				FERTILITY DETAILS				TYPE DETAILS			SEMEN DETAILS				
RK	Code	Name	%Ho	EBI (€)	Rel	DTRS	Herds	M Kg	F Kg	P Kg	F%	P%	CI	SURV	ANG	BCS	O F&L	O MA	O TYP	Avail	Price	Owner
1	AXA	GALTEE ALEX 129	88	103.8	83	139	90	256.5	14.5	11.0	0.08	0.05	-3.39	1.96	1.41	-1.8	0.47	-2.65	-0.56	L	15	MUNSTER AI / PG
2	HTP	HEDRA TIPTOP	100	100.2	80	141	95	162	22.5	10.0	0.30	0.09	-1.91	1.27	0.33	-0.16	0.68	0.49	0.28	L	15	MUNSTER AI / PG
3	LGI	SRB CORBOYS LIGHTENING	100	98.5	54	-	-	110.0	16.8	10.5	0.24	0.13	-1.99	1.22	-	-	-1.56	-1.60	H	16	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS	
4	OJ	O-BEE MANFRED JUSTICE	100	97.1	57	-	-	530.6	21.8	18.5	0.03	0.02	0.57	1.33	-0.86	-	1.09	0.53	0.71	L	54	EUROGENE AI
5	SSI	SRC SHARPS SLICK KNIFE	19	96.9	57	-	-	208.3	22.3	11.4	0.27	0.08	-0.79	1.39	-	-	-	-2.68	-2.97	H	16	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
6	LBO	LINDE BARTHO	100	95.6	98	7317	1415	334.5	14.0	11.0	0.02	0.00	-2.92	2.16	-0.72	0.65	-0.33	-0.04	-0.19	H	19	MUNSTER AI / PG
7	BWZ	BAGWORTH ZANDER KEET	100	94.1	58	-	-	243.5	24.8	13.1	0.29	0.09	-0.1	0.68	-	-	-	-0.14	-0.11	H	14	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
8	HRZ	HAIRY BREIZ	100	93.0	95	2062	739	520.5	11.5	17.0	-0.14	-0.01	-2.55	0.98	1.27	-0.3	0.29	1.43	1.08	M	20	MUNSTER AI / PG
9	RUU	RUUD	100	92.3	74	76	50	204.5	16.5	9.0	0.16	0.04	-3.19	1.33	-0.04	-0.06	-0.41	0.09	0.29	H	19	MUNSTER AI / PG
10	KUY	KOTUKU HB PADDY	100	91.7	51	-	-	395.6	23.2	16.5	0.15	0.06	0.31	0.43	-	-	-	0.04	-0.45	H	14	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
11	UYC	COLLINS ROYAL HUGO	25	88.9	84	776	150	84.0	18.0	10.0	0.28	0.14	-1.39	0.61	-0.98	0.73	-0.62	-1.52	-2.00	H	16	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
12	NHS	NEWHOUSE SJOERD	97	87.7	78	143	85	110.5	16.5	12.5	0.23	0.16	-0.22	0.46	0.37	-0.29	0.44	0.07	0.33	H	19	MUNSTER AI / PG
13	DVJ	DE VETHS JIRO*TL TV	22	86.4	58	-	-	89.1	12.6	4.3	0.17	0.03	-4.63	1.8	-	-	-	-1.98	-2.82	H	12	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
14	RJI	ROJAN HB BULLION	100	85.9	54	-	-	236.9	25.2	13.2	0.30	0.10	0.43	0.11	-	-	-	0.24	0.02	H	12	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
15	HZO	HAZAE EMINENCE DANO	53	85.5	54	-	-	513.1	11.7	18.2	-0.13	0.02	0.33	1.52	-	-	-	-2.31	-2.44	H	16	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
16	LWK	LAWRENCS KABUL	100	85.4	58	-	-	194.5	9.0	9.5	0.03	0.06	-2.91	1.6	-	-	-	-1.77	-2.14	H	16	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
17	RMW	RIVERLOCH MOWING MACHINE	100	84.6	54	-	-	314.3	15.0	12.3	0.06	0.04	-1.37	1.24	-	-	-	-2.01	-2.49	H	16	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
18	BHK	BENTONS HOT KAT* TL TV	56	84.6	61	-	-	421.0	12.3	15.8	-0.06	0.04	-0.99	0.96	-	-	-	-2.43	-2.76	H	10	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
19	ESZ	ETAZON SLOGAN	100	84.4	87	1106	364	62.0	7.0	5.5	0.09	0.07	-3.63	2.27	0.38	0.26	-1.09	0.51	0.19	H	19	MUNSTER AI / PG
20	GUF	GENUS MATFEN	100	83.7	60	-	-	265.2	13.9	13.4	0.07	0.09	-0.93	0.7	0.38	-	0.48	1.55	0.81	H	17	ABS IRELAND / EUROGENE AI
21	KIX	KIAN	75	83.2	62	-	-	176.4	18.8	12.6	0.23	0.13	0.5	0.64	-0.81	-	0.92	0.55	-0.52	H	24	MUNSTER AI / PG
22	WAL	WALTERS JESTER*TL TV	66	83.2	58	-	-	127.1	15.0	7.1	0.19	0.05	-2.47	1.51	-	-	-	-0.96	-1.07	H	10	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
23	TDI	TOP DECK KO PIERRE	100	82.8	56	-	-	495.0	22.9	18.7	0.08	0.04	1.72	0.24	-	-	-	0.83	-0.16	H	24	MUNSTER AI / PG
24	BZW	BELLS PRIZEWINNER	100	81.4	54	-	-	549.2	25.8	18.6	0.09	0.01	1.8	0.21	-	-	-	0.89	0.72	H	18	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
25	TKY	SRC TIMOTHYS MANDRAKE	50	79.3	52	-	-	16.5	13.5	7.6	0.25	0.13	-1.69	0.81	-	-	-	-1.27	-1.84	H	12	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
26	EJO	ELITE MOUNTAIN DONOR ET	100	79.3	73	-	-	552.5	13.6	19.7	-0.12	0.03	0.8	0.55	0.96	-	-0.02	0.79	0.92	H	25	ABS IRELAND
27	SRS	DEL SANTO CORSARO	100	79.3	89	275	147	458.5	14.5	11.5	-0.05	-0.06	-3.13	1.11	1.38	-2.66	1.29	0.61	0.94	H	20	ILG
28	BWK	BAGWORTH KEETS OAKLEY-ET	100	79.2	59	-	-	219.8	14.6	13.1	0.12	0.11	-0.47	0.29	-	-	-	-0.61	-0.75	H	16	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
29	WAU	WAIUA EMINENCE LOTUS	47	79.1	55	-	-	-11.7	9.2	5.9	0.19	0.12	-2.7	1.34	-	-	-	-2.45	-2.57	H	10	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
30	WIM	MAGLEY EXTASY	100	79.1	58	-	-	399.4	19.3	19.1	0.08	0.11	2.41	-0.05	-	-	-	0.36	-0.11	H	24	MUNSTER AI / PG
31	EIX	EIX	100	79.0	91	414	199	273.0	8.5	13.0	-0.04	0.07	-1.89	0.63	-0.36	-0.93	0.32	-0.77	-1.57	H	15	MUNSTER AI / PG
32	LXC	LANCELOT	100	78.8	52	-	-	485.8	15.6	18.3	-0.05	0.04	0.8	0.41	0.43	-	0.32	1.62	1.67	M	45	ILG / EUROGENE AI
33	BCI	BELROSE LANCE CAIRNS	100	78.0	63	-	-	193.9	14.0	10.3	0.12	0.07	-1.76	0.58	-	-	-	-0.13	-0.87	H	16	MUNSTER AI / PG
34	DRH	DELTA RANCHER	100	77.4	83	199	79	65.0	13.0	7.5	0.20	0.10	-2.05	0.87	-0.4	0.26	-0.29	0.14	-0.09	M	15	MUNSTER AI / PG
35	SBH	SRB BALLS HERITAGE*TL TV	47	77.4	68	-	-	-59.2	16.5	2.0	0.36	0.08	-2.83	1.62	0	0	-1.20	-1.61	L	10	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS	
36	SYX	SRC BAYLISS SOLIDS GOLD	100	77.3	55	-	-	33.7	14.9	4.8	0.26	0.07	-2.82	1.17	-	-	-	-1.48	-1.79	H	14	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
37	SGV	STIRLING MAGLEY ANVIL	100	76.6	59	-	-	439.4	12.0	17.4	-0.08	0.05	0.25	0.44	0.26	-	-0.68	0.21	-0.17	H	16	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
38	MUV	MULLINS FIRSTSERVE	100	75.9	52	-	-	243.5	17.4	10.7	0.15	0.05	-0.85	0.69	-	-	-	-1.47	-1.37	H	10	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
39	LOO	LOOSTER	100	74.9	58	-	-	296.9	19.3	15.0	0.15	0.10	1.07	-0.09	-0.09	1.56	-0.01	0.47	H	21	EUROGENE AI	
40	SLW	SRB LAWSONS KAIAPOI*TL TV	41	74.7	56	-	-	-30.8	9.6	3.4	0.21	0.09	-3.59	1.36	-	-	-	-1.90	-2.66	H	14	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
41	HZU	HAZAE FATALS DUKE	100	73.2	59	-	-	327.4	7.6	14.2	-0.08	0.06	-0.82	0.75	-	-	-	0.10	-0.31	H	14	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
42	TIA	TIROHANGA PM APACHE	50	73.1	57	-	-	516.2	17.7	18.2	-0.03	0.02	1.4	0.26	-	-	-	-1.37	-1.40	H	12	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
43	GMI	GALTEE MERCI ET	100	73.0	99	21629	3956	184.5	12.0	10.5	0.09	0.08	-1.11	0.66	0.19	0.02	-0.51	1.28	0.66	H	19	MUNSTER AI / PG
44	WLI	WHINLEA EMINENCE ELLIS-ET	100	72.7	55	-	-	82.2	15.3	8.9	0.23	0.12	0.02	0.93	-	-	-	-1.17	-2.02	H	16	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
45	JWH	JACKWAYS HERNE	59	72.3	69	-	-	-57.5	10.7	2.8	0.25	0.09	-3.46	1.16	-	-	-	-2.56	-2.74	H	10	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
46	RFE	ROLFES ELLIOT	81	70.7	89	407	100	42.5	6.0	4.5	0.08	0.06	-3.41	1.62	-	-	-	-2.70	-3.70	L	16	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
47	IVI	IJSSELVIEDT BREAKOUT	100	70.2	59	-	-	196.8	17.0	9.9	0.18	0.06	-0.03	0.79	0.39	-	2.43	2.48	1.76	H	25	ILG
48	JSR	JELTJE S ROCKET	81	69.6	93	449	258	-340	9.0	-1.0	0.49	0.23	-3.26	1.02	-0.77	0.11	1.17	-1.20	-0.64	H	10	MUNSTER AI / PG
49	CWJ	CALDWELLS JORDANAIRE	59	69.1	66	-	-	12.2	11.0	4.2	0.20	0.07	-2.08	1.57	-	-	-	-0.83	-2.00	H	14	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
50	KWA	KAPAWAI LANCE DAVE	88	68.9	59	-	-	308.1	16.5	13.1	0.09	0.05	0.12	0.12	-1.19	-	-0.03	0.23	-0.60	H	18	EUROGENE AI
51	KWI	KAMPJES WHITE WONDER	97	68.9	61	-	-	194.1	13.2	8.0	0.11	0.03	-1.22	1.32	0.99	-	-0.45	1.26	0.59	H	16	MUNSTER AI / PG
52	WOK	WOODINGS KOROMIKO*TL TV	16	68.8	56	-	-	70.1	15.7	5.5	0.25	0.06	-1.83	0.85	-	-	-	-2.40	-3.13	H	12	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
53	HOZ	HORST HARRY	100	68.4	57	-	-	187.6	15.4	13.5	0.15	0.14	1.49	0.04	0.16	-	0.94	1.55	0.62	H	24	MUNSTER AI / PG
54	ERC	CEN ERRI	78	68.2	82	199	76	203.5	20.5	11.5	0.23	0.09	0.57	-0.21	1.3	-	-1.15	-2.64	0.18	L	18	EUROGENE AI
55	HIE	HIDDEN FUTURE	100	68.2	61	-	-	267.7	12.4	11.6	0.04	0.05	0.41	1.24	0.82	-	3.02	0.96	0.74	H	25	MUNSTER AI / PG
56	KSI	KLASSIC DIRECTOR	100	67.6	54	-	-	427.6	12.5	16.4	-0.06	0.04	0.75	0.26	-	-	-	-0.13	-0.21	H	14	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
57	BKX	BLIND CREEK KOCOA	100	67.6	57	-	-	337.3	17.8	14.0	0.09	0.05	1.13	0.26	-	-	-	-0.72	-0.43	H	12	MUNSTER AI / PG
58	DLF	DOOLHOF 12	100	65.2	59	-	-	142.6	18.2	8.8	0.24	0.08	-0.18	0.19	-0.08	1.07	1.63	0.36	H	19	MUNSTER AI / PG	
59	DCD	DELTA COERD	100	64.1	63	-	-	331.5	15.8	12.5	0.06	0.03	-0.35	-0.08	-1.02	0.03	-0.64	-0.77	H	20	MUNSTER AI / PG	
60	SKY	SKY HIGH MOUNT TYSON	100	64.0	68	-	-	179.1	15.4	8.4	0.16	0.05	-0.84	0.5	-	-	-	-0.66	-0.83	L	12	ABS IRELAND
61	BGZ	BAGWORTH CAMS AMBIENCE	47	63.7	58	-	-	89.3	7.0	5.7	0.07	0.05	-2.44	1.23	-	-	-	-1.83	-2.52	H	14	MUNSTER AI / PG
62	JIN	JOYCE MOUNTAIN	100	61.9	69	-	-	388.2	6.7	14.3	-0.14	0.03	0.04	0.79	-1.66	1.38	0.46	-0.45	-0.53	H	16	EMERALD ISLE GENETICS
63	AYO	ASHDALE HIGHLY HANDSOME	100	61.6	52	-	-	421.0	10.0	12.7	-0.10	-0.02	-1.16	0.53	-	-	-	-0.68	-0.87	H	12	NEW ZEALAND GENETICS
64	APC	APINA CAMILLO	97	61.4	68	34	22	458.0	14.0	18.0	-0.06	0.05	2.									