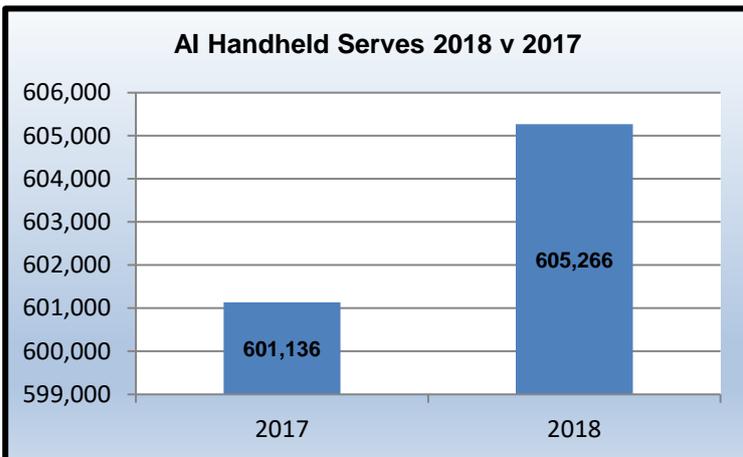
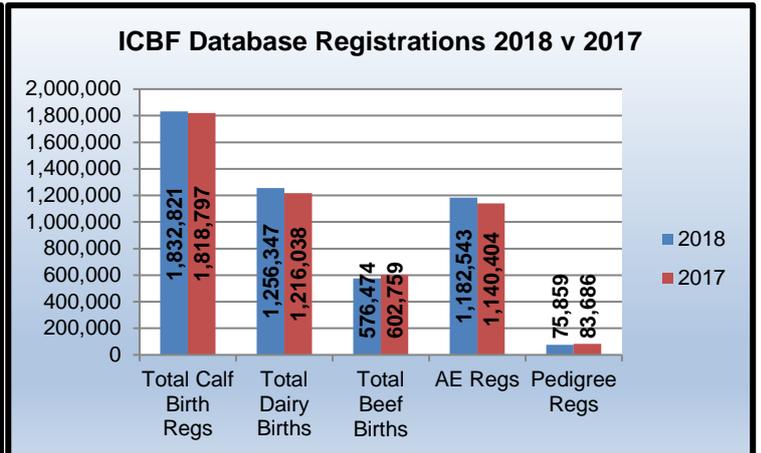
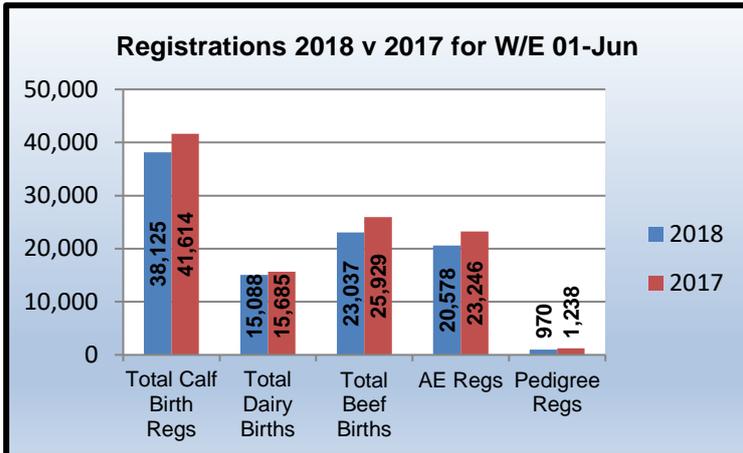


ICBF Weekly Update 1st June 2018

1 Important Dates

- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 21st June at 10:30am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 21st June at 2:00pm, 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 1,865,784 results received since January 1st, of which 50,381 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 13,787,281 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2018 compared with 2017.

3 Herd Plus®

- 10 things you need to know about milk recording on #WorldMilkDay. Click [here](#) for more details.



- 8 New Bulls join Gene Ireland Beef Programme. Click [here](#) for more details.



Why do I have to genotype some commercial males for BDGP? Click [here](#) for further details.



Authorising Industry Organisations Online. Click [here](#) for further details.



4 GENIreland® Beef

Last week a group from the University of Connecticut visited Tully test center, Co. Kildare. Topics discussed included:

- Beef and Dairy breeding
- Eurostar and EBI indexes
- Genomics
- BDGP
- WHPR
- Gene Ireland Program
- Tully

70 bulls and 25 steers were recently slaughtered from Tully test center, Co. Kildare. Full slaughter report to follow



5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 01/06/18						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 01/06/18	No. EDIY Herds YTD 01/06/18	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 01/06/18	No. EDIY Cows YTD 01/06/18	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,612	1,217	34%	362,701	135,458	37%
Tipperary	102	41	40%	10,764	4,145	39%
Progressive	2,073	852	41%	232,447	96,574	42%
Total	5,787	2,110	36%	605,912	236,177	39%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 11/05/17	YTD 2018 Cows Recorded 01/01/18 - 11/05/18	2018 vs 2017 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	362,614	362,701	0%
Tipperary	10,456	10,764	2.9%
Progressive	237,227	232,447	-2%
Total	610,297	605,912	-.7%

6 Sheep Ireland

Ultrasound Muscle & Fat Depth Scanning

M&F scanning has been in full swing this week with Lamplus breeders at all corners of the country scanning their lambs. At the beginning of any scanning season, it is mostly early lambing breeds such as Vendeen's, Charollais' and Suffolk's being scanned once the age of the lamb is within the boundary of 120 – 180 days old. When technicians are on site, a weight and health inspection is carried out on all animals (**including lambs that are not being M&F scanned, ALL lambs must be present**). The M&F reports are inputted into the Sheep Ireland App and the reports are available immediately. For more information click <https://www.sheep.ie/wp/?s=ultrasound+scanning>.



It is also very important for breeders that are not M&F scanning to take a weight between 120 – 180 days old, when to weigh guide here https://www.sheep.ie/wp/?page_id=290.

Upcoming Events

- National Sheep Breeders Association (NSBA) Championships Saturday June 9th, 2018, Cillin Hill Mart, County Kilkenny.** Over 700 Sheep (covering 10 breeds) will be present on the day for the purpose-built ring in Cillian Hill Mart.
- Sheep Board Meeting, Thursday June 21st, 2018, Killeshin Hotel, County Portlaoise.**
- Sheep 2018: Farm to Fork, Saturday 7th July, 2018, Teagasc, Athenry, County Galway.** For more information click <https://www.teagasc.ie/media/website/publications/2018/Sheep-Farm-to-Fork-Leaflet.pdf>

Ram Report

Some breeders will have all their weights recorded and will soon be looking into rams for the next breeding season. The ram report is a handy tool for farmers to select which of their own stock rams they would like to use again. It shows the average daily gain and the differences between the lambs at the different weighing stages. See an example of a ram report below.

This report illustrates the average weights of offspring by Ram in this flock, adjusted for age

Ram	Breed	Lambs	Avg Birth Wt	Avg 40d Wt	Avg Wean Wt	Avg Scan Wt	ADG	Scroll to?
[Redacted]	Charollais (100%)	58	4.76	18.34	36.71	55.13	.333	Scroll to
[Redacted]	Charollais (100%)	28	4.82	15.19	32.95	46.95	.276	Scroll to
[Redacted]	Charollais (100%)	25	4.66	16.98	35.08	51.87	.314	Scroll to
[Redacted]	Charollais (100%)	14	4.96	15.99	34.19	50.25	.301	Scroll to
[Redacted]	Charollais (100%)	4	4.75	17.23	34.91	50.49	.306	Scroll to
[Redacted]	Charollais (100%)	2	4	11.4	25.21	44.17	.25	Scroll to
[Redacted]	Charollais (100%)	1	5.5	13.68	24.54	46.38	.264	Scroll to
[Redacted]	Charollais (100%)	1	5					Scroll to

National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 23-MAY-2018 To 01-JUN-2018

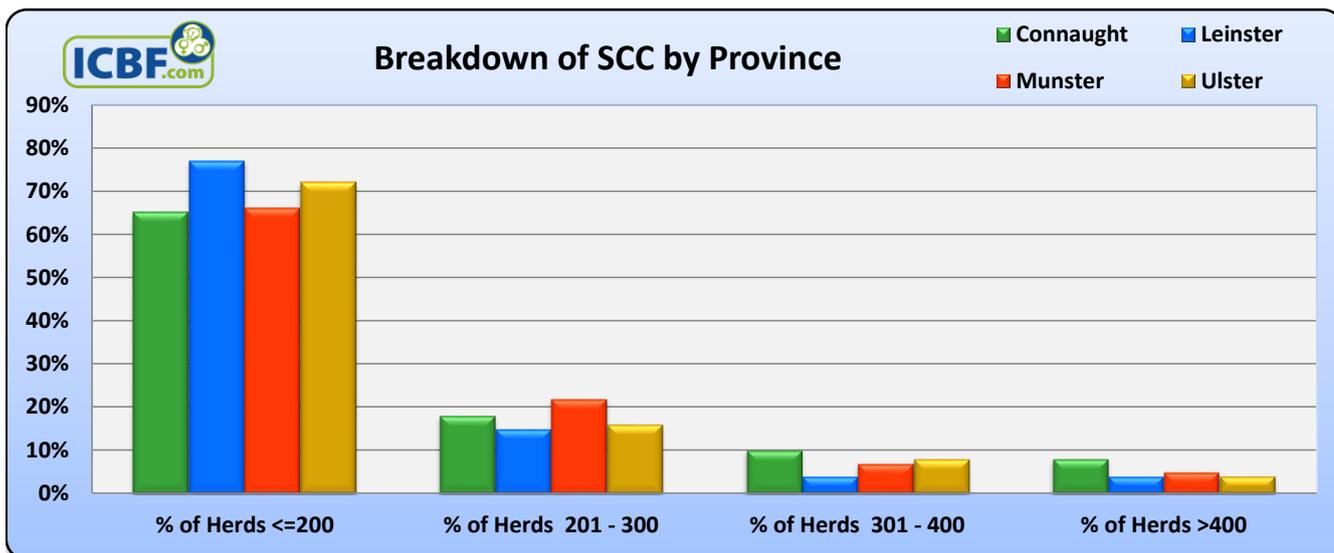
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	40	3,286	82	27.6	3.61	3.41	1.93	162
Leinster	143	15,823	111	26.4	3.75	3.41	1.89	139
Munster	474	47,908	101	26.9	3.80	3.42	1.93	157
Ulster	25	2,084	83	29.4	3.48	3.31	1.98	128
National Statistics	684	69,287	101	26.9	3.77	3.41	1.93	152

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 23-MAY-2018 To 01-JUN-2018

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	40	3,286	82	65%	18%	10%	8%	162
Leinster	143	15,823	111	77%	15%	4%	4%	139
Munster	474	47,908	101	66%	22%	7%	5%	157
Ulster	25	2,084	83	72%	16%	8%	4%	128
National Statistics	684	69,287	101	68%	20%	6%	5%	152

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 23-MAY-2018 To 01-JUN-2018

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	40	3,286	82	97	135	153	187	290
Leinster	143	15,823	111	87	119	136	146	211
Munster	474	47,908	101	96	137	166	187	249
Ulster	25	2,084	83	71	120	121	154	221
National Statistics	684	69,287	101	94	128	151	179	245

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

