


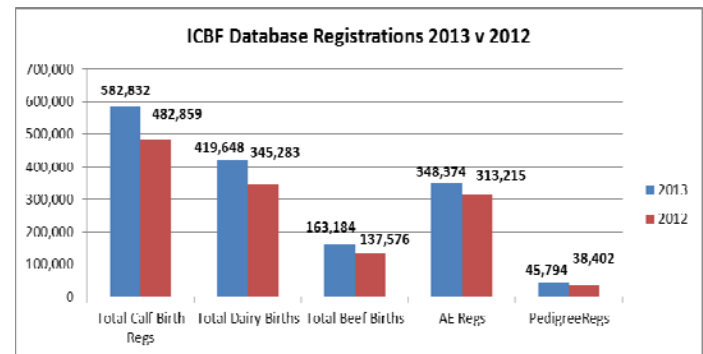
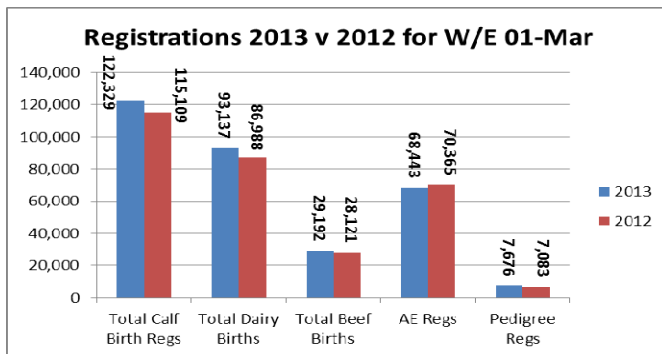



ICBF Weekly Update 1st March 2013


1 Important Dates


-  **ICBF Audit & Finance Sub Committee meeting** – Thursday 14th March, 10:00 to 14:00, Horse & Jockey.
-  **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 28th March, 10:30 to 14:00, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
-  **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 28th March, at 14:00, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.

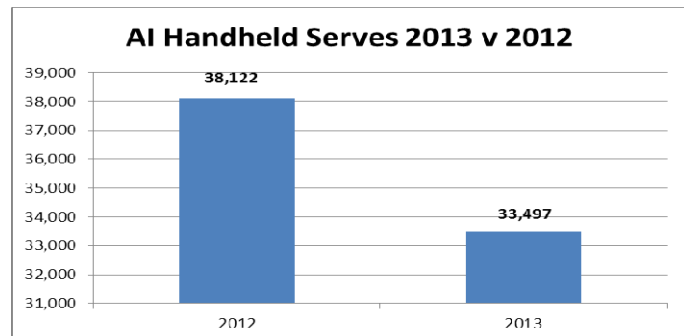
2 Database




 The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFM AIM systems.

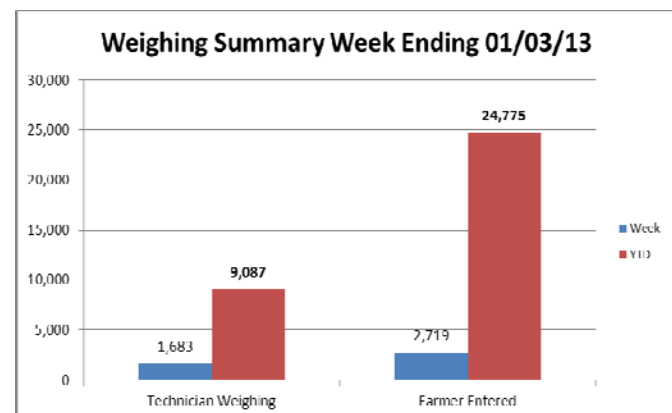
 In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2012 born calves with meal introduced is 587,334 with the number of animals weaned at 509,763.

 BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. There have been 548,000 results received since January 1st, of which 122,000 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012 over 1 million results have now been received.



 The graph above shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2013 compared with 2012.

 This week there were 1,683 weights received through the technician service and 2,719 weights recorded by farmers. The graph shows the week and year to date totals.



3 GENÉIRLAND® - Beef

Beef

Table 1. List of Maternal Bulls currently on-test

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Straws
GJB	Goulding Jumbo King	AA	170
TQL	Templequain Lord Jake	AA	120
VMP	Villablues Empire ET	BB	264
RWM	Rosemount Emlyn	BB	155
FWO	Fleetwood	CH	254
FSZ	Fiston	CH	245
LZF	Cavelands Fenian	CH	457
FYB	Ballylannon Frankey ET	CH	358
GRF	Gerard	CH	10
GPD	Guepard	CH	10
GZS	Gouldingpoll Superduty	HE	147
WLZ	Wilodge Enrico	LM	482
FTH	Elite Fred ET	LM	346
CJH	Filou	LM	143
FQR	Ballygarvan Stud Fernando	LM	150
GWO	Castleview Gringo ET	LM	40
FTY	Lennon Frosty	LM	20
EBY	Elderberry Galahad	LM	10
PZB	Bonaparte	SA	20
QCD	Cloondroon Calling	SI	30

✚ Sign-ups have commenced for the GENÉIRLAND spring program.

✚ 35 herds taking a total of 700 straws have signed up so far.

✚ To learn more or to sign up please phone 1850 600 900 or 045 521573.

✚ The approximate total straws ordered per bull so far are detailed in the tables 1 & 2.

Table 2. List of Terminal Bulls currently on-test

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Straws
ZSD	Serpentin	BB	10
FSN	Folon	BB	10
GLP	Galopeur	BB	10
FFK	Conval Frank	CH	10
FGG	Leagaun Figaro	CH	10
FZM	Lenagh Equaliser	LM	10

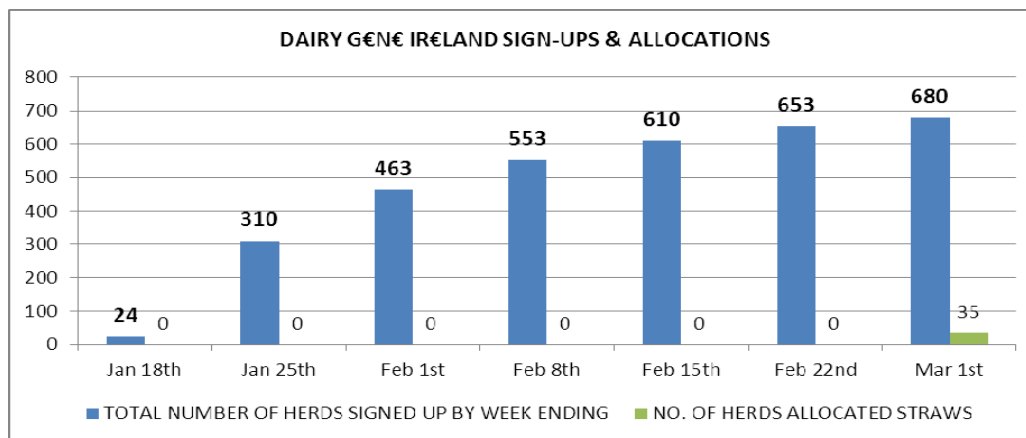
Dairy

✚ Herds continue to be signed up by post and phone, currently 680.

✚ Allocations have commenced.

✚ The average EBI of the Holstein-Friesian panel is €275.

✚ To order call 1850 600 900



4 GROW[®]

GROW Rules Update

- ✚ Ahead of the main season for linear scoring, we have made some changes to the rules under which pedigree cattle must be weighed and linear scored. These rules, effective from 1st March 2013, are in place to ensure that the evaluations that are produced are as accurate as possible.
- ✚ The rules for an animal to make it into BLUP & Euro-Star evaluations **are as follows**:

On-Farm Rules:

1. The age range for Linear Scoring is 250 to 350 days.
 2. All eligible animals (male and female) must be weighed and scored on the day.
 3. For herds on 1 linear scoring visit per year, **all pedigree animals** from birth to 250 days must be weighed on the day of scoring by the linear scorer and all pedigree animals from 250 to 350 days must be weighed and scored.
 4. For herds on more than 1 linear scoring visit per year, **all pedigree animals** from birth to 250 days must be weighed on the day of scoring by the linear scorer **on at least one of the visits** and all pedigree animals from 250 to 350 days must be weighed and scored.
- ✚ If your animals do not meet the above rules they will receive Parental Average Figures.

BLUP & Euro-Star Publication Guidelines:

1. Evaluations will be run once a month.
 2. For each monthly evaluation the cut-off date after which animals scored will not be included will be 15th day of the month.
 3. New evaluations for linear and Euro-Stars will be available on the 1st week of the following month.
- ✚ In light of the requirement to weigh extra animals, the charge for weighing pedigree cattle has also been revised. The first 5 pedigrees will still be charged at €4/head but this will drop to €2.50/head thereafter. The call out fee and scoring fee remain unchanged at €45 and €6 respectively.
 - ✚ To arrange a visit please contact the relevant Scorer for your area from the table below.
 - ✚ For all other enquiries ring Niall Kilrane on **045 521573**.

ICBF SCORERS								
Scorer	Counties							Mobile
John Beirne	Longford	Roscommon	Leitrim	Offaly	Westmeath	Sligo	Mayo	086-2742233
Basil Bothwell	Donegal	Cavan	Monaghan	Dublin	Louth	Meath		086-6050095
Lesley Sandes	Limerick	Tipperary	Clare	Galway	Kildare	Wicklow		087-6381199
Ger O'Brien	Laois	Wexford	Kilkenny	Waterford	Carlow			087-2379466
Clive Jennings	Cork	Kerry						086-2411399

5 Sheep Ireland

- ✚ Lambing across our commercial recording programmes is about to commence. The CPT farms are bracing themselves for a lambing storm which will see almost 80% of all the ewes within each flock lamb down within a 4/5 day period. The workload is very intense over these days due to the level of data collected from each ewe - all lambs are double tagged with EID Department tags from birth, weighed and lambing difficulty, fostering etc. is recorded for every lamb born. Hopefully the current weather conditions will prevail for another few weeks so that each flock can get all these lambs out to the fields and minimise any potential losses.
- ✚ The first of our MALP flocks are also just beginning to lamb down. There have been some big changes implemented to the MALP programme this year - the most major being a shift to Single Sire Mating (SSM) for the first breeding cycle to help Sheep Ireland assign definite parentage to lambs without the requirement for expensive DNA analysis.
- ✚ By using Single Sire Mating for the first breeding cycle (16/17 days) across all our MALP flocks we will now be able to assign the sires of all lambs born within the first two weeks of the lambing season. To identify the dam of each of these lambs in our evaluations we will require each MALP farmer to tag their lambs at birth and match this tag to the birth ewe. This will undoubtedly add to a very busy schedule on these farms at lambing time, but will hopefully help us to develop and design a flock recording protocol that can be rolled out to any commercial farmer that has an interest in this area.

6 Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ The new customised chip for genotyping (IDB19) has been delivered to Weatherbys and tested. All new animals including beef animals will be done on the new chip for parentage (beef and dairy) and for genomics (dairy).
- ✚ We successfully passed the Interbull test runs for test day model production and calving traits for Holsteins. We will be implementing the evaluations for calving in the April evaluation. We will not be switching to test-day model production proofs at the moment as we will need to have the other breeds validated. A full update on these developments will be presented at the next industry meeting.
- ✚ A new mini-run for the beef linears has been completed and results will be available next week.

7 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 01/03/13						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 01/03/13	No. EDIY Herds YTD 01/03/13	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 01/03/13	No. EDIY Cows YTD 01/03/13	% Cows EDIY
Munster	888	51	6%	47,972	3,237	7%
Progressive	1,085	215	20%	69,428	14,618	21%
Tipperary	14	1	7%	657	33	5%
Total	1,987	267	13%	118,057	17,888	15%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2012 Cows Recorded 01/01/12 - 01/03/12	YTD 2013 Cows Recorded 01/01/13 - 01/03/13	2013 vs. 2012 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	47,794	47,972	0.4%
Progressive	67,241	69,428	3.2%
Tipperary	518	657	21.2%
Total	115,553	118,057	2.1%

Please see milk recoding stats attached

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 20-FEB-2013 To 01-MAR-2013

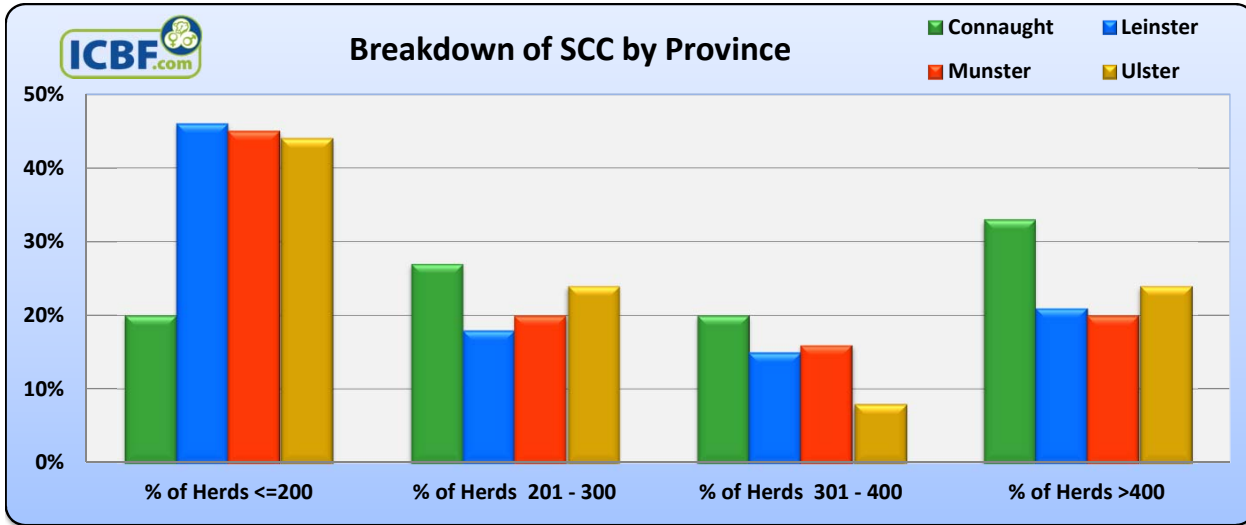
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	15	818	55	23.8	3.90	3.20	1.69	299
Leinster	111	6,983	63	22.4	4.05	3.27	1.65	224
Munster	287	14,766	51	23.4	4.09	3.28	1.72	222
Ulster	25	1,120	45	23.6	3.88	3.22	1.67	211
National Statistics	438	23,687	54	23.2	4.06	3.27	1.70	224

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 20-FEB-2013 To 01-MAR-2013

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	15	818	55	20%	27%	20%	33%	299
Leinster	111	6,983	63	46%	18%	15%	21%	224
Munster	287	14,766	51	45%	20%	16%	20%	222
Ulster	25	1,120	45	44%	24%	8%	24%	211
National Statistics	438	23,687	54	44%	20%	15%	21%	224

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 20-FEB-2013 To 01-MAR-2013								
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	15	818	55	199	234	333	364	439
Leinster	111	6,983	63	125	187	233	292	404
Munster	287	14,766	51	126	186	220	257	396
Ulster	25	1,120	45	123	186	205	250	410
National Statistics	438	23,687	54	126	189	222	270	403

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

