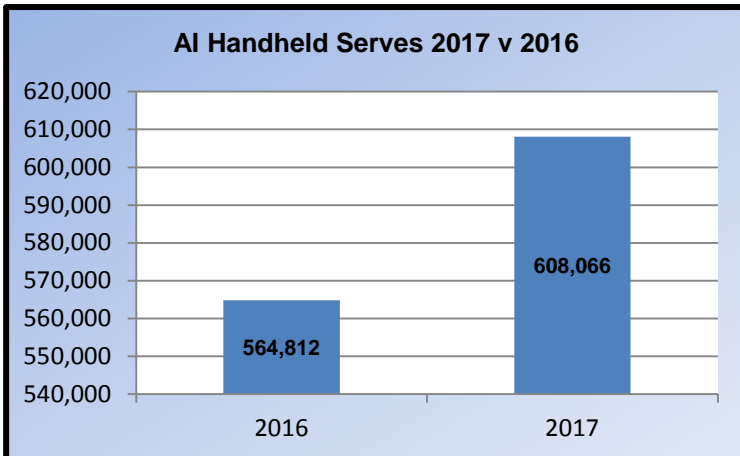
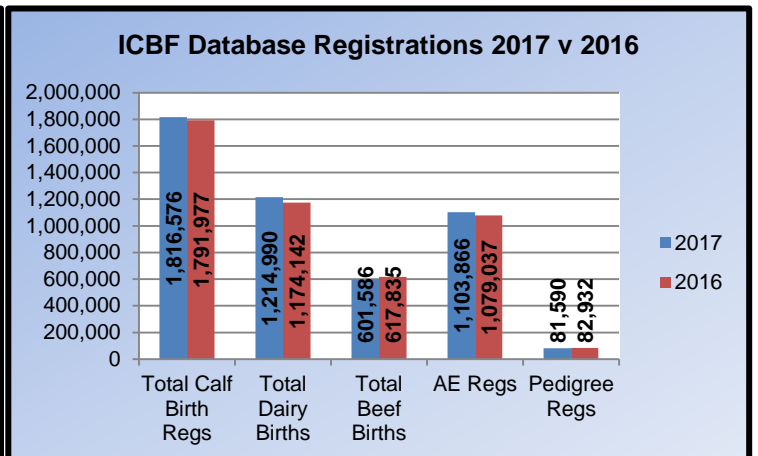
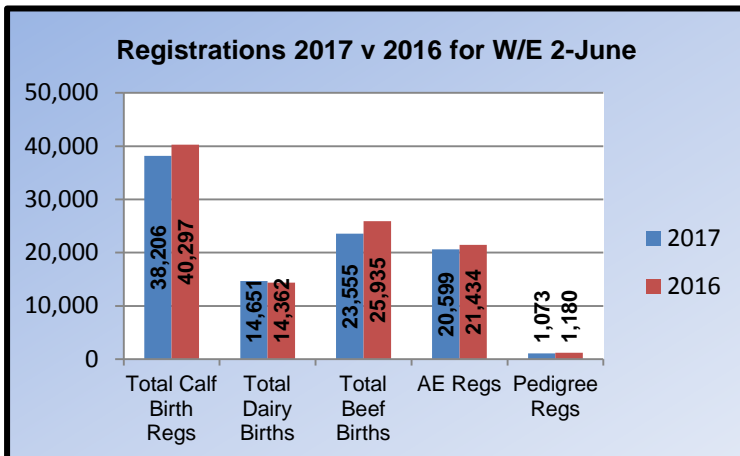


ICBF Weekly Update 2nd June 2017

1 Important Dates

- Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 22nd June 2017 at 10:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 22nd June 2017 at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 22nd June 2017 at 14:00, 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 1,853,821 results received since January 1st, of which 47,122 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,384,063 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

3 Herd Plus®

- The first calves from the 2016 Gene Ireland beef bulls are currently being born on farms. Here are some of Alamira Harry (ZYH) progeny. Click [here](#) for more details.



- Herd-owners can authorise organisations through their online HerdPlus accounts by using the 'Change Data Permissions Screen' located under the 'Admin' heading. Click [here](#) for more details.



✚ The first calves from the 2016 Gene Ireland beef bulls are currently being born on farms. Here are some of Slanemill Jack (AU2155) progeny. Click [here](#) for further details.



✚ ICBF's 'Stock Numbers' contains 'Stock Report', 'Stock Reconciliation Report', 'Nitrates Report' and 'Teagasc Profit Monitor Report'. Click [here](#) for more details.



✚ We currently have a vacancy for an Administration & Accounts Assistant. Click [here](#) for more details.



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4 GENE IRELAND® Beef

✚ Sign-ups are continuing for the GI beef programme.

✚ 318 herds taking a total of 4485 straws have joined so far.

✚ The average order is 14 straws per herd.

✚ Details on the bulls available can be viewed on the ICBF website.

✚ To learn more or to order straws please telephone **023 8820452**.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Replacement Index	Across Breed Stars	Total Straws Ordered
AU4214	Johnstown Keith	AU	€174	5	125
SI4250	Lis na Ri Gucci	SI	€156	5	65
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	€136	5	300
SI2367	Barnattin George 2	SI	€130	5	420
AA4089	Intelagri Matteo ET	AA	€122	5	120
SH4209	Stoneyroyd Halcyon Matrix P	SH	€112	5	145
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	€110	5	350
CH4090	Jalabert	CH	€102	5	375
CH2363	Dolland Jefferson	CH	€92	4	140
CH4218	Woodhead Meldrew	CH	€91	4	10
LJE	Lislea Hermes	BA	€90	4	320
PT4215	Leacan King	PT	€85	4	15
CH4213	Blanchefield Lester	CH	€83	4	20
PT2356	Macgowan Herd Juno	PT	€82	4	325
CH4216	Knockmahon Lucky	CH	€76	4	25

✚ Approximate total straws ordered to date for the bulls are detailed above.

5 Tully

✚ The first young bulls of 2017 were slaughtered over the last 10 days at Slaney Foods International, Bunclody, Co. Wexford. The progeny were sired by 41 different AI sires across 8 different breeds. It consisted of eighty-two Jan/Feb/March 2016 born bulls. Their average carcass weight for the group was 420 kilos. Their average daily gain for the group during their 90 day performance test period was an exceptional two kilos per head per day. Average growth rate within the group ranged from 1.47 kilos to 2.53 kilos per head per day. The average kill-out for the group was 58.5%, with kill-out ranging from 55% to 65%. Overall the animals graded extremely well with 16 of the bulls being of E grade conformation, 61 grading in the U grade class and the remaining 5 were R grade for conformation. 80 of the 82 bulls met the carcass fat

specifications of 2+ or higher with the majority of bulls grading 3= or more for fat. The average dry matter intake (DMI) per day for the group was 13.11 kilos, with bulls consuming from 9.27 to 15.96 kilos per head per day on a DMI basis. The bulls were fed hay and concentrates ad-libitum. Overall the bulls performed exceptionally well and were gaining 1.2 kilos of carcass for each day they were on test at Tully. The data demonstrates the large variation in performance between progeny in a young bulls system. However, it also shows that carcass fat spec can be achieved across all breeds. Achieving carcass fat spec is one of the main concerns for farmers finishing young bulls. Some of the main ways adequate carcass fat cover is achieved at Tully is through diet, consistent feeding times and adequate floor space. Also, all animals are purchased directly from farms which helps in minimising stress and allows the animals to acclimatise quicker to their new diet and environment. *See below photos of some of the progeny slaughtered.*

✚ All individual data on animals slaughtered recently can be found under the GENE IRELAND section of the ICBF website (www.icbf.com). You can access the GENE IRELAND section by clicking on the “services” tab which is located at the top of the homepage.



6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 02/06/17						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 02/06/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 02/06/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 02/06/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 02/06/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3801	1242	33%	364306	129090	35%
Progressive	2205	903	41%	237233	97748	41%
Tipperary	107	45	42%	10456	4276	41%
Total	6113	2190	36%	611995	231114	38%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 02/06/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 02/06/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	329450	364306	10.6%
Progressive	223154	237233	6.3%
Tipperary	10228	10456	2.2%
Total	562832	611995	8.7%

7 Sheep Ireland

Lleyn Sheep Society Open Day

On Saturday the 27th May, Sheep Ireland attended an Open Day held by the Lleyn Sheep Society on the farm of Clifford Richardson. It was greatly attended and while the weather didn't play its part there was plenty of interesting speakers on the day. There was good interest in Sheep Ireland and the Euro-star indexes. People who braved the weather to have a look at the Lleyn stock weren't disappointed with some top quality stock on display. Please click [here](#) to see a video of some of the stock and the crowd on the day.










Genomic Services

- It is now a month since the Genomic Services screen was launched and there has been plenty of activity on it. Orders are coming in steadily for farmers to get their lambs/ewes parentage tested. There have been over 750 orders for genotyping to date.
- If farmers hadn't been involved with the Ovigen project this would have cost them €12,638.00. The savings that have been made by farmers so far is **€9,431.00**. This is down to the large amount subsidised by the Ovigen project. This means the cost for farmers was €3,207.00 for the genotyping. When the cost of tags and taggers is added the cost to the farmer so far is €4,227.00.
- Breeders should be aware that there is no deadline as to when they should have their genotyping orders submitted using the online ordering screen; however an important point to note is that the subsidising of genotyping is on a first come first serve basis. Breeders that were not a part of the Ovigen project can still avail of the service to get their animals genotyped. However these farmers will have to pay full cost for this service.

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.*

Rams								
Ram	Breed	Lambs	Avg Birth Wt	Avg 40d Wt	Avg Wean Wt	Avg Scan Wt	ADG	Scroll to?
PHELAN RAMS	Vendeen (100%) 	19	5.86	16.06	37.82	56.91	.338	Scroll to
SHEPHERD (SHEPHERD)	Vendeen (100%) 	15	5.73	19.88	40.31	59.89	.343	Scroll to
SHEPHERD (SHEPHERD)	Vendeen (100%) 	15	5.87	20.18	48	58.39	.359	Scroll to
SHEPHERD (SHEPHERD)	Vendeen (100%) 	11	6.05	19.29	41.45	59.02	.347	Scroll to
SHEPHERD (SHEPHERD)	Vendeen (100%) 	11	6.14	19.27	39.38	56.1	.33	Scroll to
SHEPHERD (SHEPHERD)	Vendeen (100%) 	10	5.85	16.16	35.8	48.92	.277	Scroll to
SHEPHERD (SHEPHERD)	Vendeen (100%) 	5	6.1	17.95	40.6	57.07	.338	Scroll to

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 24-MAY-2017 To 02-JUN-2017

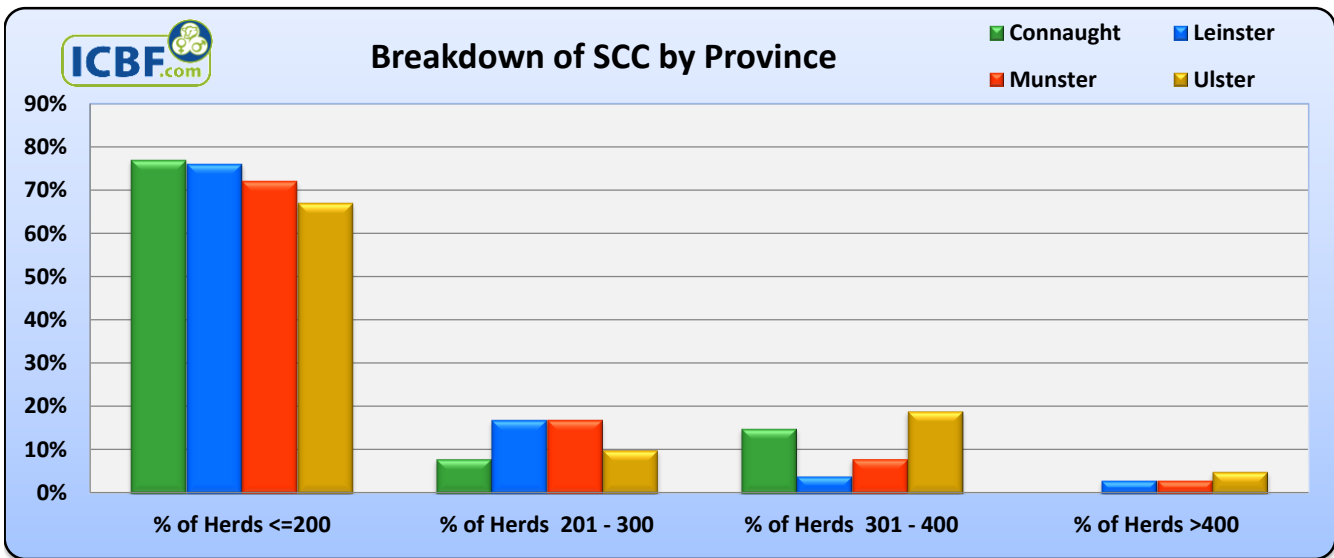
No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	13	1,118	86	24.9	3.74	3.38	133
Leinster	142	16,872	119	26.7	3.78	3.44	136
Munster	614	57,936	94	27.5	3.76	3.43	144
Ulster	21	1,760	84	28.6	3.50	3.41	160
National Statistics	791	77,827	98	27.4	3.76	3.43	143

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 24-MAY-2017 To 02-JUN-2017

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	13	1,118	77%	8%	15%	0%	133
Leinster	142	16,872	76%	17%	4%	3%	136
Munster	614	57,936	72%	17%	8%	3%	144
Ulster	21	1,760	67%	10%	19%	5%	160
National Statistics	791	77,827	73%	16%	8%	3%	143

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 24-MAY-2017 To 02-JUN-2017

No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Best 20% SCC	Best 40% SCC	Average SCC**	Worst 40% SCC	Worst 20% SCC
Connaught	13	1,118	76	114	127	154	242
Leinster	142	16,872	83	116	133	155	224
Munster	614	57,936	89	121	144	167	232
Ulster	21	1,760	104	131	161	187	311
National Statistics	791	77,827	87	121	142	164	233

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

