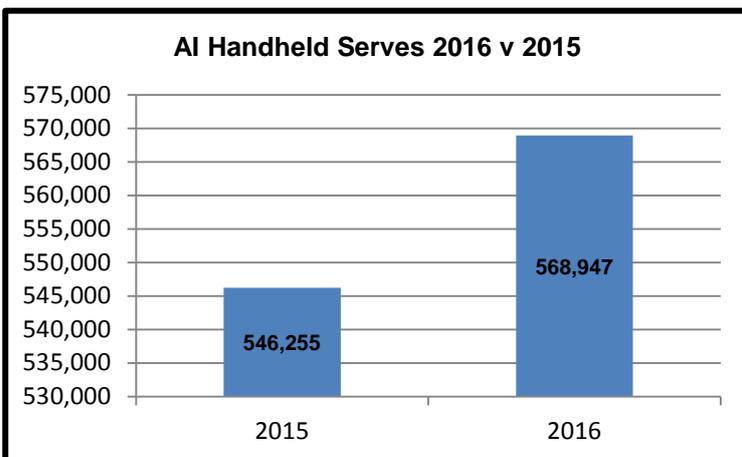
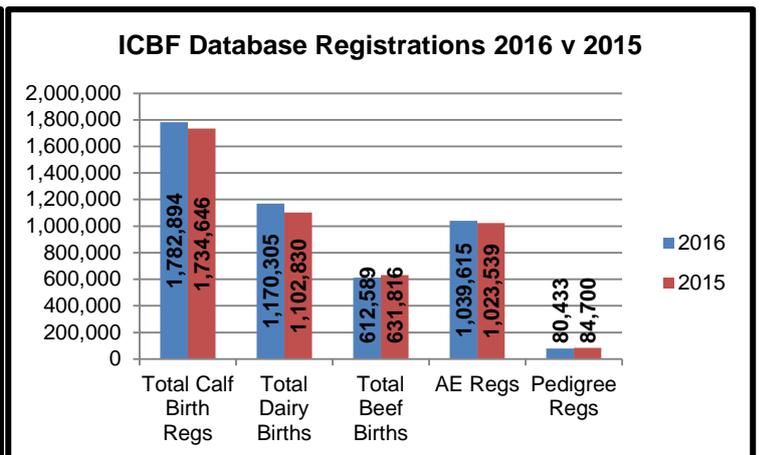
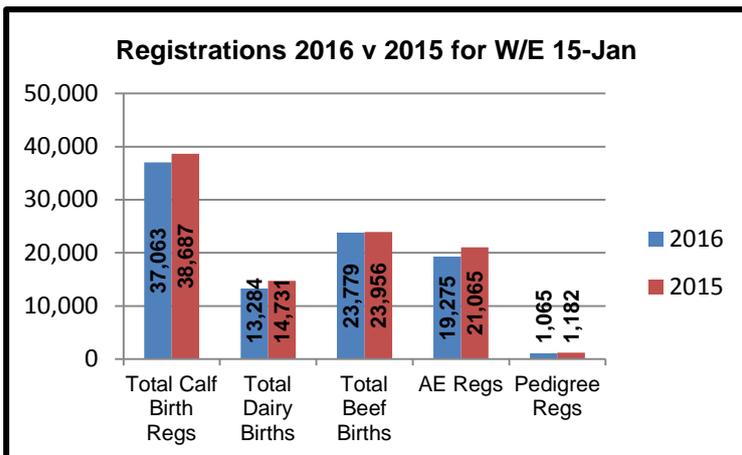


ICBF Weekly Update 3th June 2016

1 Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Beef Industry Meeting** – Monday 21st June at 19:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise
- ✚ **Audit & Finance Meeting** – Thursday 7th July 2016 at 10:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 7th July 2016 at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 7th July 2016 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 1,938,649 million results received since January 1st, of which 47,392 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 9.26 million results have now been received.
- ✚ The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2016 compared with 2015.

3 Herd Plus®

- ✚ Farmers can now genotype all their female calves which will allow them to make a more informed decision around breeding and culling potential replacements. This service could cost herd-owners as little as €22/head. Please contact HerdPlus on **1850 600 900** or **023 8820452** for further details.
- ✚ With breeding season underway, if your AI technician does not have a handheld or you are doing DIY AI please remember to record AI serves on your HerdPlus account. This will be used to generate fertility reports and an expected calving list for the 2017 calving season.
- ✚ The HerdPlus Dairy Co-op Performance reports are now online and available to view in the reports section of your HerdPlus account.

4 Milk Recording

| National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 03/06/16 | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Milk Recording Organisation | Total Herds Recorded YTD 03/06/16 | No. EDIY Herds YTD 03/06/16 | % Herds EDIY | Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 03/06/16 | No. EDIY Cows YTD 03/06/16 | % Cows EDIY |
| Munster | 3,590 | 1,096 | 31% | 330,521 | 109,259 | 33% |
| Progressive | 2,202 | 865 | 39% | 223,154 | 86,971 | 39% |
| Tipperary | 111 | 47 | 42% | 10,228 | 4,154 | 41% |
| Total | 5,903 | 2,008 | 34% | 563,903 | 200,384 | 36% |

| Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| Milk Recording Organisation | YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15- 03/06/15 | YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16- 03/06/16 | 2016 vs 2015 Year on Year Difference (%) |
| Munster | 337,764 | 330,521 | -2.1% |
| Progressive | 224,581 | 223,154 | -0.6% |
| Tipperary | 10,376 | 10,228 | -1.4% |
| Total | 572,721 | 563,903 | -1.5% |

5 Sheep Ireland

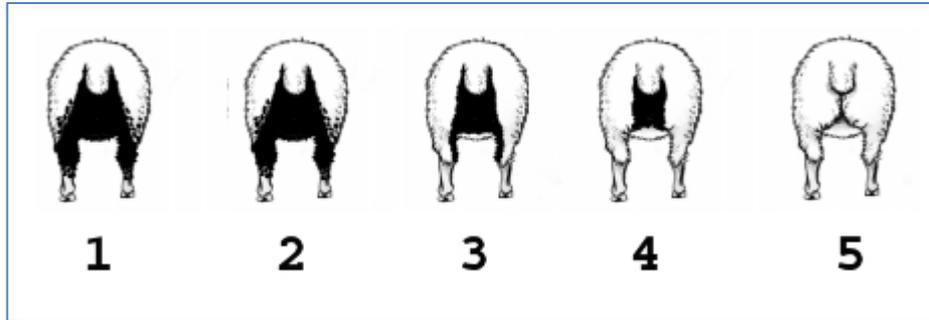
Ram breeder workshops on the EuroStar evaluations

- This coming July, Sheep Ireland in association with Teagasc are planning to hold a number of on-farm evening workshops for Irish ram breeders. The objective of these workshops will be to explain the workings of the Sheep Ireland genetic evaluations to current and future LambPlus breeders. Ram breeders are the people that engage most with commercial sheep farmers, so if we can increase the knowledge of LambPlus breeders about the Indices, this will help ram breeders to pass the message on to commercial farmers.
- We plan to run six workshops in various locations around Ireland and will invite all ram breeders to attend. We will circulate letters along with using this weekly update in the coming weeks to announce dates and venues. We will use national press to promote the workshops also.

CPT weaning weight capture

- In the coming weeks we will be visiting our CPT flocks again to record another lamb weight – the weaning weight or 100 day weight. We will use this opportunity to capture other data such as lameness, daginess and visual quality scores. We also plan to collect Faecal samples to allow us carry out Faecal Egg Counts (FEC) on individual lambs. Our plan will be to sample a representative number of lambs from each CPT sire used on each farm. This FEC analysis will in turn be used in the new EuroStar health Index which we plan to release in 2017.

- All CPT lambs are also scored for daginess. The dirtiest lambs are scored 1 and the cleanest lambs are scored 5 (see diagram below). The key is to be consistent when scoring a group of animals on any given day and during the genetic evaluation Sheep Ireland will remove the effects of differences between years and flocks.



Recording health data in LambPlus

- Once we launch our health Index it will be critical that we capture a routine source of data to help build the index and the accuracy% associated with the Index. Of course our CPT flocks will continue to be a major source of health data, but we will also be calling on LambPlus flocks to begin recording some of this type of information. A health recording screen is now available to all LambPlus breeders and we would encourage breeders to begin using it where possible. Health issues have always been high on the agenda in the Irish sheep industry. This genetic index will help ram breeders and commercial farmers to select more resilient animals into the future – but this will only happen if the required data is recorded. Click [here](#) for more information on recording health data.

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 25-MAY-2016 To 03-JUN-2016

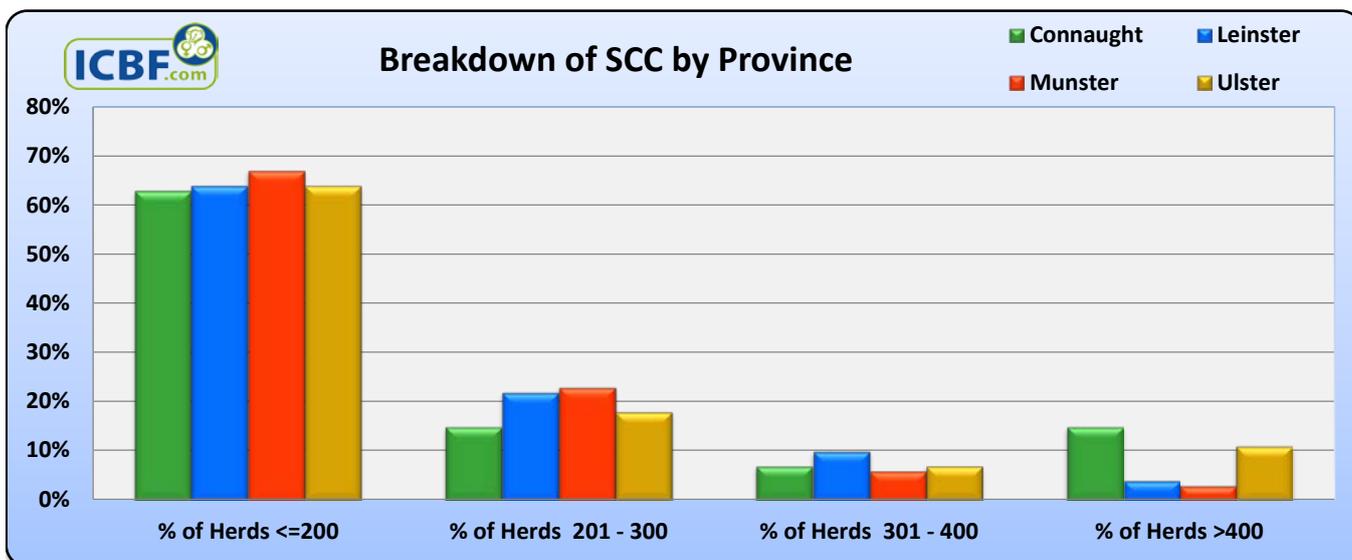
| ICBF.com | No. Herds Recorded | No. Cows Recorded | Avg Herd Size | Avg Milk kg/Cow | Average Fat % | Average Protein % | Average F+P kg | Average SCC* |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Connaught | 41 | 2,780 | 68 | 27.1 | 3.57 | 3.41 | 1.88 | 176 |
| Leinster | 139 | 14,725 | 106 | 27.4 | 3.74 | 3.42 | 1.96 | 161 |
| Munster | 501 | 45,417 | 91 | 26.9 | 3.70 | 3.44 | 1.91 | 160 |
| Ulster | 28 | 2,308 | 82 | 27.8 | 3.71 | 3.35 | 1.96 | 172 |
| National Statistics | 709 | 65,230 | 92 | 27.1 | 3.70 | 3.43 | 1.92 | 161 |

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 25-MAY-2016 To 03-JUN-2016

| 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 | 41 | 2,780 | 68 | 63% | 15% | 7% | 15% | 176 |
| Leinster | 139 | 14,725 | 106 | 64% | 22% | 10% | 4% | 161 |
| Munster | 501 | 45,417 | 91 | 67% | 23% | 6% | 3% | 160 |
| Ulster | 28 | 2,308 | 82 | 64% | 18% | 7% | 11% | 172 |
| National Statistics | 709 | 65,230 | 92 | 66% | 22% | 7% | 5% | 161 |

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



| % Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 25-MAY-2016 To 03-JUN-2016 | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 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 | 41 | 2,780 | 68 | 120 | 156 | 180 | 197 | 312 |
| Leinster | 139 | 14,725 | 106 | 107 | 141 | 160 | 188 | 255 |
| Munster | 501 | 45,417 | 91 | 107 | 137 | 158 | 183 | 245 |
| Ulster | 28 | 2,308 | 82 | 102 | 163 | 171 | 181 | 293 |
| National Statistics | 709 | 65,230 | 92 | 107 | 140 | 160 | 184 | 249 |

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

