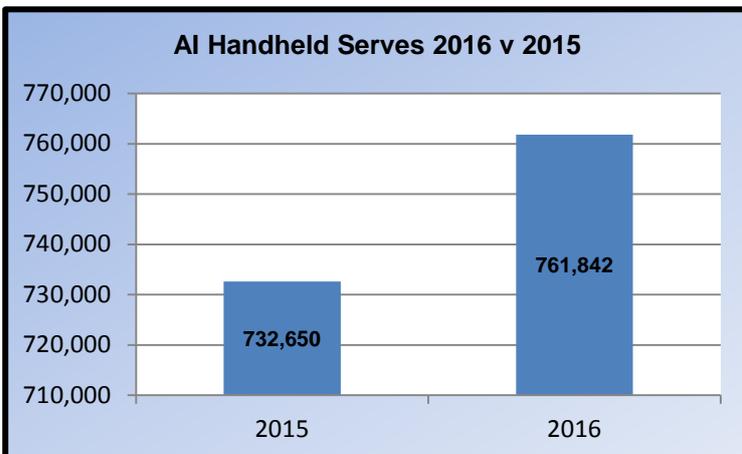
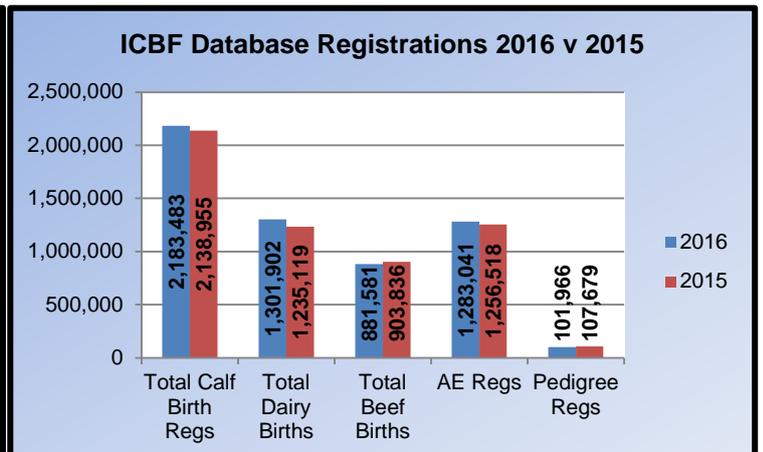
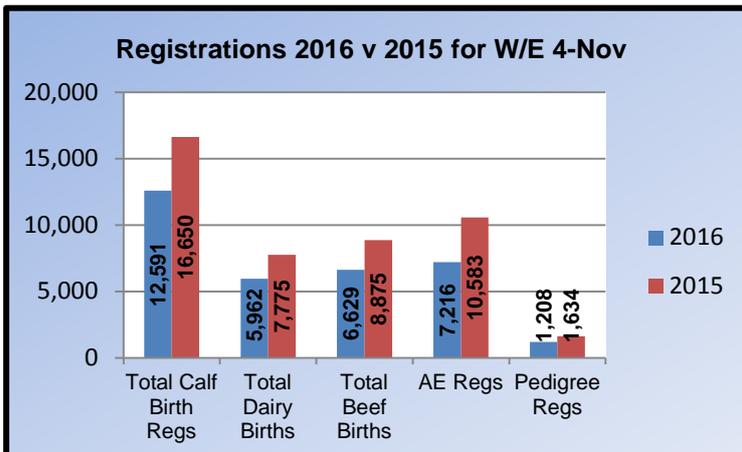


## ICBF Weekly Update 4th November 2016

### 1 Important Dates

-  **Audit & Finance Meeting** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 14:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
-  **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
-  **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 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 3,326,375 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 46,983 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 10,654,810 results have now been received.
-  The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2016 compared with 2015.

### 3 Genetic Evaluations.

-  Evaluations for the December full evaluation update for dairy and beef indexes have commenced this week.

#### Herd Plus®

-  Please ensure that you record dry off dates when you have dried off your cows. Here at ICBF we don't know the difference between a Dry Cow and a cow that you plan to milk through the winter! That's why you need to tell us. Farmers that don't record dry offs do not receive an accurate Annual Report for their herd or valid lactations for their animals that have paid for.
-  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. Alternatively when

logged into HerdPlus, herd-owners can make orders online by selecting ‘Services’ – ‘Genomic Services’ – ‘Place Order’

- The latest HerdPlus Co-op Performance reports are now all available to view online in your HerdPlus account.
- Are you participating in the BDGP? Please ensure that all survey data (along with tissue tags) is returned as soon as possible in order to avoid any delay in payment. If you have not completed your Carbon Navigator by now please do so before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

#### 4 GENEIRELAND® Beef

- Sign Ups are continuing for the Gene Ireland Beef programme.

- 139 herds taking a total of 2085 straws have joined so far.

- The average order is 15 straws per herd.

- A new Angus bull (AA4086) has been added to the panel

- Details on the available bulls can be viewed [here](#)

- To learn more or to order straws please phone **023 8820452**.

- Approximate total straws ordered to date for the bulls are detailed in the graph.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Replacement Index	Straws
AA4086	Marianhill L Papa	AA	€107	0
AU2365	Calverstown Koala	AU	€151	380
PI2157	Kilree Leo	PI	€128	470
HE2359	Arlinstown Special 13th	HE	€123	180
SH2360	Doon Giorgio	SH	€123	300
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	€120	160
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	€102	200
PT2356	Macgowan Herd Juno	PT	€98	220
CH4068	Glenville Jasper	CH	€93	300
SI2367	Barnattin George 2	SI	€92	200
CH2363	Dolland Jefferson	CH	€83	360

#### 5 Milk Recording

##### National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 04/11/16

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 04/11/16	No. EDIY Herds YTD 04/11/16	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 04/11/16	No. EDIY Cows YTD 04/11/16	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,730	1,149	31%	364,574	122,535	34%
Progressive	2,328	949	41%	255,125	103,988	41%
Tipperary	117	53	45%	11,379	5,028	44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,175</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>631,078</b>	<b>231,551</b>	<b>37%</b>

##### Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15- 04/11/15	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16- 04/11/16	2016 vs 2015 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	367,112	364,574	-0.7%
Progressive	259,365	255,125	-1.6%
Tipperary	11,864	11,379	-4.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>638,341</b>	<b>631,078</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>

## 6 Sheep Ireland

### 2017 LambPlus sign-up forms

- ✚ The sign-up forms are now being circulated by post to pedigree ram breeders all over Ireland. We will be sending them to all existing LambPlus breeders in addition to all non-LambPlus members involved in each of the Irish sheep breed societies. The number of pedigree ram breeders involved in LambPlus has grown every year since the beginning of Sheep Ireland and we hope that this growth will continue.
- ✚ We ask all breed societies to encourage their members to join LambPlus. Going forward, the EuroStar indexes will help to attract more and more farmers towards breed society sales and pedigree rams. This is not only good for genetic improvement, but also for breed societies and their breeders who are the foundation of the Sheep Ireland programme.

### Deadline date for receipt of sign-up forms

- ✚ The deadline for receipt of these sign-up forms is Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. This deadline will be strictly enforced. Sheep Ireland will be sending reminder texts to all existing LambPlus members in advance of this deadline and we will also be asking breed societies to communicate the date with all of their members. For any non-LambPlus breeder that do not receive the sign-up form by post, we would ask them to be directed to the Sheep Ireland website or to call us on **1850 601 901** and we will explain everything about LambPlus to them.

### Sheep Ireland are hiring

- ✚ A position is coming available in the New Year for a technical support position and we are currently inviting candidates to apply. Click [here](#) to see more details.

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## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 26-OCT-2016 To 04-NOV-2016

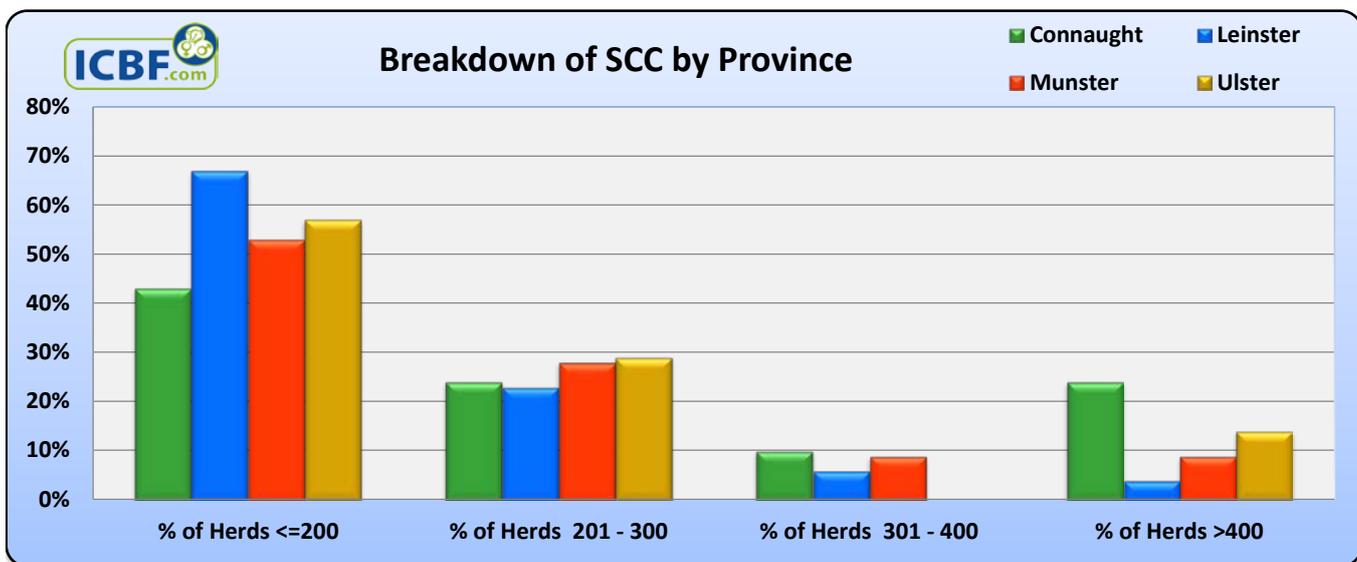
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	21	1,423	68	13.6	4.62	3.91	1.16	240
Leinster	111	9,795	88	16.3	4.51	3.87	1.35	169
Munster	480	39,396	82	14.9	4.62	3.99	1.27	193
Ulster	14	998	71	17.6	4.17	3.53	1.33	199
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>51,612</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>4.59</b>	<b>3.95</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>190</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 26-OCT-2016 To 04-NOV-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	21	1,423	68	43%	24%	10%	24%	240
Leinster	111	9,795	88	67%	23%	6%	4%	169
Munster	480	39,396	82	53%	28%	9%	9%	193
Ulster	14	998	71	57%	29%	0%	14%	199
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>51,612</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>190</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



### % Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 26-OCT-2016 To 04-NOV-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	21	1,423	68	132	190	245	264	427
Leinster	111	9,795	88	119	147	167	193	246
Munster	480	39,396	82	127	166	189	215	293
Ulster	14	998	71	122	160	192	227	266
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>51,612</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>286</b>

\*\* Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

