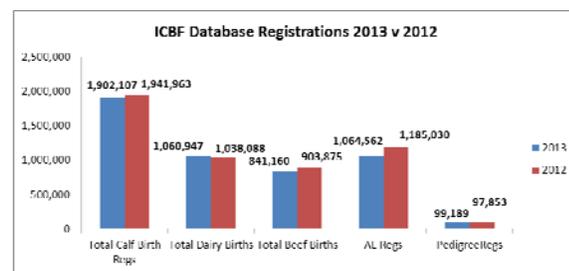
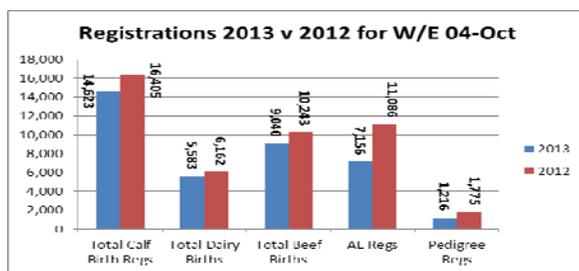


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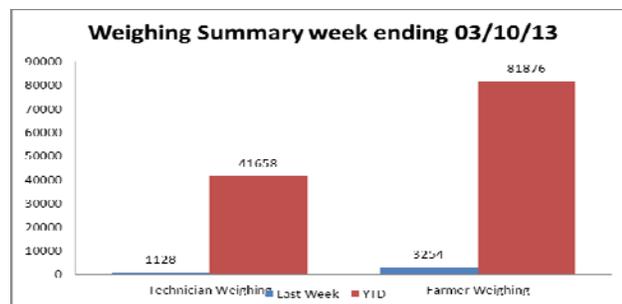
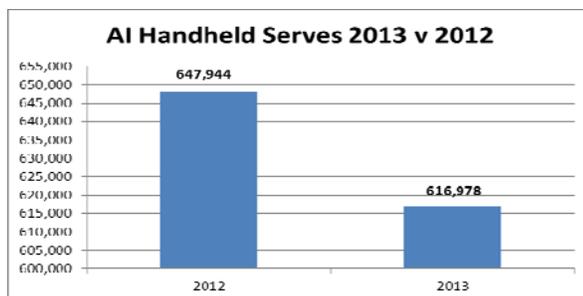
1 Important Dates

- ICBF Industry Consultation Meeting** – Tuesday 8th October, 10:00 to 16:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep Industry Consultation Meeting** – Wednesday 9th October, 14:00 to 17:00, Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.
- ICBF GENÉIRELAND Beef Open Day** – Saturday 12th October, commencing 11:00, Tully Progeny Test Center, Kildare.
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 17th October, 10:30 to 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 661,789 with the number of animals weaned at 612,654.
- BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. There have been 1,991,000 results received since January 1st, of which 14,000 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 2.48 million results have now been received.
- The graph below shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2013 compared with 2012.
- This week there were 1128 weights received through the technician service and 3254 weights recorded by farmers.
- The graph below shows the week and year to date totals.



3 Genetic Evaluations

- Beef animals that were linear scored between June and September 15th had indexes updated on the ICBF website on Monday 30th September.
- Preparations are underway for the dairy and beef industry meeting on Tuesday 8th October.

4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 04/10/13						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 04/10/13	No. EDIY Herds YTD 04/10/13	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 04/10/13	No. EDIY Cows YTD 04/10/13	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,680	1,065	29%	310,200	96,501	31%
Progressive	2,440	998	41%	231,780	97,027	42%
Tipperary	114	41	36%	10,042	3,757	37%
Total	6,234	2,104	34%	552,022	197,285	36%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2012 Cows Recorded 01/01/12 - 04/10/12	YTD 2013 Cows Recorded 01/01/13 - 04/10/13	2013 vs. 2012 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	305,011	310,200	1.7%
Progressive	223,863	231,780	3.4%
Tipperary	10,123	10,042	-0.8%
Total	538,997	552,022	2.4%

Please see milk recording stats attached.

5 Sheep Ireland

- Today, Friday 4th October, is the Department of Agriculture deadline for the submission of information supporting the completion of tasks for STAP. Facilitators and their clients have been extremely busy in the past few weeks ensuring that they have successfully passed their STAP tasks for payment later in the year.
- As Sheep Ireland is responsible for the verification of two of the nine STAP task options, things have been extremely busy. Task 1 requires every STAP applicant to use a performance recorded ram in their flocks in either year 1 or year 2 of the programme and proof of ownership must be submitted to our Sheep Ireland office. Hundreds of 'Ram forms' have been received in recent days, and we are happy to say that all are being processed on the day of arrival.
- Once this STAP work begins to dissipate, the focus will then change to the 2014 LambPlus season. Our Industry consultation meeting planned for next Wednesday 9th October will be the first step in this process. There are many improvements planned to the programme and we have no doubt that these improvements will add hugely to the genetic gain that can be made across each breed.

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 25-SEP-2013 To 04-OCT-2013

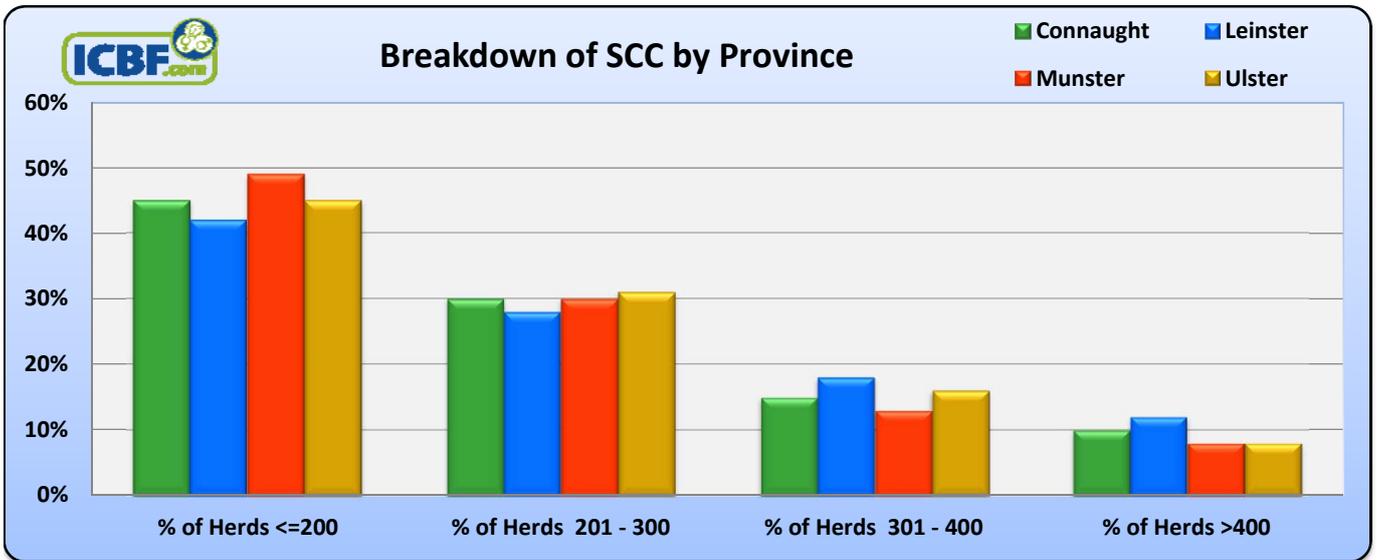
ICBF	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	20	1,182	59	19.6	4.14	3.66	1.51	215
Leinster	113	9,874	87	18.3	4.08	3.65	1.41	213
Munster	564	41,037	73	17.4	4.27	3.75	1.39	206
Ulster	51	2,779	54	21.1	3.88	3.50	1.56	190
National Statistics	748	54,872	73	17.8	4.21	3.72	1.40	206

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 25-SEP-2013 To 04-OCT-2013

ICBF	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	20	1,182	59	45%	30%	15%	10%	215
Leinster	113	9,874	87	42%	28%	18%	12%	213
Munster	564	41,037	73	49%	30%	13%	8%	206
Ulster	51	2,779	54	45%	31%	16%	8%	190
National Statistics	748	54,872	73	48%	30%	14%	8%	206

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 25-SEP-2013 To 04-OCT-2013								
ICBF	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Best 20% SCC	Best 40% SCC	Average SCC**	Worst 40% SCC	Worst 20% SCC
Connaught	20	1,182	59	146	170	211	224	354
Leinster	113	9,874	87	124	185	223	257	337
Munster	564	41,037	73	139	177	203	228	305
Ulster	51	2,779	54	118	171	216	236	311
National Statistics	748	54,872	73	136	177	206	231	311

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

