

## ICBF Weekly Update 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### 1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Audit & Finance Meeting** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 10:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 14:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise

### 2 John O’Sullivan – Thank You

Yesterday, John O’Sullivan presided over his last ICBF board meeting, having been Chairman of ICBF for the past 12 years. John has provided strong strategic leadership to ICBF over the years. Even in difficult situations, he never lost sight of the bigger picture, and always focused on what was and is in the best long term interest of the farmer on the ground. ICBF and the wider industry owes a huge debt of gratitude to John for his service to ICBF.

Pictured at an event on Wednesday night to mark John’s contribution to ICBF are (left to right) Andrew Cromie, Michael Doran (ICBF Vice-Chairman), John O’Sullivan (ICBF Chairman), and Sean Coughlan.



### 3 ICBF Board Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> May

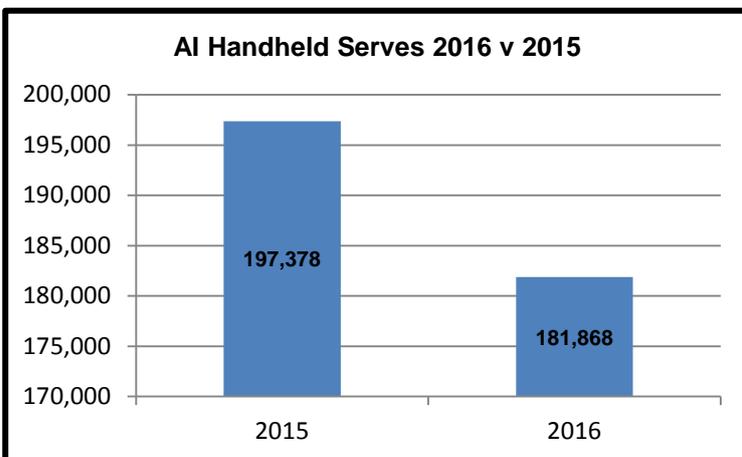
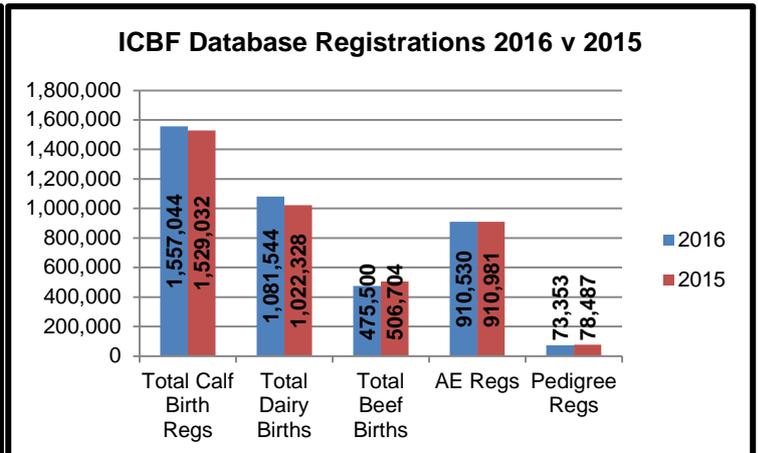
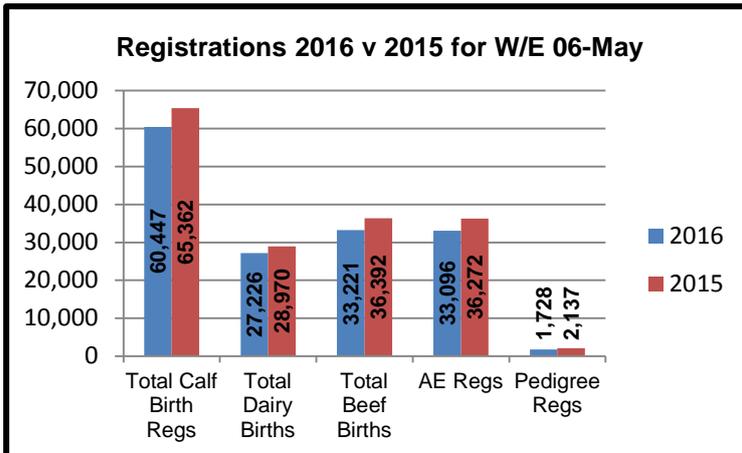
Topics covered at the ICBF Board meeting yesterday included:

- ✚ An update on the latest developments in relation to the Beef Genomics and Data Programme, including the progress being made on Genomic Evaluations.
- ✚ Finances.
- ✚ ICBF Strategy on Beef Performance Recording.
- ✚ Calving Date Calculation/AI Codes.
- ✚ A discussion on challenges and risks facing ICBF into the future.

### 4 ICBF AGM – 5<sup>th</sup> May

- ✚ The AGM on Thursday adopted the 2015 audited accounts, and approved the appointment of Ernst and Young as auditors for 2016.

## 5 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 1,595,957 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 60,344 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 8.92 million results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2016 compared with 2015.

## 6 Genetic Evaluations.

- The routine beef evaluations for April have been completed and are now live on the ICBF bull search and herd profiles.
- This run has updated data for all traits with the exception of maternal weaning weight.

## 7 Herd Plus®

- We have uploaded the latest BDGP training videos to our web site and these can be accessed from the Picture Sliding Bar or by clicking [HERE](#).
- The latest EBI reports are currently being generated and will be available to view online early next week.
- All applications are now updated with April 2016 Beef and Dairy proofs. They are now live on the 'Active Bull List', 'Bull Search', 'Dairy Sire Advice' and all user herd profiles. The evaluations can also be viewed in excel format in the 'genetic evaluations section' of the website.
- 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 an expected calving list for the 2017 calving season.

- Please remember to record sires when registering calves so that genetic indexes (EBI/Eurostar) can be generated for your calves.

## 8 GENEIRELAND® Beef

- Sign Ups are continuing for the Gene Ireland Beef programme.
- 380 herds taking a total of 4560 straws have joined so far.
- The average order is 12 straws per herd.
- Several new bulls have been added to the panel this week.
- An updated catalogue is being prepared
- To learn more or to order straws please phone **023 8820452**.
- Approx total straws ordered to date for the remaining bulls are detailed below.

### List of Bulls Currently On-test

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Straws Ordered
GZJ	Goulding Eamonn	AA	310
AU2365	Calverstown Koala	AU	10
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	0
CH2154	Polar Joe 2	CH	220
CH2221	Jarret	CH	260
CH2363	Dolland Jefferson	CH	0
LM2242	Edakkya	LM	370
PT2356	Macgowan Herd Jumbo	PT	0
ZKY	Kyle Herd Ivan	PT	450
PI2157	Kilree Leo	PI	185
ZBZ	Breffni Muzz	SA	355
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	0
SH2181	Coolvin Dominator	SH	100
SH2361	Doon Gladiator	SH	145
SH2360	Doon Giorgio	SH	130
SI2469	Lisnacrann Fifty Cent	SI	0
SI2367	Barnattin George 2	SI	5
SI2362	Dermotstown Gigantosaurus	SI	5
ETP	Curaheen Evolution P	SI	450

## 9 GENEIRELAND® Dairy

- Breed packs have been assigned to all current participants.
- 658 herds signed up, taking a total of 26,785 straws.
- It is vital to record insemination details and use the straws in the current season.
- Thanks to all herd-owners for their participation and to the AI companies for their co-operation.
- Contact **1850 600 900** for orders or queries.

## 10 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 06/05/16						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 06/05/16	No. EDIY Herds YTD 06/05/16	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 06/05/16	No. EDIY Cows YTD 06/05/16	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,157	898	28%	269,432	83,780	31%
Progressive	1,880	668	36%	176,566	62,436	35%
Tipperary	84	30	36%	7,182	2,459	34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,121</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>453,180</b>	<b>148,675</b>	<b>33%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15- 06/05/15	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16- 06/05/16	2016 vs 2015 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	289,194	269,432	-6.8%
Progressive	188,776	176,566	-6.5%
Tipperary	8,329	7,182	-13.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>486,299</b>	<b>453,180</b>	<b>-6.8%</b>

## 11 Sheep Ireland AGM 5<sup>th</sup> May

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## 12 Sheep Ireland Board Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> May

Topics covered at the Sheep Ireland Board meeting yesterday included:

- CPT progress – lambing & 40 day weights
- Plans for Muscle and Backfat scanning in 2016
- OVIGEN & Pilot Project progress
- Flockbook service fees.
- Genetic Evaluations – The first genetic evaluation run of 2016 will go online for all LambPlus breeders on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Regular runs will go live from this point forward throughout the summer.
- LambPlus sale 2016 – clarification on the sale date. The sale will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August in Tullamore mart.

## 13 Breed society representative meeting

The main topics discussed at the meeting included;

- A presentation by Nicola Hobson (DAFM) on the requirements of flockbooks to become officially approved by the Irish Department of Agriculture.
- OVIGEN – significant progress is being made with this research project. Excellent discussion took place on the matter

- ✚ Flockbook service fees and integration with Sheep Ireland
- ✚ Promoting the use of high Index CPT sires among LambPlus breeders.

### CPT 40 day weights

- ✚ Over the past number of days Sheep Ireland have been visiting the Central Progeny Test flocks to capture lamb 40 day weights. All CPT ewes and lambs have been weighed over the past few days. All animals were also scored for **Lameness, Daginess, Body Condition** score and ewes were checked for **mastitis**. The option to record all these trait are now available to all LambPlus breeders through their LambPlus accounts and we encourage as many breeders as possible to record these traits. See below some images from James Napers flock in Co. Meath.



1100 ewes in one single mob awaiting weighing. 550 of these ewes are involved in the Sheep Ireland Central Progeny Test programme.



The Sheep Ireland weighing equipment ready to go. Two weighing units were used on the day to ensure weighing could be completed in one day.



Weighing underway. All CPT ewes and lambs were weighed on the day.



A group of ewes and lambs awaiting weighing.



Ewes and lambing standing in a slatted sheep shed awaiting weighing by Sheep Ireland in the background of the picture.



A group of ewes and lambs back in the field after weighing.

## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 27-APR-2016 To 06-MAY-2016

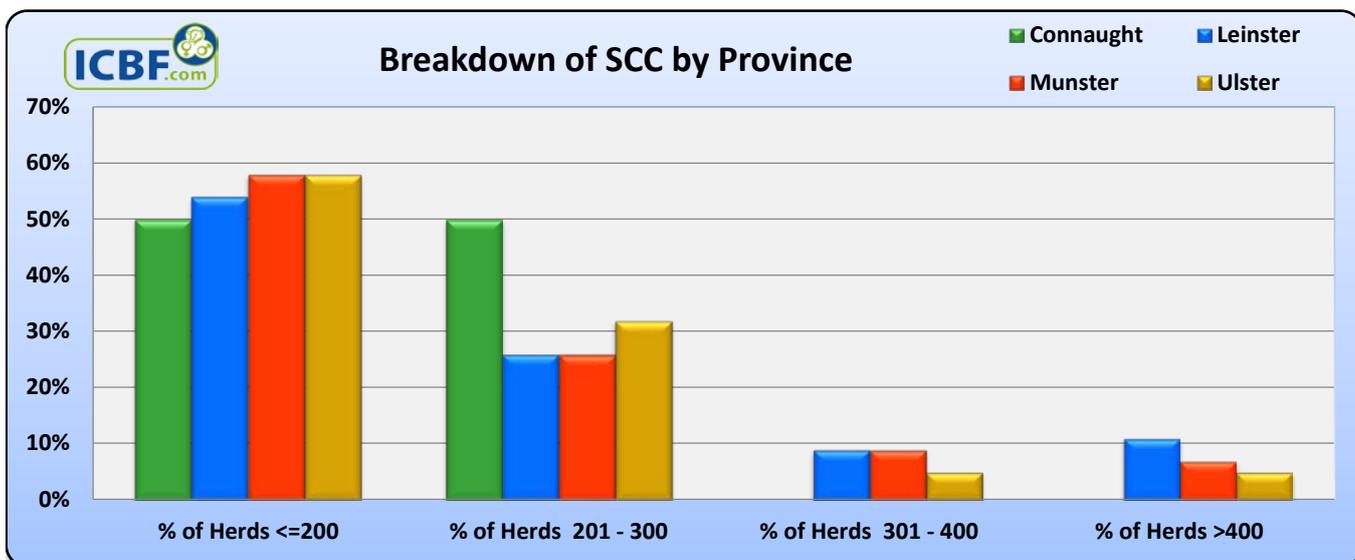
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	8	531	66	30.1	3.80	3.36	2.15	172
Leinster	102	9,985	98	27.5	3.81	3.41	1.98	176
Munster	427	37,040	87	27.5	3.80	3.40	1.98	175
Ulster	19	982	52	26.3	3.79	3.37	1.88	163
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>48,538</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>3.80</b>	<b>3.40</b>	<b>1.98</b>	<b>174</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 27-APR-2016 To 06-MAY-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	8	531	66	50%	50%	0%	0%	172
Leinster	102	9,985	98	54%	26%	9%	11%	176
Munster	427	37,040	87	58%	26%	9%	7%	175
Ulster	19	982	52	58%	32%	5%	5%	163
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>48,538</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>174</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 27-APR-2016 To 06-MAY-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	8	531	66	104	179	202	208	249
Leinster	102	9,985	98	98	149	187	217	296
Munster	427	37,040	87	109	152	177	206	281
Ulster	19	982	52	96	142	158	202	291
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>48,538</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>283</b>

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

