

ICBF Weekly Update 6th October 2017

1 Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Date of meeting will be confirmed next week.
- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 23rd November at 2pm, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 16th November at 10:30am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.

2 Irish Grassland Association - Lifetime Merit Award to Dr. Andrew Cromie

Last Friday night, ICBF's Andrew Cromie received the Irish Grassland Association's (IGA) Lifetime Merit award at a special event in Kilkenny.

Andrew began his career with ICBF in 1999, and it was the key role he played in the delivery of on-going innovations which was highlighted on the night. From the introduction of the EBI and the Gene Ireland programme, to the beef Euro-Star Index and Genomics, Andrew has played a leading role in helping to drive profitability in the Dairy and Beef industry.

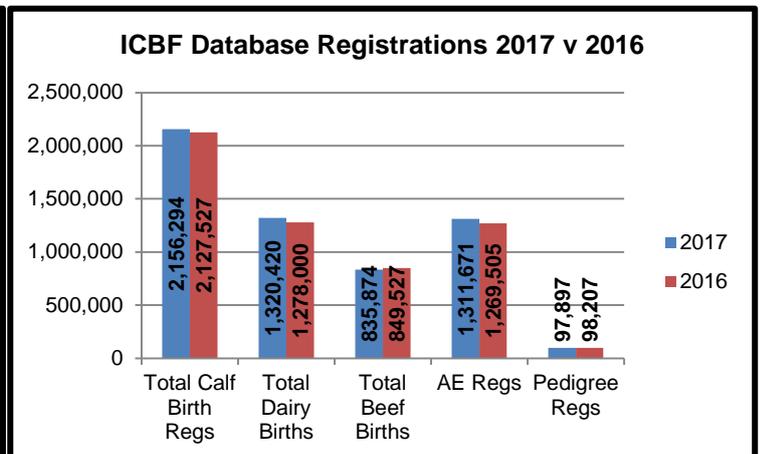
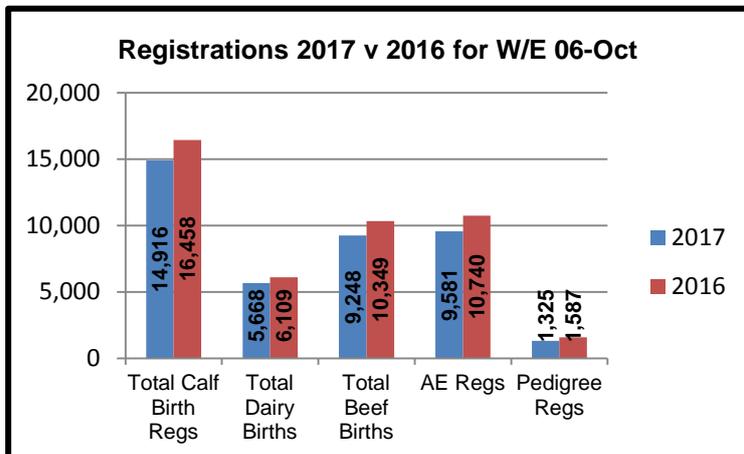
His long career with ICBF and his six year term on the IGA council, including a year as president, has seen many distinguishing highlights of which we can all be proud of.

We look forward to many more years of innovative thinking from Andrew.

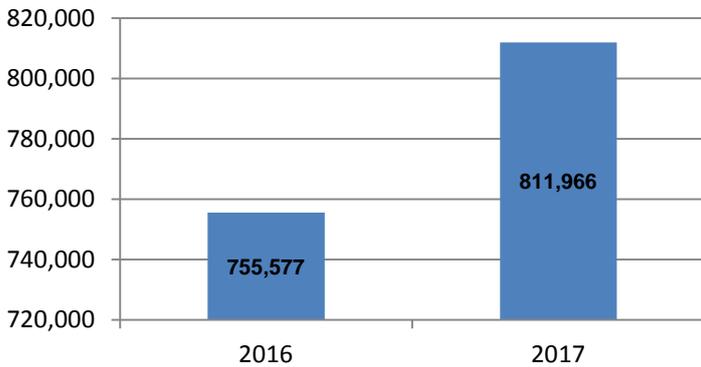


Dr. Andrew Cromie receiving the IGA Lifetime Merit Award from Jan Jensma, President (IGA).

3 Database



AI Handheld Serves 2017 v 2016



- 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 2,219,794 results received since January 1st, of which 15,794 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,750,024 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

4 Herd Plus®

- ICBF are conducting this anonymous survey to gauge your perceptions of disbudding (dehorning) and its impact on your farm. Click [here](#) for more details.



- Sire errors at similar levels on new versus old AI codes. Click [here](#) for more details.



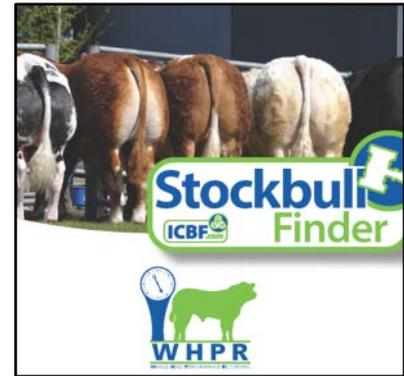
- Scanned your cows recently? You can now record 'Pregnancy Diagnosis' on ICBF.com. This screen is now available on the new platform and it allows users to record 'Pregnancy Diagnosis' for each breeding female in the herd. Click [here](#) for further details.



- Pouring Money Down the Drain? 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. Click [here](#) for further details.



- The 'Stockbull Finder' is the new online Bull Sales section on the ICBF website. Only bulls from WHPR herds that have been weighed and scored will be included. Click [here](#) for more details.



5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 06/10/17						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 06/10/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 06/10/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 06/10/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 06/10/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3859	1272	33%	391935	141136	36%
Progressive	2336	989	42%	268140	114865	43%
Tipperary	112	51	46%	11664	5283	45%
Total	6,307	2,312	37%	671,739	261,284	39%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 06/10/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 06/10/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	360994	391935	8.6%
Progressive	251561	268140	6.6%
Tipperary	11160	11664	4.5%
Total	623,715	671,739	7.7%

6 Sheep Ireland

CPT AI

- This week our CPT AI preparation continues. As of today 1,700 ewes out of the total 2,300 CPT ewes have been sponged. These sponges will be removed from ewes 12 days after insertion. This will synchronise oestrus for our CPT AI on day 14. This breeding plan takes a huge amount of planning for each flock, but so far things have progressed very well, thanks in no small part to the cooperation of participating farmers.
- This week we have also been busy training our CPT rams to provide semen for AI. In order to facilitate efficient fresh semen AI each day on farm, it is critical that all rams are adequately trained and familiar with providing semen. So far all rams have taken well to training and semen quality has been extremely good.



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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 27-SEP-2017 To 06-OCT-2017

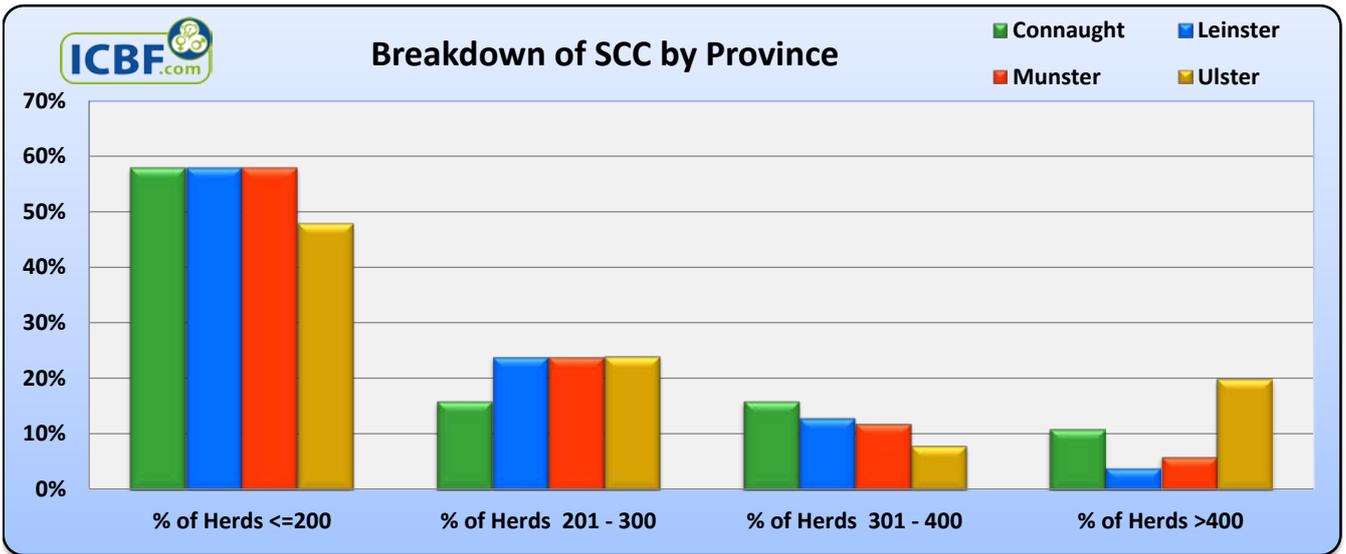
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	19	1,389	73	16.7	4.43	3.78	1.37	186
Leinster	139	14,387	104	18.5	4.35	3.84	1.49	184
Munster	476	44,310	93	17.6	4.45	3.89	1.46	191
Ulster	25	1,671	67	16.9	4.26	3.68	1.33	229
National Statistics	660	61,842	94	17.7	4.42	3.87	1.46	190

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 27-SEP-2017 To 06-OCT-2017

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	19	1,389	73	58%	16%	16%	11%	186
Leinster	139	14,387	104	58%	24%	13%	4%	184
Munster	476	44,310	93	58%	24%	12%	6%	191
Ulster	25	1,671	67	48%	24%	8%	20%	229
National Statistics	660	61,842	94	57%	24%	12%	7%	190

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 27-SEP-2017 To 06-OCT-2017

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	19	1,389	73	107	142	176	213	338
Leinster	139	14,387	104	123	161	186	208	282
Munster	476	44,310	93	131	164	181	207	293
Ulster	25	1,671	67	164	188	223	251	393
National Statistics	660	61,842	94	128	164	184	209	295

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

