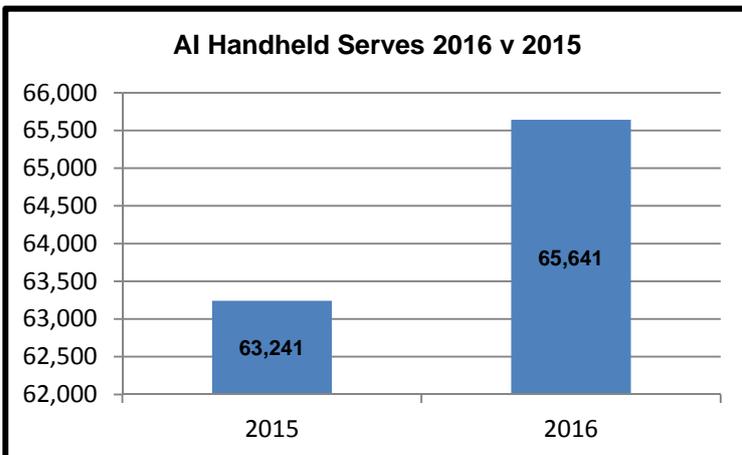
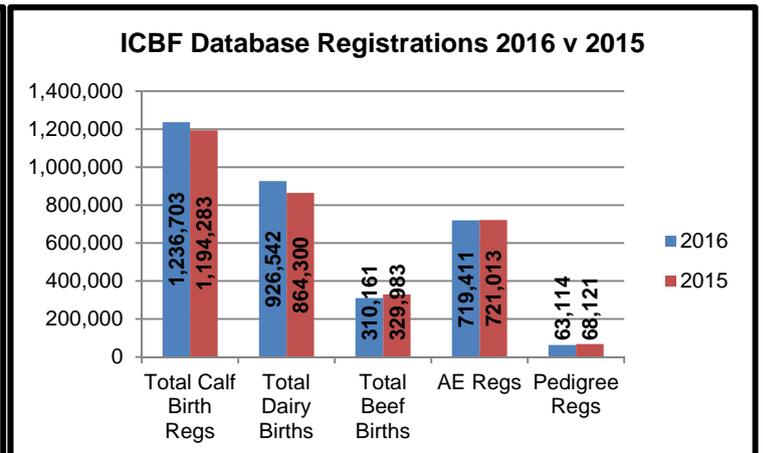
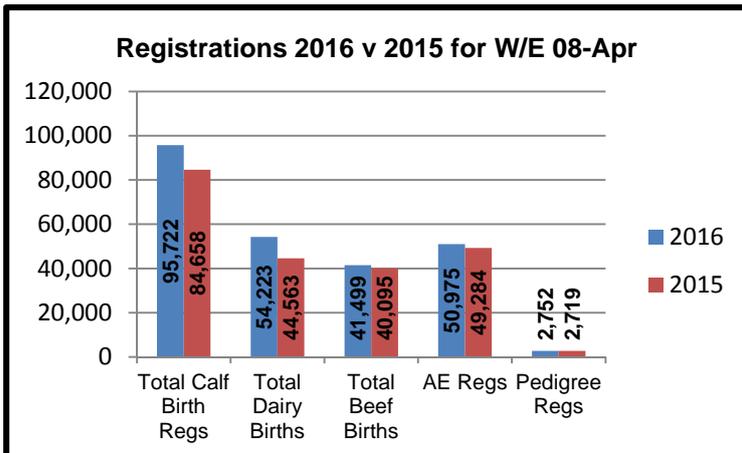


## ICBF Weekly Update 8th April 2016

### 1 Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 10:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise,
- ✚ **ICBF AGM Meeting** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 12:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland AGM Meeting** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 14:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise
- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 15:00, 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 1,264,357 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 125,311 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 8.59. million results have now been received.
- ✚ The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2016 compared with 2015.

### 3 ICBF Planned Downtime Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April

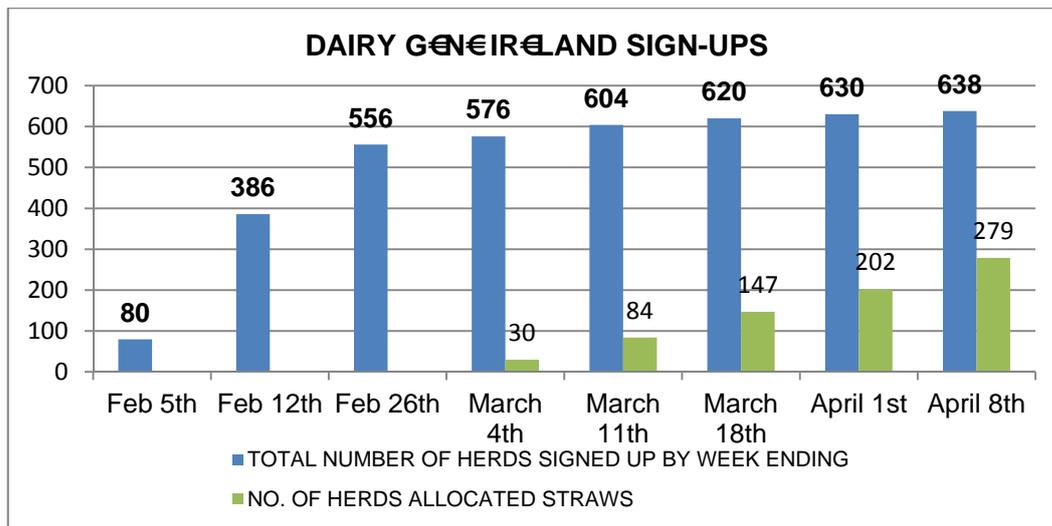
- ✚ The ICBF website will be down for maintenance this Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April from approximately 10am to 2pm for essential repairs. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.

### 4 GENÉIRELAND<sup>®</sup> Dairy

#### BREED PACKS AND AVERAGE EBIS

- Holstein-Friesian: €374
- Pure Friesian : €269
- Multi Breed: €290

- The **Multi Breed** pack includes Jersey (and Jersey Cross bulls), together with Holstein-Friesian bulls for comparative purposes.
- 638 herds are signed up to date, taking a total of 25,880 straws.
- Allocations are ongoing for the next number of weeks dependent on semen availability.
- Participants will receive inbreeding reports and details of bulls allocated.
- Orders can still be taken for the Multi Breed and Pure Friesian packs.



## 5 GENEIRELAND® Beef

- Sign Ups are continuing for the Gene Ireland Beef programme.
- 331 herds taking a total of 4200 straws have joined so far.
- The average order is 13 straws per herd.
- The catalogue is available to view at the link below.

[https://issuu.com/herdplus/docs/2016\\_spring\\_brochure](https://issuu.com/herdplus/docs/2016_spring_brochure)

- To learn more or to order straws please phone **023 8820452**.
- Approximate total straws ordered to date for the remaining bulls are detailed in table above.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Straws Ordered
AA2063	Mogeely Evitas	AA	485
CH2154	Polar Joe 2	CH	220
CH2221	Jarret	CH	260
HE2148	Ballyaville Hamlet	HE	455
LM2242	Edakya	LM	320
ZKY	Kyle Herd Ivan	PT	450
PI2157	Kilree Leo	PI	145
ZBZ	Breffni Muzz	SA	355
SH2181	Coolvin Dominator	SH	90
ETP	Curaheen Evolution P	SI	470

## 6 Herd Plus®

- HerdPlus Dairy Breeding charts are currently being printed and will all have arrived on farm by next week.
- ICBF Spring 2016 Dairy Breeding brochure is now available to view – Click the link below to view.  
[https://issuu.com/herdplus/docs/spring\\_dairy\\_active\\_bull\\_list\\_2016](https://issuu.com/herdplus/docs/spring_dairy_active_bull_list_2016)
- 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.

- Please remember to run HerdPlus Dairy Sire Advice in order to have Bulls allocated to your Cows on your AI technician's handheld.

## 7 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 08/04/16						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 08/04/16	No. EDIY Herds YTD 08/04/16	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 08/04/16	No. EDIY Cows YTD 08/04/16	% Cows EDIY
Munster	2,279	464	20%	172,397	39,834	23%
Progressive	1,420	392	28%	119,780	33,305	28%
Tipperary	38	10	26%	2,770	637	23%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,737</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>294,947</b>	<b>73,776</b>	<b>25%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15- 08/04/15	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16- 08/04/16	2016 vs 2015 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	164,481	172,397	4.8%
Progressive	118,628	119,780	1.0%
Tipperary	2,786	2,770	-0.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>285,895</b>	<b>294,947</b>	<b>3.2%</b>

## 8 Sheep Ireland

### LambPlus Ram Sale Reminder

- The date for the LambPlus multibreed ram sale is set for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August in Tullamore mart, Co. Offaly. This sale has been a very successful one for performance recording breeders in recent years and hopefully 2016 will be no different.

### Data Recording Reminders

- LambPlus breeders are reminded to continue recording the necessary weights for their lambs. The 40 day weight can be collected from lambs from 20 to 60 days of age. After this point the weight falls into the next weight bracket which we call 'Weaning Weight or 100 Day Weight'. Lambs do not need to be weaned to collect this weaning weight. The weaning weight is any weight collected by a breeder from lambs aged between 60 and 120 days. Some breeders choose to record multiple weights for their lambs and this is absolutely fine. The evaluation however will use the weight closest to our target lamb age – 40 days for the 40 day weight and 100 days for the weaning/100 day weight.

### First Genetic Evaluation Run

- For the past number of weeks Sheep Ireland have been running test genetic evaluation runs for 2016. The deadline for the entry of 2016 lambing data in the last day of April, so until this deadline passes, we will not be publishing an evaluation on our website. In terms of data entry the number of lambs entered on the database is running 30% ahead of where we were at this point last year. This is a major improvement on data recording and will bode well for breeders Data Quality Index (DQI).

## Upcoming Meeting with Breed Society Representatives

- ✚ The last meeting between Sheep Ireland and breed society representatives took place on 15<sup>th</sup> December. It is now time to meet again and all breed society representatives will be contacted in the next few days with details of this meeting which will take place before the end of the month. Should any LambPlus breeder have any issue they would like raised at this meeting, please make contact with the secretary or chairperson of your relevant breed society and they can bring forward the issue for discussion at the meeting. These biannual meetings are proving to be extremely useful and are helping to facility progress on a number of fronts.

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## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 30-MAR-2016 To 08-APR-2016

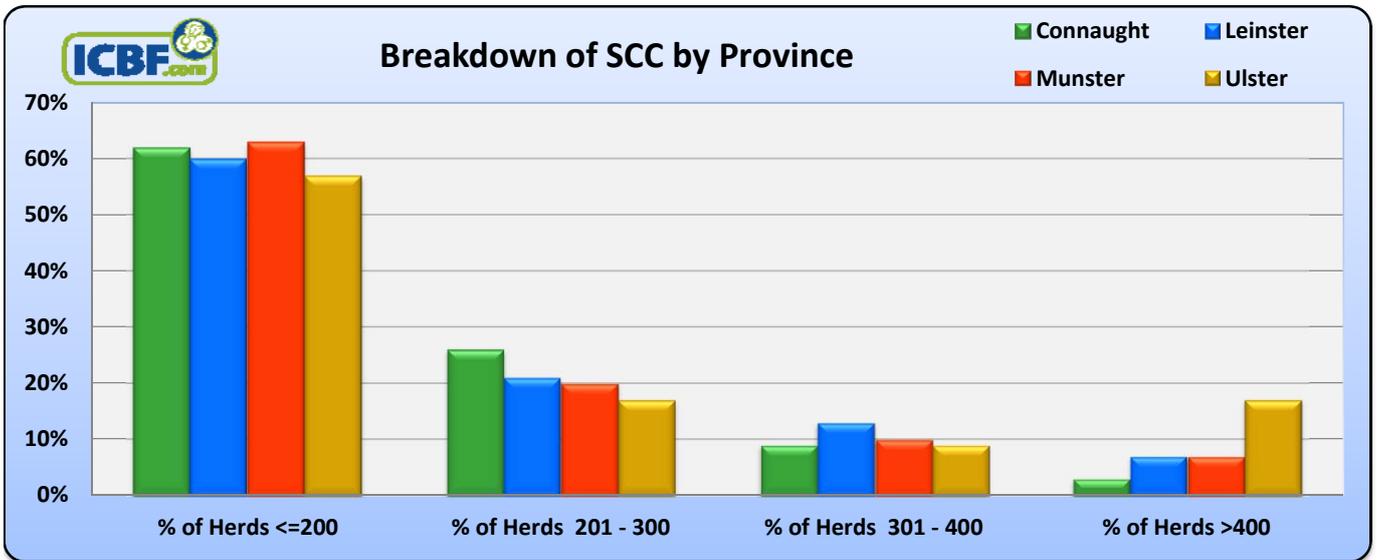
ICBF	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	34	2,088	61	25.3	4.06	3.22	1.84	163
Leinster	120	10,767	90	26.6	4.03	3.29	1.95	167
Munster	449	35,833	80	26.3	4.02	3.25	1.91	168
Ulster	23	1,516	66	26.9	3.83	3.24	1.89	172
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>50,204</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>4.01</b>	<b>3.26</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>168</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 30-MAR-2016 To 08-APR-2016

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	34	2,088	61	62%	26%	9%	3%	163
Leinster	120	10,767	90	60%	21%	13%	7%	167
Munster	449	35,833	80	63%	20%	10%	7%	168
Ulster	23	1,516	66	57%	17%	9%	17%	172
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>50,204</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>168</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



## % Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 30-MAR-2016 To 08-APR-2016

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	34	2,088	61	95	152	171	190	257
Leinster	120	10,767	90	95	139	163	199	287
Munster	449	35,833	80	105	145	166	191	284
Ulster	23	1,516	66	102	134	185	225	312
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>50,204</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>285</b>

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

