

ICBF Weekly Update 8th November 2013

1 Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 28th November, 14:30 to 18:00, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 28th November, 18:00 to 20:30, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Wednesday 20th November, 14:00 – 16:00, Horse & Jockey Hotel. *(Please note change of date)*

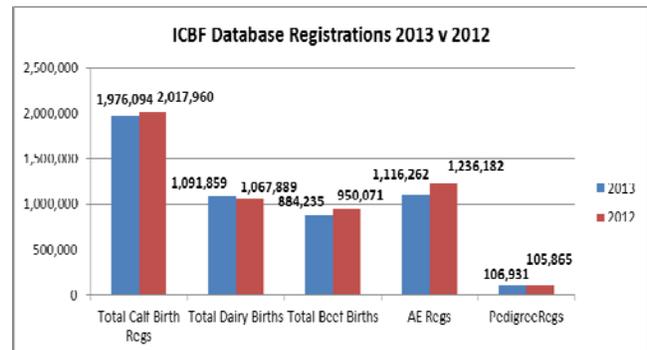
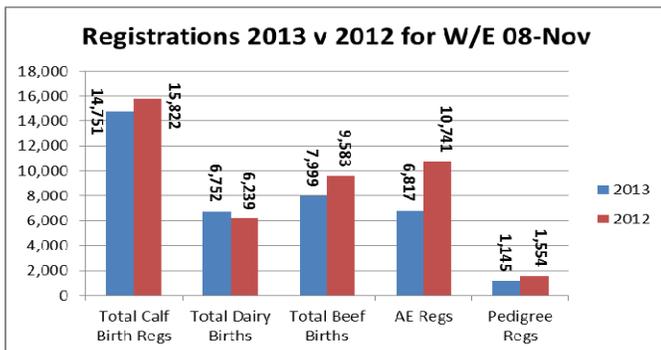
✚ Upcoming Teagasc/ICBF/AHI Suckler Information Events - 11th & 12th November

- **Monday 11th November**, Ennis Mart, Clare at 7pm
- **Tuesday 12th November**, Ballybay Mart, Monaghan at 7pm

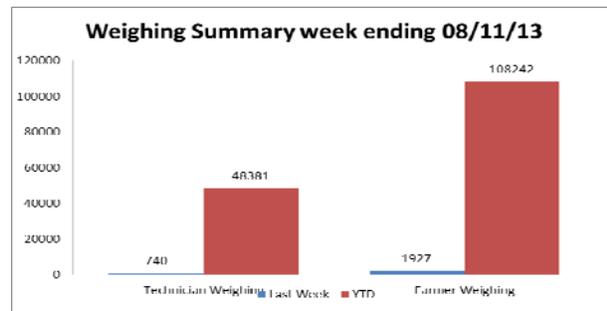
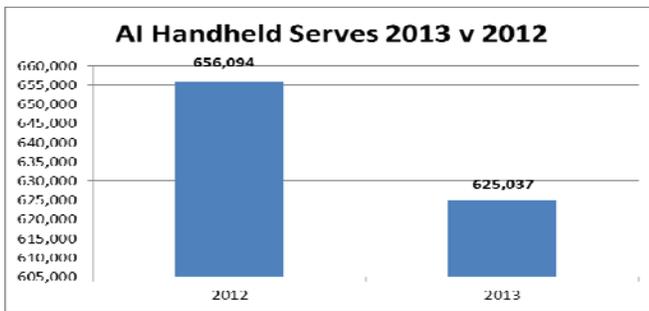
✚ Upcoming Regional Meetings being held by Sheep Ireland 11th - 18th November

- **Monday 11th November**, Hibernian Hotel, Mallow at 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 13th November**, ArdRi Hotel, Tuam at 7.30pm
- **Thursday 14th November**, Ardboyne Hotel, Navan at 7.30pm
- **Monday 18th November**, Jacksons Hotel, Ballybofey at 7.30pm

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 667,373 with the number of animals weaned at 623,895.
- ✚ BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. There have been 2,070,000 results received since January 1st, of which 17,500 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 2.56 million results have now been received.
- ✚ The graph below shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2013 compared with 2012.
- ✚ This week there were 740 weights received through the technician service and 1927 weights recorded by farmers.
- ✚ The graph below shows the week and year to date totals.



3 Genetic Evaluations

✚ Extracts are currently underway for the next routine evaluation. The following is the schedule for the next run:

19 November 2013 Interbull Submission Date
03 December 2013 Interbull Release Date
10 December 2013 Official Publication Date

✚ Further refinements to the test-day model evaluations are on-going. It is anticipated that any new changes will be submitted to the Interbull test run in January.

4 GENEIRELAND® Dairy

✚ 80 herds are currently signed up to the autumn programme taking 2685 straws in total, 537 straws per bull to date.

✚ Straws have been dispatched to 35 herds. Each of the bulls has 700 straws available in Munster AI for the programme.

✚ The panel below consists of the bulls with an average EBI €256.00.

✚ To learn more or to sign up please phone **1850 600 900**.

AI CODE	Name of Bull	STATUS	HO%	SIRE	EBI €	Milk	Fert	Calv	Beef	Maint	Mgmt	Hlth	Milk_kg	O TYPE	O MAM	O FL
KSB	KISS BOWSIDA	PED	100	S1015	€222	€62	€128	€32	€3	-€5	-€2	€5	193	1.46	0.98	1.41
SSJ	SPRINGHAVEN EVEREST	PED	78	LHZ	€265	€87	€137	€28	-€18	€29	€6	-€2	355	-2.09	-2.48	-2.29
WWF	(IG) WATERWHEEL FIRE	PED	91	LLK	€227	€104	€93	€30	-€12	€7	€0	€5	386	-0.50	-0.67	-0.48
WWT	(IG) WATERWHEEL TAURUS	PED	88	DSU	€301	€72	€185	€28	-€8	€19	€3	€2	96	-1.13	-0.90	-0.74
YJB	(IG) MINAUNS JUST BOY	PED	78	SJI	€266	€69	€158	€46	-€11	€8	€0	-€4	106	0.56	0.83	0.65
AVERAGE					€256	€79	€140	€33	-€9	€12	€1	€1	€227			

5 Herd Plus®

✚ The remaining two of the five Teagasc/ICBF/AHI suckler information events will take place early next week. Monday 11th in Ennis Mart, Clare and Tuesday 12th in Ballybay Mart, Monaghan. All meetings have a 7.00pm start.

✚ Topics to be covered include:

- **ICBF** – *New beef Euro-Star Index and latest breeding developments.*
- **Teagasc** – *Management of the suckler heifer to calve at 24 months.*
- **AHI** – *Colostrum Management, IBR & Parasites.*

✚ For more information go to www.icbf.com

- ✚ The deadline has now passed for farmers to input serve and scanning data for the inclusion of expected calving dates in the pocket notebooks.
- ✚ This data can still be recorded online, but will not be included in the pocket notebooks.
- ✚ Farmers can request notebooks by contacting HerdPlus on **1850 600 900**.
- ✚ Final fertility reports can also be generated by the farmer once this data has been entered.
- ✚ Co-Op performance reports have all been packed and posted.
- ✚ Any farmers that are participating in the DPD scheme can now record sires and calving ease scores on the ICBF website.
- ✚ The deadline for this scheme has been extended to the 15th November.

6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 08/11/13						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 08/11/13	No. EDIY Herds YTD 08/11/13	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 08/11/13	No. EDIY Cows YTD 08/11/13	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,683	1,068	29%	312,206	98,306	31%
Progressive	2,455	1,009	41%	235,788	98,801	42%
Tipperary	114	41	36%	10,134	3,871	38%
Total	6,252	2,118	34%	558,128	200,978	36%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2012 Cows Recorded 01/01/12 - 08/11/12	YTD 2013 Cows Recorded 01/01/13 - 08/11/13	2013 vs. 2012 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	307,100	312,206	1.6%
Progressive	227,353	235,788	3.6%
Tipperary	10,292	10,134	-1.6%
Total	544,745	558,128	2.4%

Please see milk recording stats attached.

7 Sheep Ireland

- ✚ Last weekend Sheep Ireland were in attendance at the NSA Sheep Breeders roundtable event in the UK. This was a great event which gave us an in depth insight into our neighbours sheep industry. The title of the conference was 'Transforming data into profit' and the content could not have been more relevant to our sheep breed improvement programme. A full list of the presentations are available for viewing on the NSA website - www.nationalsheep.org.uk under the 'SBRT' tab. There was some extremely interesting presentations delivered, especially in regard to the future plans for sheep breed improvement in the UK. Genomics is a topic which is also coming into focus similar to here. It is clear that we need to begin planning for the future use of this technology immediately. This will be a topic that we will discuss in length at all of our regional LambPlus meetings.
- ✚ Our first regional LambPlus meeting took place last night (Thursday 7th) in the Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny. The meeting was very well attended and discussion was lively. Our intention to move our current Overall Sheep

Index to a split Index of Terminal and Replacement was the main focus of the discussion that took place. It is clear that we need to invest time with participating breeders to explain the weightings that are currently put on the various traits that are included in our new Indexes. Traits that generated most debate last night were carcass fat, carcass confirmation and ewe mature weight.

- ✚ The majority of breeders present at last night's meeting were Terminal sire breeders and the size of sheep they produce is critical to ensuring they have a saleable animal when it comes to ram sale season. Large ewes will breed large offspring and there is a worry that these animals will get overly penalised in our 'Replacement' Index. The reality is however, that larger ewes carry a higher annual maintenance cost than small ewes and this needs to be reflected in any 'Replacement' Index we produce. Striking the right balance between penalising mature weight and rewarding excellent growth rate is something which we are very conscious of and this was one of our main motivations in splitting the Overall Sheep Value Index. It will be a trait which we will monitor on an on-going basis. Our plans to collect more and more ewe mature weights from our performance recording breeders will undoubtedly help hugely in this regard.
- ✚ There are three meetings scheduled for next week – Monday in Mallow, Wednesday in Tuam and Thursday in Navan. All meetings have a 7.30pm start.

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 30-OCT-2013 To 08-NOV-2013

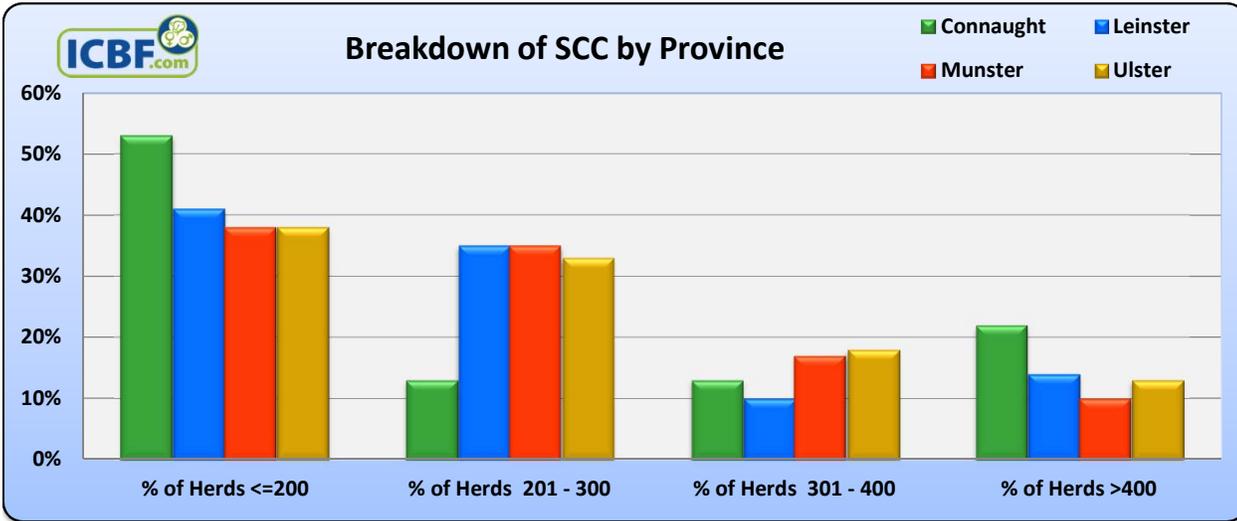
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	32	1,830	57	16.7	4.34	3.78	1.35	241
Leinster	124	10,222	82	16.5	4.37	3.77	1.32	220
Munster	332	25,084	76	14.1	4.54	3.93	1.18	230
Ulster	40	2,943	74	17.6	4.20	3.61	1.37	235
National Statistics	528	40,079	76	15.1	4.46	3.86	1.24	229

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 30-OCT-2013 To 08-NOV-2013

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	32	1,830	57	53%	13%	13%	22%	241
Leinster	124	10,222	82	41%	35%	10%	14%	220
Munster	332	25,084	76	38%	35%	17%	10%	230
Ulster	40	2,943	74	38%	33%	18%	13%	235
National Statistics	528	40,079	76	39%	33%	16%	12%	229

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 30-OCT-2013 To 08-NOV-2013								
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	32	1,830	57	145	167	186	272	402
Leinster	124	10,222	82	152	199	228	262	325
Munster	332	25,084	76	159	208	232	256	328
Ulster	40	2,943	74	154	206	235	255	350
National Statistics	528	40,079	76	154	202	231	258	331

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

