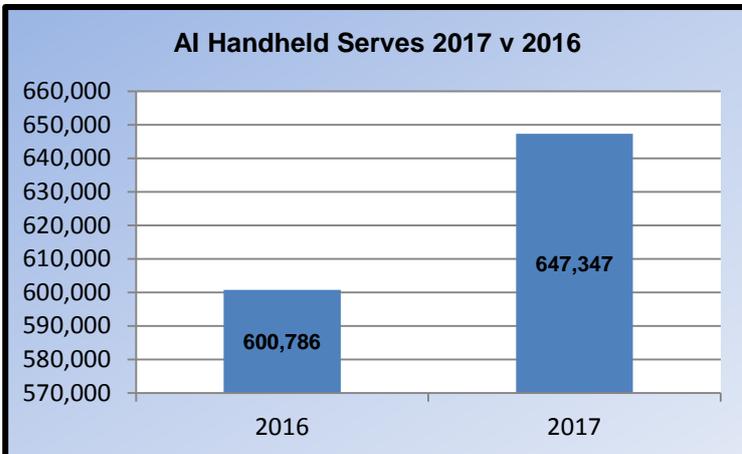
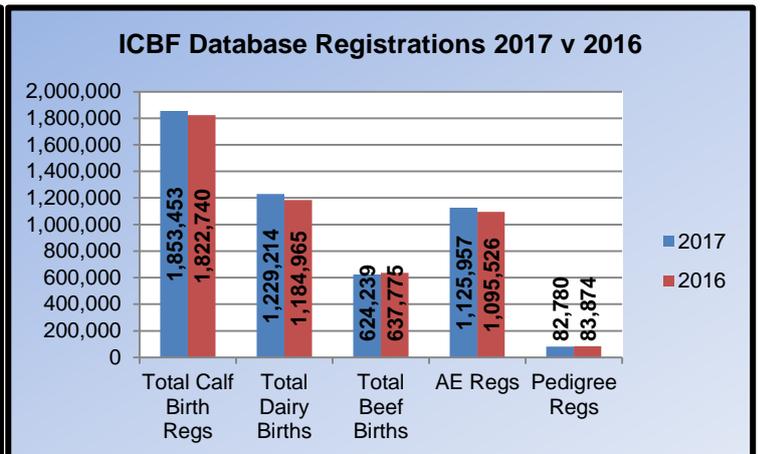
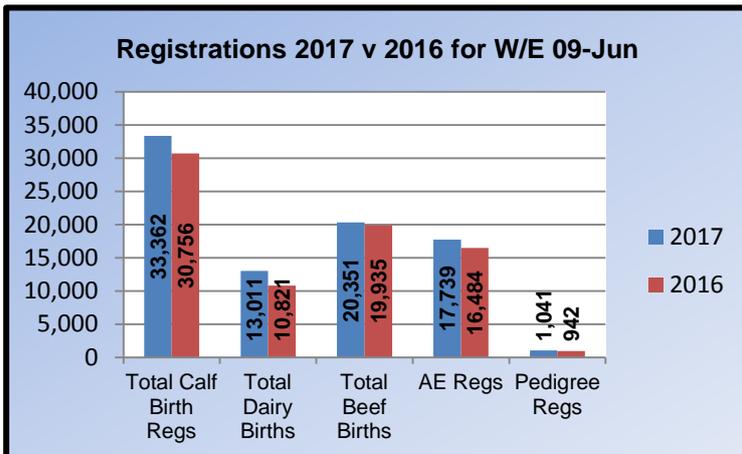


ICBF Weekly Update 9th June 2017

1 Important Dates

- + **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 22nd June 2017 at 10:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- + **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 22nd June 2017 at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- + **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 22nd June 2017 at 14:00, 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 1,886,359 results received since January 1st, of which 32,543 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,416,601 results have now been received.
- + The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

3 Herd Plus®

+ The first young bulls of 2017 were slaughtered over the last 10 days at Slaney Foods International, Bunclody, Co. Wexford. Click [here](#) for more details.



+ There are currently sixty AI sired heifers on test at the Tully Test Centre. These are the first heifers to ever enter the Tully Gene Ireland Test Centre and they are from a range of 32 AI sires representing 7 breeds. Click [here](#) for more details.



The first calves from the 2016 Gene Ireland beef bulls are currently being born on farms. Here is one of Kyle Herd Ivan (ZKY) progeny. Click [here](#) for further details.



Dairy HerdPlus is a tool that can benefit everyone no matter what your breeding goals are. Click [here](#) for more details.



We currently have a vacancy for an Administration & Accounts Assistant. Click [here](#) for more details.



4 GENE IRELAND® Beef

- Sign-ups are continuing for the GI beef programme.
- 321 herds taking a total of 4550 straws have joined so far.
- The average order is 14 straws per herd.
- Details on the bulls available can be viewed on the ICBF website.
- To learn more or to order straws please telephone **023-8820452**.
- Approximate total straws ordered to date for the bulls are detailed above.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Replacement Index	Across Breed Stars	Total Straws Ordered
AU4214	Johnstown Keith	AU	€174	5	130
SI4250	Lis na Ri Gucci	SI	€156	5	90
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	€136	5	300
SI2367	Barnattin George 2	SI	€130	5	425
AA4089	Intelagri Matteo ET	AA	€122	5	165
SH4209	Stoneyroyd Halcyon Matrix P	SH	€112	5	150
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	€110	5	365
CH4090	Jalabert	CH	€102	5	385
CH2363	Dolland Jefferson	CH	€92	4	140
CH4218	Woodhead Meldrew	CH	€91	4	10
LJE	Lislea Hermes	BA	€90	4	325
PT4215	Leacan King	PT	€85	4	25
CH4213	Blanchefield Lester	CH	€83	4	20
PT2356	Macgowan Herd Juno	PT	€82	4	325
CH4216	Knockmahon Lucky	CH	€76	4	25

5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 09/06/17						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 09/06/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 09/06/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 09/06/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 09/06/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,815	1,248	33%	369,494	131,601	36%
Progressive	2,224	913	41%	242,097	100,424	41%
Tipperary	107	45	42%	10,583	4,310	41%
Total	6,146	2,206	36%	622,174	236,335	38%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 09/06/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 09/06/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	335,382	369,494	10.2%
Progressive	226,683	242,097	6.8%
Tipperary	10,356	10,583	2.2%
Total	572,421	622,174	8.7%

6 Sheep Ireland

Next Sheep Ireland Board Meeting

- This next meeting takes place on Thursday 22nd June. All stakeholders in our Sheep Industry are represented on this Board, so anyone with a suggestion or issue to raise should contact their relevant representative. A full list of Board Representatives can be found [here](#) on the Sheep Ireland website.

Ultrasound Scanning (Muscle and BackFat) 2017

- Our scanning technicians have had another busy week. We are currently telephoning all flocks to organise suitable times and dates. As with every year, it is our intention to complete ultrasound scanning for breeds in advance of the preparation of Premier sales catalogues. The first Premier sale will take place in mid-July, which means catalogue preparation for this breed will be required in the coming weeks. As of today (9th June) 70 flocks have been visited for scanning, with another 30 flocks organised for the coming week so far.

CPT Update

- The first draft of 2017 CPT lambs for slaughter took place on the farm of Andrew Moloney this week. A number of other CPT flocks plan to draft their first lambs in the next week/fortnight. These first lambs have performed exceptionally well and entirely from grass based systems. These lambs being drafted are Ultrasound scanned for Backfat and Muscle in advance of slaughter. Carcase information is also captured on each individual lamb. Flock weaning weights (100 day weights) will be collected across all CPT flocks at the end of this month. All ewes and lambs will be weighed, scored for body condition score, dag score, lameness and signs of mastitis.

Genetic Evaluation Update

- We continue to run weekly genetic evaluations. These early genetic evaluations are useful as a guide for breeders, especially to help making decisions on which lambs to slaughter at this early stage of the year, but breeders must remain conscious of the fact that there is still a large volume of commercial and pedigree data yet to be included in genetic evaluation in the coming weeks. This additional data may cause movements in the genetic evaluation for individual lambs.

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 31-MAY-2017 To 09-JUN-2017

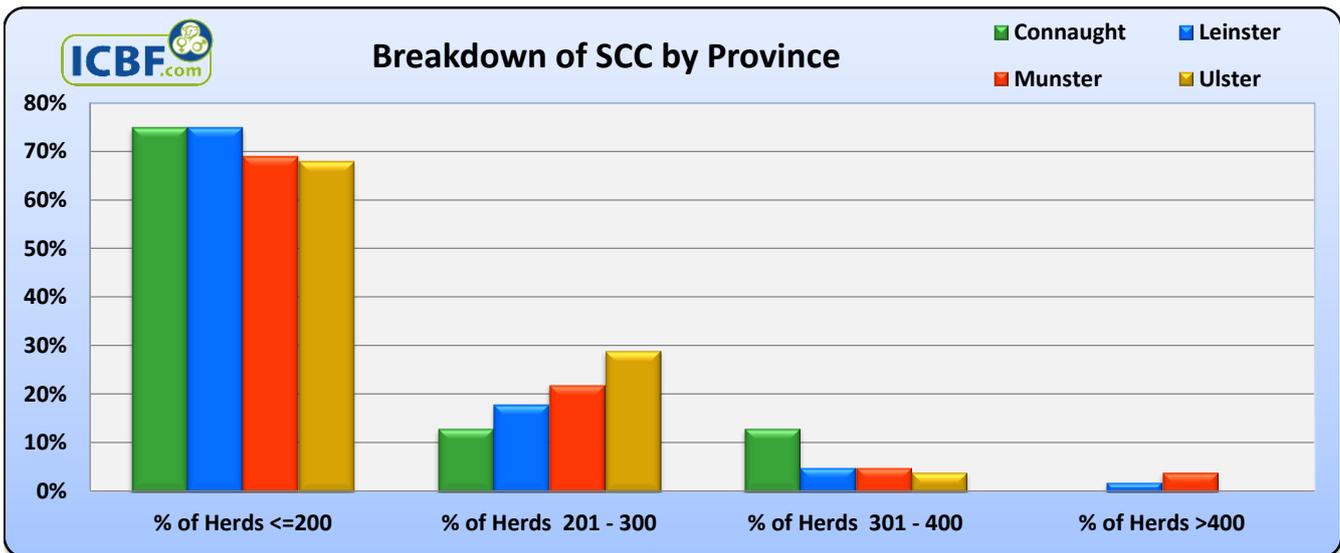
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	24	1,912	80	27.4	3.66	3.33	1.91	136
Leinster	106	11,765	111	26.1	3.79	3.41	1.87	135
Munster	497	48,706	98	27.0	3.81	3.42	1.95	147
Ulster	28	2,053	73	28.5	3.50	3.31	1.94	134
National Statistics	657	64,623	98	26.9	3.79	3.41	1.93	144

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 31-MAY-2017 To 09-JUN-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	24	1,912	80	75%	13%	13%	0%	136
Leinster	106	11,765	111	75%	18%	5%	2%	135
Munster	497	48,706	98	69%	22%	5%	4%	147
Ulster	28	2,053	73	68%	29%	4%	0%	134
National Statistics	657	64,623	98	70%	21%	5%	4%	144

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 31-MAY-2017 To 09-JUN-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	24	1,912	80	79	130	156	170	238
Leinster	106	11,765	111	90	116	133	155	209
Munster	497	48,706	98	89	128	150	175	234
Ulster	28	2,053	73	85	112	140	163	231
National Statistics	657	64,623	98	89	125	148	171	232

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

