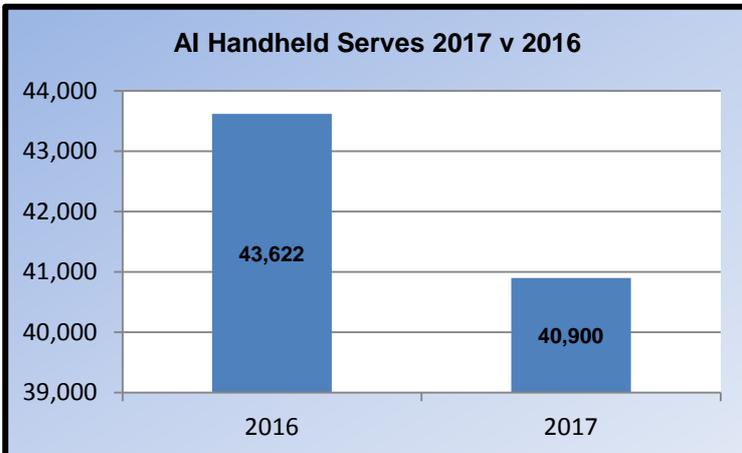
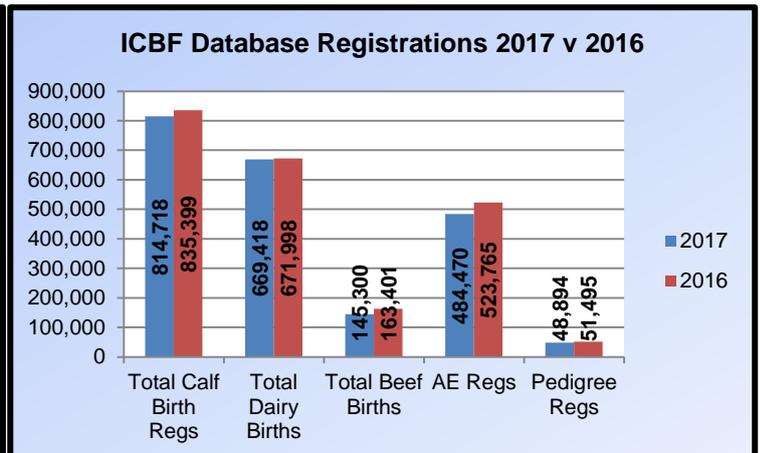
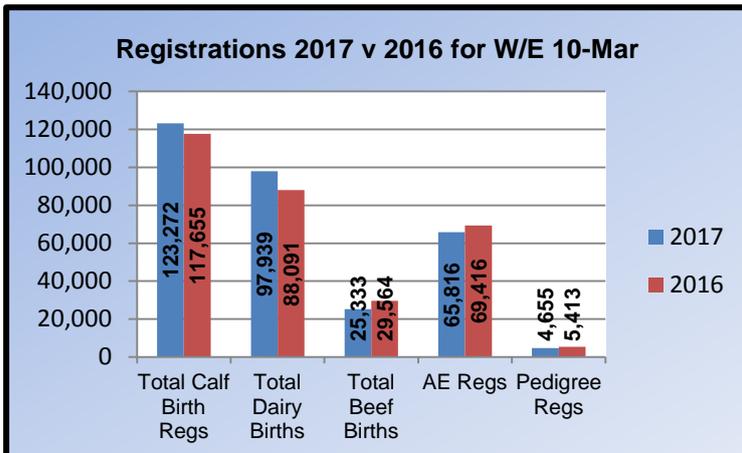


## ICBF Weekly Update 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### 1 Important Dates

- + **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 14:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise. *(Please note change of date)*
- + **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- + **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 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 803,609 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 143,369 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 10,333,854 results have now been received.
- + The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

### 3 Herd Plus®

- + For the Irish dairy farmer the most important piece of performance data that can be collected is milk yield and quality results. 10 benefits of Milk Recording - Click here for more details.



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- + We are now taking orders for the Spring Beef Gene Ireland program 2017. Click [here](#) for more details.

- + The Top 200 herds for EBI have been revealed. The EBI figure of the top herd is now at €186 which is up €4 from the top figure from the January run. Click [here](#) for more details.



✚ How can I breed high EBI replacement heifer calves? Click [here](#) to find out.

✚ The first calves from the Spring 2016 Gene Ireland beef bulls are currently being born on farms. If you have any photos of Gene Ireland progeny that you would like to share with us, please email them to [query@icbf.com](mailto:query@icbf.com)

✚ We are currently printing HerdPlus Suckler cow reports. These will be dispatched to herd-owners early next week.



#### 4 GENE IRELAND® Beef

✚ Sign-ups are continuing for the GI beef programme.

✚ 45 herds taking a total of 760 straws have joined so far.

✚ The average order is 17 straws per herd.

✚ Details on the bulls available can be viewed on the ICBF website.

✚ 2 new bulls (SI4083 and SH4209) have been added to the panel this week.

✚ To learn more or to order straws please telephone **023 8820452**.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Replacement Index	Across Breed Stars	Total Straws Ordered
SH2361	Doon Gladiator	SH	€144	5	360
SH2360	Doon Giorgio	SH	€142	5	480
SI4083	Clonagh Frosty King	SI	€136	5	0
LM4063	Ampertaine lfor	LM	€132	5	275
SI2367	Barnattin George 2	SI	€126	5	295
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	€122	5	185
AA4086	Marianhill L Pappa	AA	€114	5	55
CH4082	Firoda Jason	CH	€112	5	145
SI2362	Dermotstown Gigantasaurus	SI	€105	5	325
HE2359	Arlinstown Special 13th	HE	€105	5	240
SH4209	Stoneyroyd Halcyon Matrix P	SH	€101	5	0
CH4090	Jalabert	CH	€99	5	90
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	€94	5	260
CH2363	Dolland Jefferson	CH	€91	4	95
LJE	Lislea Hermes	BA	€88	4	185
PT2356	Macgowan Herd Juno	PT	€81	4	250
PDR	Dereskit Improver	CH	€76	4	400

✚ Approximate total straws ordered to date for the bulls are detailed in graph.

#### 5 GENE IRELAND® Dairy

✚ The panel consists of 41 Holstein Friesians, 5 Pure Friesians, 6 Jerseys and 7 Crossbreds bulls.

##### BREED PACKS AND AVERAGE EBI'S

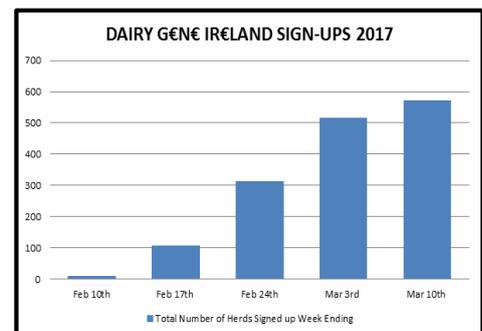
- Holstein-Friesian: €308
- Pure Friesian: €204
- Multi Breed: €190

✚ The Multi Breed pack includes Jersey (and Jersey Cross bulls), together with Holstein-Friesian bulls for comparative purposes.

✚ 573 Herds are signed-up to date, taking a total of 23,015 straws.

✚ Allocations will commence as soon as semen becomes available.

✚ To Learn more or to Order straws please telephone **023 8820452**.



[Click Here for potential Holstein/Friesian bull list](#)

[Click here for potential British Friesian, Jersey and Jersey Cross-bred bull list](#)

[Click Here for Letter and Sign-Up Form](#)

## 6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 10/03/17						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 10/03/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 10/03/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 10/03/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 10/03/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	1,056	98	9%	69,816	8,219	12%
Progressive	862	163	19%	64,916	12,857	20%
Tipperary	9	1	11%	526	63	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>135,258</b>	<b>21,139</b>	<b>16%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16- 10/03/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17- 10/03/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	72,869	69,816	-4.2%
Progressive	70,751	64,916	-8.2%
Tipperary	513	526	2.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>144,133</b>	<b>135,258</b>	<b>-6.2%</b>

## 7 Sheep Ireland

### CPT Lambing has commenced

- All Central Progeny Test flocks have now started their lambing. The intensive data capture is going very well so far. Weather conditions have been favorable enough to allow ewes and new-born lambs outdoors, which is critical to free up individual lambing pens within the sheds. Grass availability across all the flocks is excellent given the extremely mild winter period this year, so once lambs are strong enough to be let outside, ewes should have ample supplies of milk which will help to minimise issues with their lambs.

### Commercial CPT Data critical to the Euro-Star genetic evaluations

- 2017 marks the seventh lambing season for the Sheep Ireland CPT programme. At this point Sheep Ireland have established a deep family tree for all ewes (especially younger breeding animals) within the programme. The short video below shows ewe 13291A from Andrew Maloney's flock in Edenderry. This ewe was born into the CPT in 2013, sired by Texel ram Chessy Spot on (PNI11051). Her performance and that of all her lambs has been recorded by Sheep Ireland since 2013.
- Her two 2017 lambs are sired by a Belclare ram bred by Larry Barrett in Co. Carlow (LB131592). This ram is in the top 1% for the Belclare breed on the Replacement Index with a 71% accuracy. Follow us on Twitter for more regular updates from the farms.

*Freshly tagged CPT lambs on the farm of Andrew Maloney video*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mjo2XuwhQPg>

*Please see some more images from this week's CPT below*



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## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 01-MAR-2017 To 10-MAR-2017

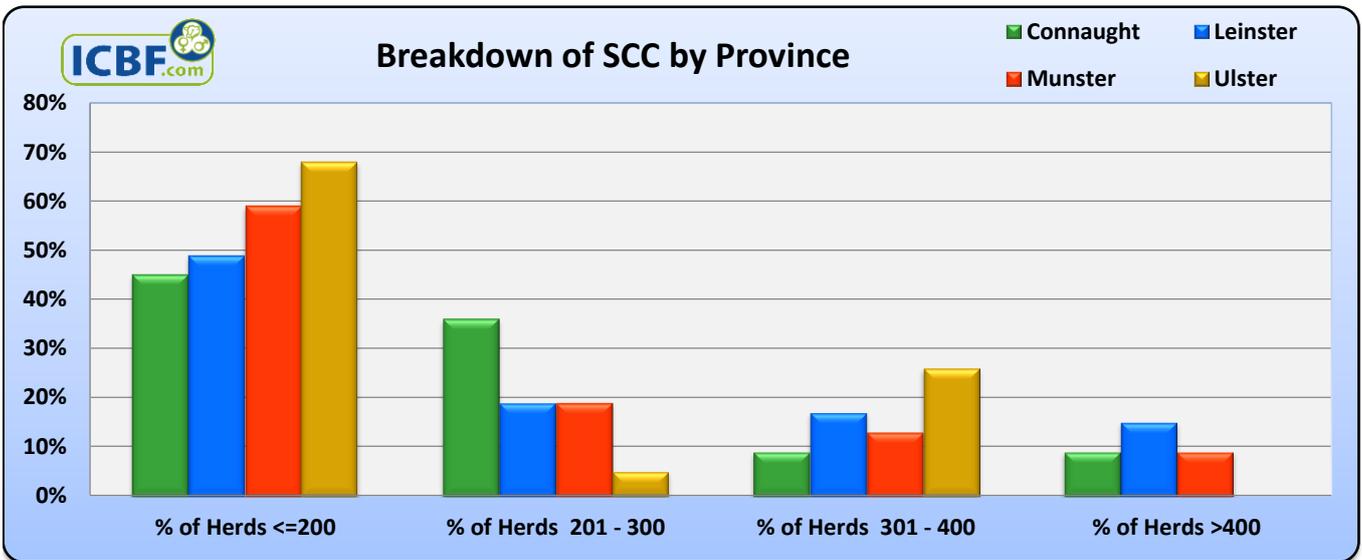
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	11	548	50	23.5	4.21	3.26	1.75	188
Leinster	84	7,580	90	24.0	4.24	3.30	1.80	203
Munster	348	23,548	68	24.9	4.23	3.24	1.86	175
Ulster	19	886	47	23.5	3.85	3.18	1.66	156
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>32,562</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>4.22</b>	<b>3.25</b>	<b>1.84</b>	<b>179</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 01-MAR-2017 To 10-MAR-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	11	548	50	45%	36%	9%	9%	188
Leinster	84	7,580	90	49%	19%	17%	15%	203
Munster	348	23,548	68	59%	19%	13%	9%	175
Ulster	19	886	47	68%	5%	26%	0%	156
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>32,562</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>179</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 01-MAR-2017 To 10-MAR-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	11	548	50	130	169	247	256	281
Leinster	84	7,580	90	111	180	209	236	369
Munster	348	23,548	68	100	151	174	206	316
Ulster	19	886	47	90	144	165	171	301
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>32,562</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>322</b>

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

