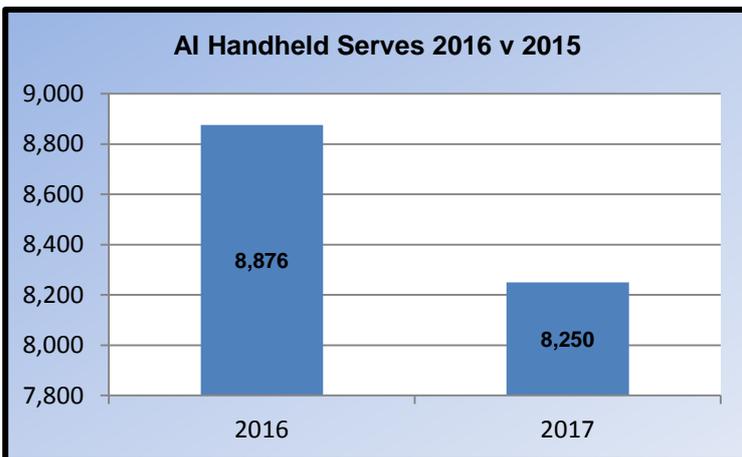
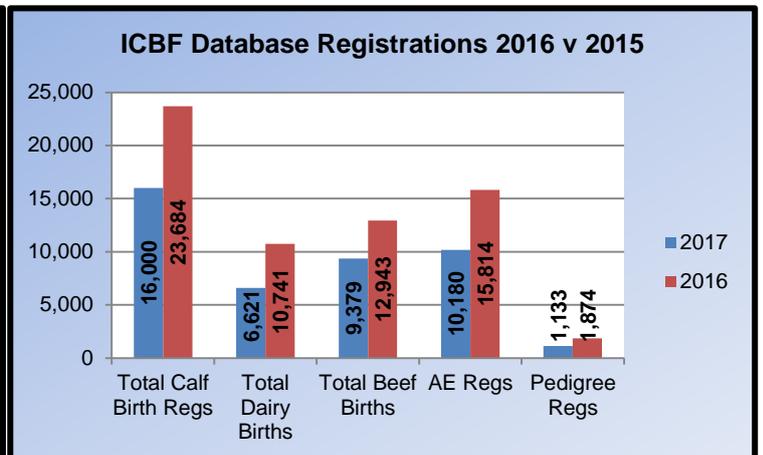
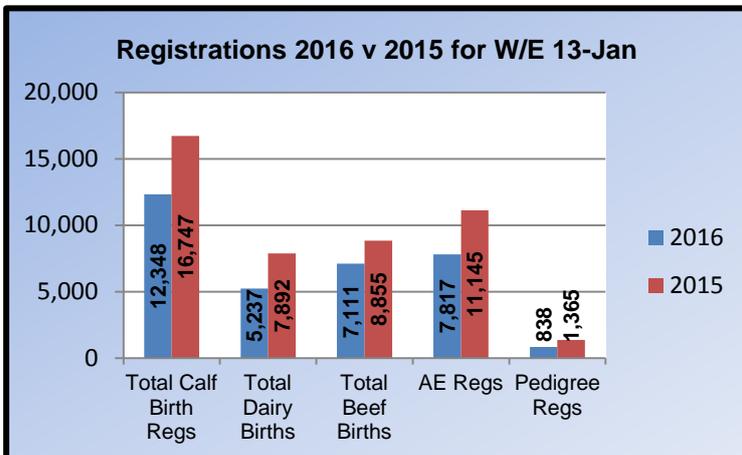


## ICBF Weekly Update 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### 1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Dairy Research Workshop** – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 14.00 – 17.00 Teagasc Moorepark.  
(To give an update/background on the dairy breeding research that is being worked on at present).
- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 14:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Audit & Finance Meeting** – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 09:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise. *(Please note change of date).*
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 11:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise. *(Please note change of date).*

### 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 111,630 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 71,075 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,268,030 results have now been received.
- ✚ The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

### 3 Herd Plus®

- ✚ The latest evaluation figures (Euro-Star and EBI figures) have now been updated and are available to view on every animal in your HerdPlus profiles, Animal Search, Mart Boards, etc. AI bulls have also been updated.
- ✚ We are delighted to introduce our new Animal Search mobile app. This new app will now allow herd-owners quick access to the ICBF Animal Search through this new mobile app. The Animal Search allows ICBF users to search for males and females in HerdPlus/BDGP herds.

- The 2015 most popular beef AI sires that were used in suckler herds have now been revealed. These lists see a Limousin bull HCA (Hauteclair) come to the top siring a total of 9,763 calves in suckler herds 2015. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Please ensure that you record dry off dates when you have dried off your cows. Here at ICBF we don't know the difference between a Dry Cow and a cow that you plan to milk through the winter! That's why you need to tell us. Farmers that don't record dry offs do not receive an accurate Annual Report for their herd or valid lactations for their animals that they have paid for.
- Herd-owners 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. Alternatively when logged into HerdPlus, herd-owners can make orders online by selecting 'Services' – 'Genomic Services' – 'Place Order'

#### 4 GENE IRELAND® Beef

- Sign Ups are continuing for the Gene Ireland Beef programme.
- 189 herds taking a total of 2615 straws have joined so far.
- The average order is 14 straws per herd.
- Details on the bulls can be viewed [here](#)
- To learn more or to order straws please phone **023 8820452**.
- Approximate total straws ordered to date for the bulls are detailed in graph.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Replacement Index	Straws Ordered
PI2157	Kilree Leo	PI	€128	495
SH2360	Doon Giorgio	SH	€123	415
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	€120	185
HE2359	Arlinstown Special 13th	HE	€113	210
AA4086	Marianhill L Papa	AA	€107	25
CH4082	Firoda Jason	CH	€106	10
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	€102	235
PT2356	Macgowan Herd Juno	PT	€98	240
CH4068	Glenville Jasper	CH	€93	480
CH2363	Dolland Jefferson	CH	€93	355
SI2367	Barnattin George 2	SI	€92	240

#### 5 Sheep Ireland

##### Sheep Ireland Board Meeting Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January

- The next meeting of the Sheep Ireland Board takes place next week. As usual we encourage anyone with queries, suggestions or issues to contact the relevant Board member that represents your interests in advance of the meeting. A full list of Board members can be found on the Sheep Ireland website or by clicking [here](#). In next week's update we will detail the topics discussed at the meeting.

##### Events for the Calendar

- The annual Teagasc sheep conferences are coming up soon. There will be three conferences in total, with one concentrating on the hill sheep sector. View the latest Teagasc sheep newsletter [here](#) for full details on the events. These conferences are a must for all sheep farmers.

##### Preparation for CPT Lambing 2017

- The lead in to CPT lambing has already begun and the biggest challenge each year is locating an adequate amount of labour to help with this intense period of lambing. Using AI helps to condense the lambing period and essentially eliminate the effects that things like climate can have on lamb performance in early

life. When lambs are all born in a tight window, they are exposed to the same conditions, which greatly aids our ability to evaluate and compare their performance fairly.

### Lambing Experience Available

- ✚ Each year a number of students join us for the CPT lambing window to gain experience and none have been disappointed to date. With up to 100 ewes lambing down in a single 24 hour period on individual farms, there is certainly plenty of action and a huge amount of learning is condensed into a very short period. Of course there is also a lot of data recording to do and these skills are extremely useful too, especially for anyone hoping to pursue a career in the livestock industry, as data recording continues to become an integral part of the Irish agri industry.
- ✚ Anyone interested in gaining some experience can contact us on **1850 601 901** or by email at [query@sheep.ie](mailto:query@sheep.ie). The lambing period across our 5 CPT flocks takes place for the duration of March.



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## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 04-JAN-2017 To 13-JAN-2017

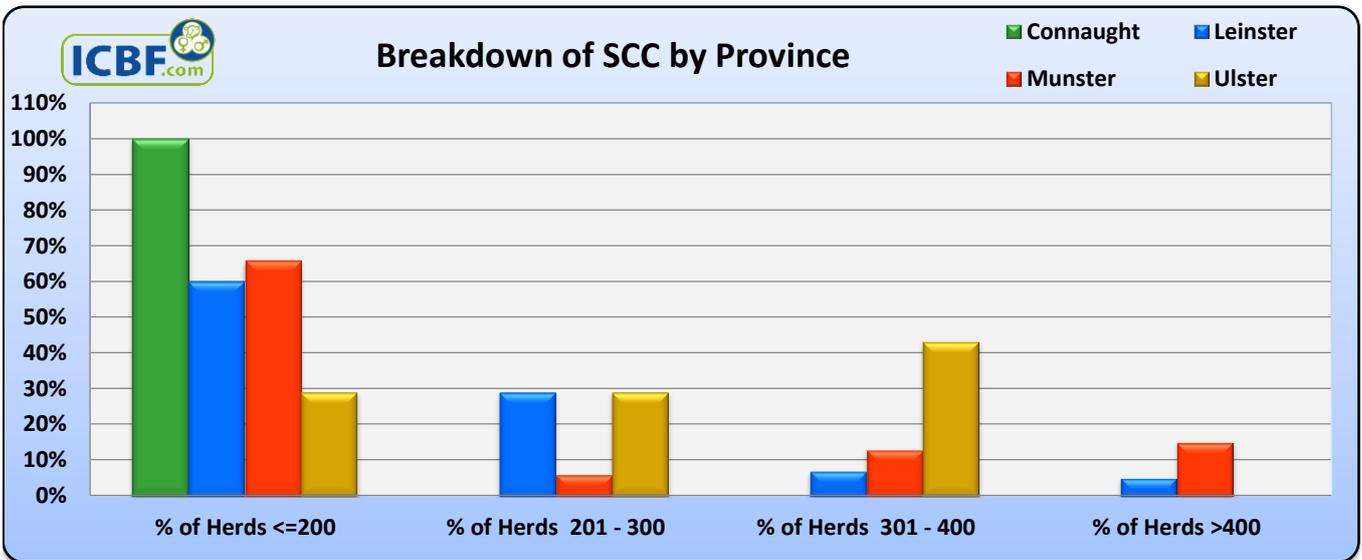
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	1	42	42	28.4	3.80	3.38	2.04	107
Leinster	42	2,816	67	21.6	4.19	3.42	1.63	155
Munster	47	2,692	57	22.9	4.16	3.37	1.71	167
Ulster	7	435	62	22.3	3.93	3.27	1.61	224
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>5,985</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>4.15</b>	<b>3.38</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<b>164</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 04-JAN-2017 To 13-JAN-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	1	42	42	100%	0%	0%	0%	107
Leinster	42	2,816	67	60%	29%	7%	5%	155
Munster	47	2,692	57	66%	6%	13%	15%	167
Ulster	7	435	62	29%	29%	43%	0%	224
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>5,985</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>164</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



## % Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 04-JAN-2017 To 13-JAN-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	1	42	42	107	107	107	107	107
Leinster	42	2,816	67	94	140	154	201	265
Munster	47	2,692	57	87	128	154	167	372
Ulster	7	435	62	157	230	240	296	359
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>5,985</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>318</b>

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

