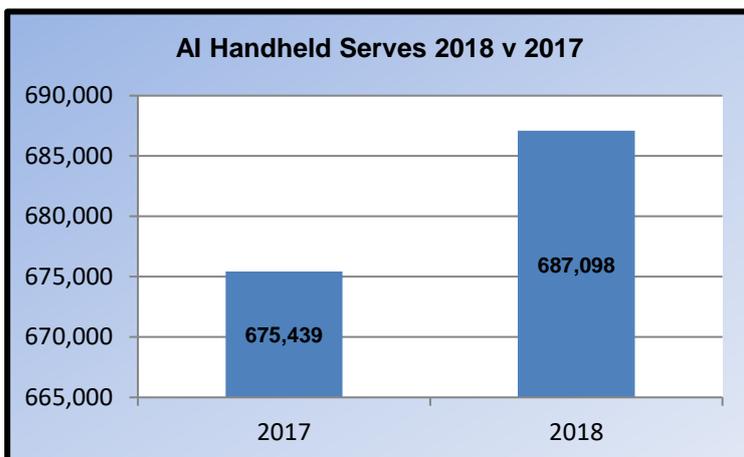
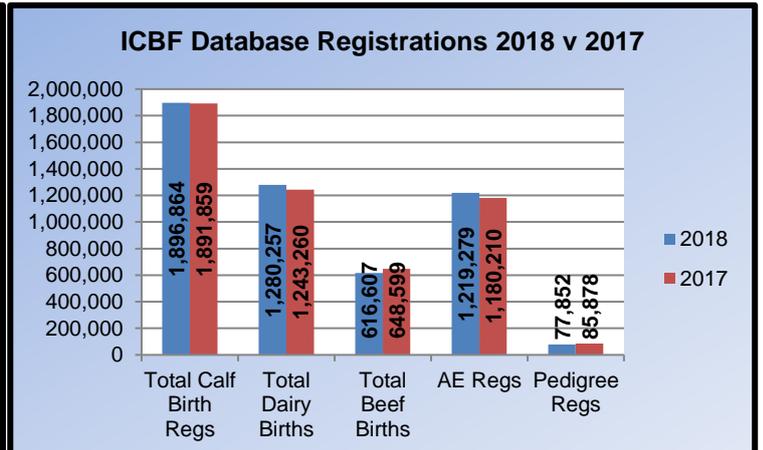
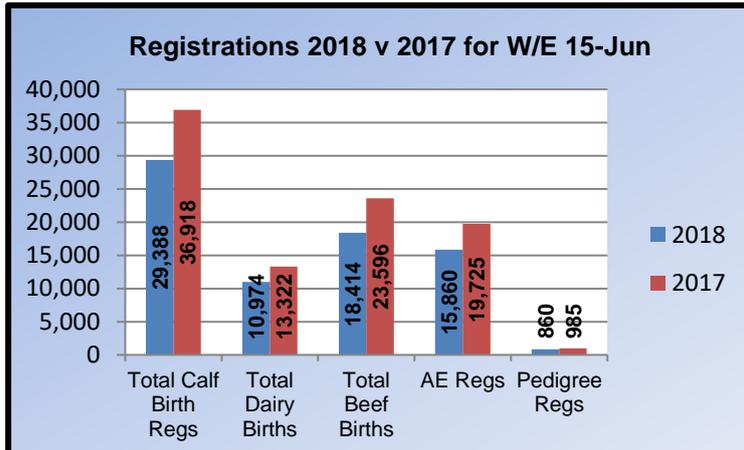


ICBF Weekly Update 15th June 2018

1 Important Dates

- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 21st June at 10:30am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 21st June at 2:00pm, 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 1,936,488 results received since January 1st, of which 35,644 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 13,857,984 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2018 compared with 2017.

3 Herd Plus®

- 2 bulls selected for Gene Ireland from Co. Cork Hereford herd. Click [here](#) for more details.



- Gene Ireland Dairy Beef Program – Achieving more accurate evaluations for dairy beef traits. Click [here](#) for more details.



October 2020 BDGP Replacement Deadline closer than you think! Click [here](#) for further details.



Gene Ireland AI Bull Profile: Knottown Roy (SA4604). Click [here](#) for further details.



Why does one of my best cows have a poor Index? Click [here](#) for further details



Bulls as high as €275 now available. Click [here](#) for further details.



4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 15/06/2018

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD	No. EDIY Herds YTD	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD	No. EDIY Cows YTD	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,682	1,251	34%	376,995	141,639	38%
Tipperary	104	42	40%	11,102	4,300	39%
Progressive	2,122	880	41%	242,992	102,084	42%
Total	5,908	2,173	37%	631,089	248,023	39%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - 2017 on 2018 Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded	YTD 2018 Cows Recorded	2018 vs 2017 on Year Difference (%)
Munster	373,342	376,995	1%
Tipperary	10,966	11,102	1.2%
Progressive	245,698	242,992	-1.1%
Total	630,006	631,089	.2%

5 Sheep Ireland

National Sheep Breeders Association (NSBA) Championships

✚ Sheep Ireland attended the inaugural NSBA Championships in Cillin Hill Mart in Killkenny last Saturday. The day proved to be a great success with over 700 sheep on show. We gave a quick demo on the free LambPlus App that is now available to breeders including how it can be synced up with an EID reader. This greatly speeds up the process of taking weight and health information and is currently being used by our 4 CPT flocks as well as our two technicians who are using it to record ultrasound scanning information on Pedigree Flocks across the country. See [here](#) for more information about our free App.



✚ Kevin McDermott gave a live Demo on the differences between a one-star and a five-star ewe and spoke about the advantages about using Euro-Star indexes. He also explained that before you pick a ram, first you must decide what his job will be, to produce replacement females or factory lambs. Then you use the Euro-Stars to help you find the ram that most suits your system.



Sheep 2018 Farm to Fork

✚ With only 3 weeks away to one of the biggest Sheep events of the year, preparation is in full swing. Sheep Ireland will be present in the breeding village and this event will be one not to be missed! It takes place on Saturday 7th July 2018, Teagasc, Athenry, Co. Galway. For more information click [here](#).

Sheep Ireland Board Meeting

✚ This meeting takes place next Thursday 21st June, we encourage any relevant feedback in advance of this meeting. This can either be emailed to kmcdermott@sheep.ie or sent to your relevant Board Representative. You will find their details [here](#).

National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 06-JUN-2018 To 15-JUN-2018

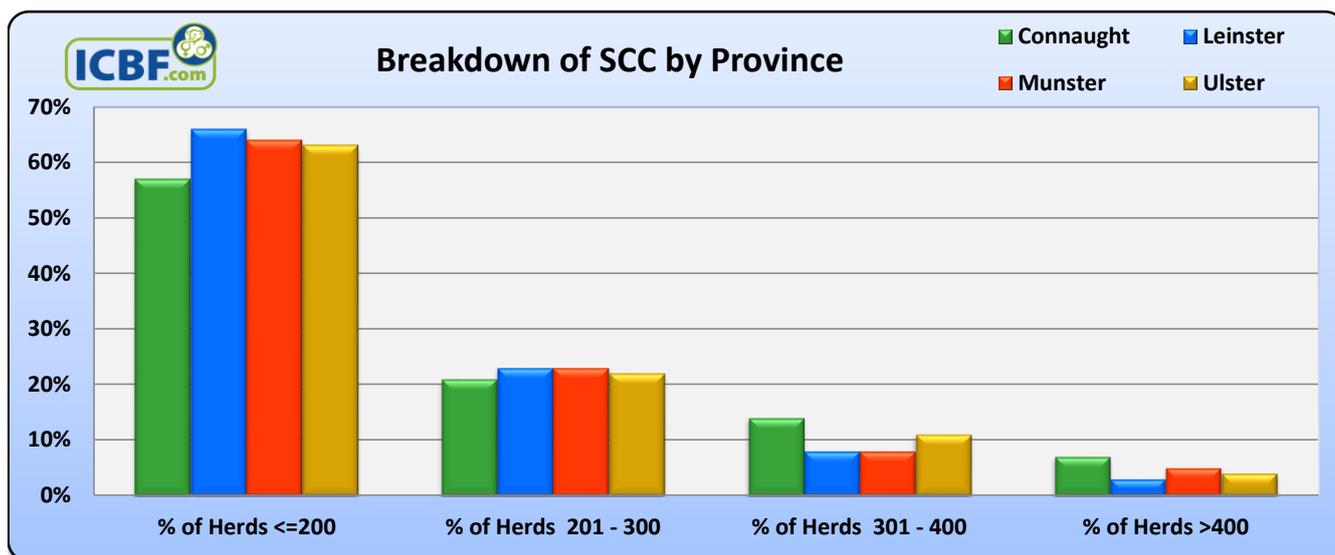
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	28	2,397	86	25.4	3.67	3.31	1.79	169
Leinster	145	15,595	108	25.4	3.69	3.39	1.79	146
Munster	435	43,049	99	25.5	3.76	3.33	1.81	155
Ulster	27	1,570	58	29.0	3.54	3.28	1.97	169
National Statistics	637	62,965	99	25.6	3.73	3.35	1.81	154

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 06-JUN-2018 To 15-JUN-2018

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	28	2,397	86	57%	21%	14%	7%	169
Leinster	145	15,595	108	66%	23%	8%	3%	146
Munster	435	43,049	99	64%	23%	8%	5%	155
Ulster	27	1,570	58	63%	22%	11%	4%	169
National Statistics	637	62,965	99	64%	23%	8%	5%	154

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 06-JUN-2018 To 15-JUN-2018

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	28	2,397	86	89	160	186	214	300
Leinster	145	15,595	108	83	126	152	181	247
Munster	435	43,049	99	91	138	162	188	266
Ulster	27	1,570	58	111	145	165	189	244
National Statistics	637	62,965	99	90	135	161	189	259

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

