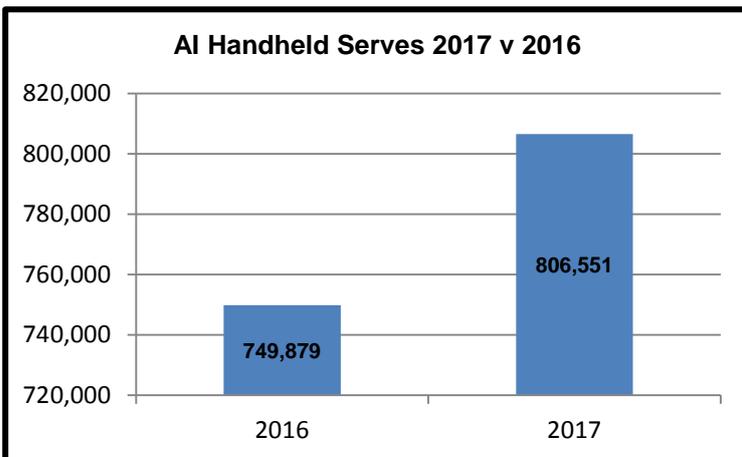
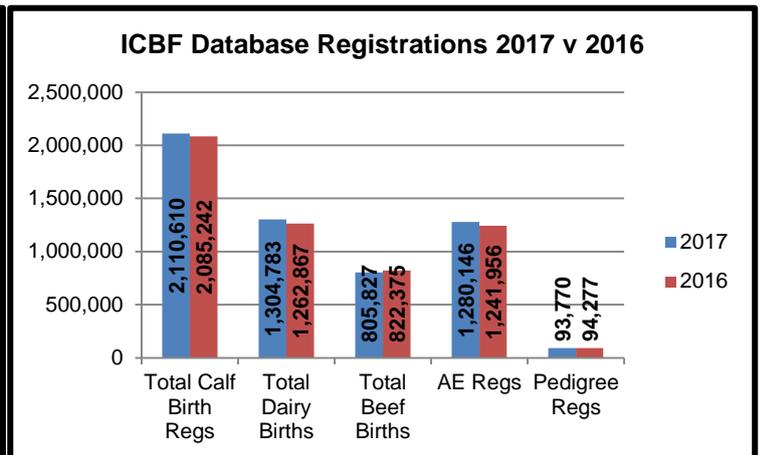
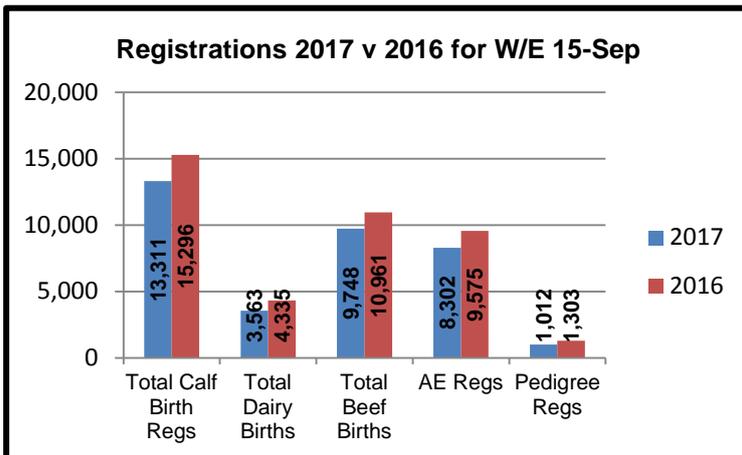


ICBF Weekly Update 15th September 2017

1 Important Dates

- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 19th October at 10:30am in Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 16th November at 10:30am, 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 2,175,108 results received since January 1st, of which 15,282 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,705,339 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

3 Herd Plus®

With the release of these new Beef Genetic Evaluations, there has been a number of additional data added to the evaluation including over 270,000 new genotypes. Click [here](#) for more details.



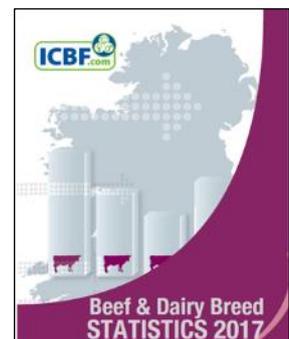
The latest HerdPlus EBI reports have been generated and are now available online. They will be dispatched by post to postal customers within the coming week. Click [here](#) for more details.



Almost 150,000 new animals with Milk data added to Evaluations. Click [here](#) for further details.



Beef and Dairy Breed Statistics 2017. Click [here](#) for further details.



New Beef Calving Reports outlining your herds 2016/2017 calving data are now available online via your HerdPlus login. Click [here](#) for more details.



Be sure to visit the Irish Farmer's Journal stand at the National Ploughing Championships and check out the livestock demos which we will be partaking in. The demo's will be taking place every 2 hours starting at 10am. Click [here](#) for more details.



4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 15/09/17

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 15/09/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 15/09/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 15/09/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 15/09/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,855	1,270	33%	390,774	140,747	36%
Progressive	2,324	981	42%	266,584	114,038	43%
Tipperary	112	51	46%	11,648	5,280	45%
Total	6,291	2,302	37%	669,006	260,065	39%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 15/09/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 15/09/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	355,344	390,774	10.0%
Progressive	249,531	266,584	6.8%
Tipperary	11,138	11,648	4.6%
Total	616,013	669,006	8.6%

5 Sheep Ireland

Sheep Ireland Board Meeting

On Thursday 14th September the board of Sheep Ireland met. A number of topics were discussed at this meeting including;

- + The LambPlus sale 2017
- + Changes required to the DQI formulation for 2018
- + Plans for our CPT AI this October
- + Plans for a meeting with society representatives in October
- + Genetic evaluations developments
 - Testing across breed indexes later this year/early 2018
 - Testing genomic breeding indexes
 - Updating the Bio-economic model which is used in the SI indexes
- + Update on genomics

Ploughing Championship 2017

- + Sheep Ireland will taking part in the Irish Farmers Journal livestock demonstration stand. This event provides a great opportunity for Sheep Ireland to promote pedigree ram breeders involved in the LambPlus programme.
- + The message being delivered will be simple ones based around using the ‘team’ concept when using low accuracy% EuroStar indexes. We will also be highlighting the Data Quality Index as something which ram buyers should consider when purchasing EuroStar rams.



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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 06-SEP-2017 To 15-SEP-2017

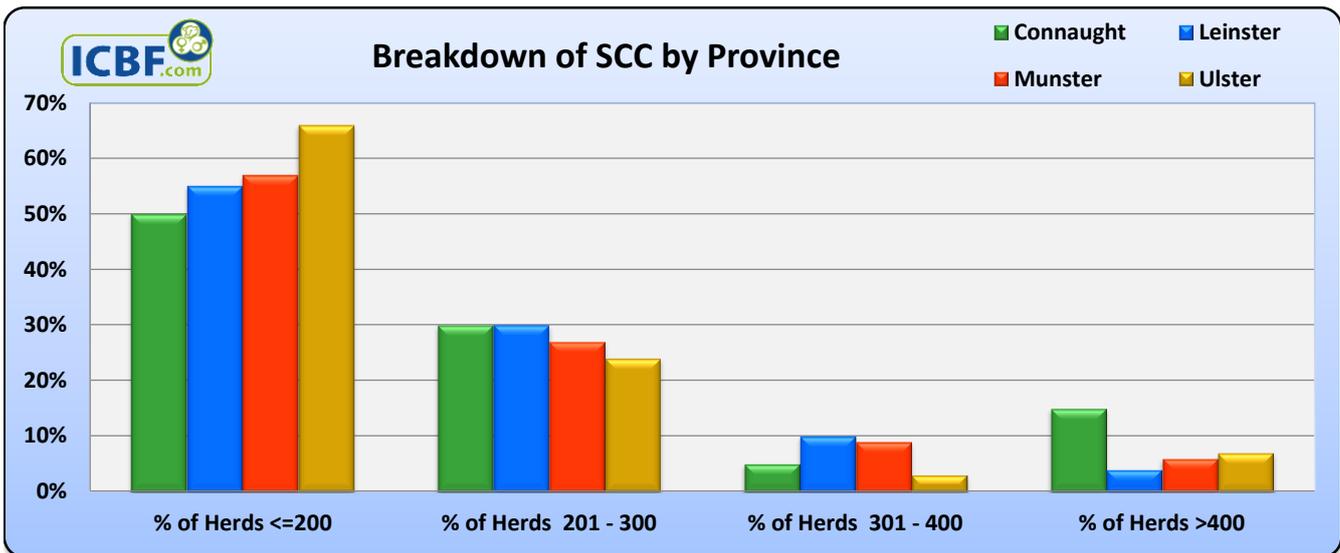
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	20	1,073	54	19.5	4.30	3.69	1.55	200
Leinster	138	14,446	105	19.5	4.26	3.70	1.54	170
Munster	504	47,362	94	19.5	4.27	3.74	1.56	186
Ulster	29	2,001	69	19.9	4.00	3.57	1.50	163
National Statistics	692	65,055	94	19.5	4.26	3.73	1.55	182

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 06-SEP-2017 To 15-SEP-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	20	1,073	54	50%	30%	5%	15%	200
Leinster	138	14,446	105	55%	30%	10%	4%	170
Munster	504	47,362	94	57%	27%	9%	6%	186
Ulster	29	2,001	69	66%	24%	3%	7%	163
National Statistics	692	65,055	94	57%	28%	9%	6%	182

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 06-SEP-2017 To 15-SEP-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	20	1,073	54	127	149	212	244	309
Leinster	138	14,446	105	109	149	177	209	262
Munster	504	47,362	94	121	158	182	209	284
Ulster	29	2,001	69	95	159	167	184	270
National Statistics	692	65,055	94	118	154	181	209	281

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

