

## ICBF Weekly Update 18<sup>th</sup> January 2013

### 1 Important Dates

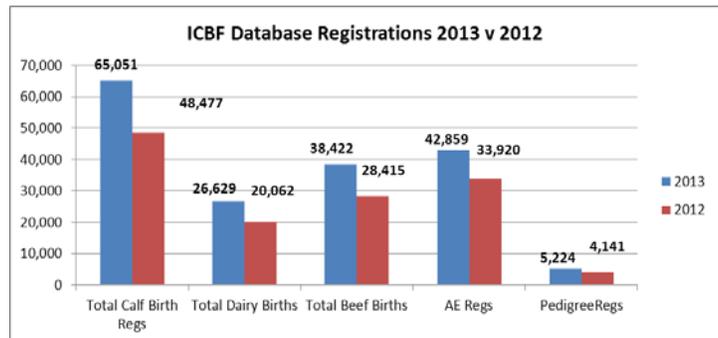
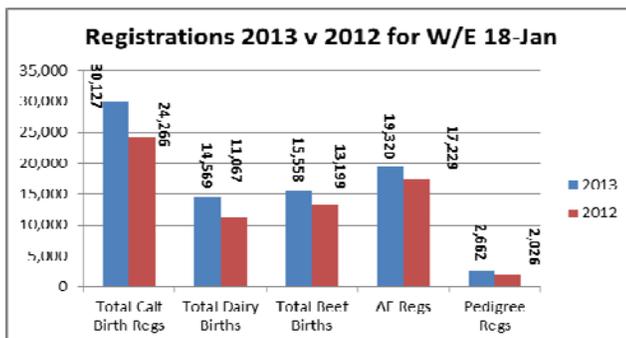
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 10:30 to 14:00, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January, at 14:00, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise

### 2 The passing of Paddy O’Keeffe

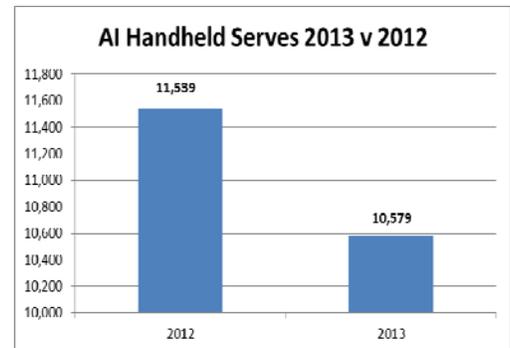
- ✚ I met Paddy O’Keeffe on several occasions but I didn’t really get to know Paddy on a personal basis. What I did get to know was the impact that he had on the Irish industry. And that impact continued right up until last week. As a leader, Paddy had the potent combination of an exceptional work ethic, positivity, vision, and a keen eye for identifying those who could help realise that vision.

Paddy played a very significant role in the set-up of ICBF, and has been a very strong supporter through the years, especially in helping to get fledging projects off the ground through the support of the FBD Trust. He believed in what ICBF was trying to do, and did not see why Irish agriculture should not be a world leader. ICBF is very grateful for his contribution. Our aim is to do justice to his legacy by continuing to deliver for Irish farmers and the Irish agri-industry.

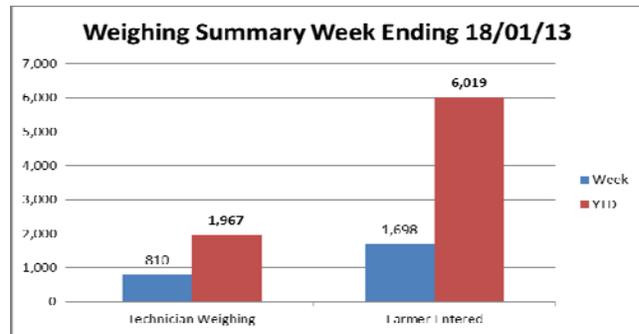
### 3 Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFM AIM systems.
- ✚ In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2012 born calves with meal introduced is 565,248 with the number of animals weaned at 480,372.
- ✚ BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. The compulsory phase began on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 and 35,000 samples have been received since then compared with 2200 in the same period last year.
- ✚ Good progress continues around the design of the Beef HerdPlus outputs to incorporate the new Euro-Star indexes, and the development work on these is continuing.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2013 compared with 2012.



- This week there were 810 weights received through the technician service and 1,689 weights recorded by farmers. The graph shows the week and year to date totals.



#### 4 Sheep Ireland

- This week the Sheep Technology Adoption Programme 2013 (STAP) was launched by the Minister of Agriculture, Simon Coveney. This programme is a major development for the industry as it will encourage farmers to assess their own working practices and require all participants to visit other farms and sheep events to see other production systems in operation and the potential benefits of same.
- Within the scheme structure, Sheep Ireland has a very strong involvement. There is a compulsory task which requires all participants to use a Euro-Star performance recorded ram (subject to minimum evaluation criteria) in the first 2 years of the scheme. This element of the programme will have many benefits from a breed improvement point of view. Not only will it increase the profile of performance recorded rams among commercial farmers, but it will also help to reassure recording ram breeders that the sheep industry is committed to ensuring that our breed improvement programme will be a successful one.
- Outside of the compulsory Sheep Ireland task, there is also an optional performance recording task. The Sheep Ireland office has received many phone calls from commercial farmers interested in engaging with this option which is very promising. However, this option is also tailored towards pedigree ram breeders. There is no reason why any Pedigree ram breeder should not sign-up to LambPlus in 2013 and in doing so, meet the eligibility criteria for STAP.
- This is the chance that pedigree ram breeders have been waiting for to both alert commercial farmers as to the benefits of using pedigree rams and of the benefits of using pedigree rams of high genetic merit. Sheep Ireland will make contact with all breed societies in the coming days to urge them to contact their members to inform them about STAP. For more information on STAP, please visit the Department of Agriculture website. You will also find information relating to the Sheep Ireland programme options on [www.sheep.ie](http://www.sheep.ie).



#### 5 GENRELAND® - Dairy

- The Spring programme commenced this week with letters, sign-up forms and bull detail's being sent to last year's participants.
- The Holstein-Friesian panel consists of 44 potential bulls with an average EBI of €275. See details below.
- There are 5 Friesians, 3 Jerseys, 4 Crossbred Jerseys and 1 Norwegian Red on the panel to date.
- Call 1850 600 900 to order.

## 6 Genetic Evaluations - Dairy

- Files were sent to Interbull for the test run this week. The traits included were test day model production evaluations and calving for Holstein-Friesians. Results will be available in approximately 6 weeks. We expect to use the calving proofs for the routine run in April. The test day model production proofs will not be introduced until passing a further test run in September.

## 7 GROW<sup>®</sup> Summary table

Year	Pedigree cattle		Commercial cattle		Total		% weighed
	Scored	Weighed	Scored	Weighed	Scored	Weighed	
2007	10,875	4,531	3,621	3,461	14,496	7,992	55
2008	11,865	9,469	4,940	4,893	16,805	14,362	85
2009	8,892	8,054	5,835	5,793	14,727	13,847	94
2010	9,235	8,873	5,376	5,334	14,611	14,207	97
2011	8,866	8,748	5,421	5,411	14,287	14,159	99
2012	8662	8590	4783	4775	13445	13365	99

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## DRAFT LIST OF HOLSTEIN FRIESIAN TEST BULLS

Potential Holstein Friesian Bulls for the ~~GENE~~IRLAND Spring 2013 programme. Changes may occur. (Updated 15th January 2013)

ANIMAL NUMBER	ANIMAL NAME	STATUS	HOL %	AI COMP	SIRE	MGS	EBI	EBI REL%	MILK SI	FERT SI	M kg	F kg	P kg	F %	P %	CI	SU%	CD%	SIRE EBI	SIRE Milk	SIRE Fert	DAM EBI	DAM Milk	DAM Fert	BREEDER
							€312	44	€43	€210									€279	€38	€175	€278	€65	€185	
AHB	(IG) BALLYKINASH KXV LAD	PED	78	NCBC	KXV	MWP	€312	44	€43	€210	-24	10.4	4.9	0.21	0.11	-11.8	5.8	1.5	€279	€38	€175	€278	€65	€185	JIM DELAHUNTY
IE151551881376			78	NCBC	NFT	KNW	€305	46	€59	€217	61	12.6	8.2	0.19	0.12	-11.8	6.3	2.8	€293	€72	€179	€142	€71	€64	MICHAEL GOWEN
PKR	PARKDUV MOUNT EVEREST	PED	91	NCBC	LHZ	HFL	€302	47	€90	€170	144	12.3	14.5	0.12	0.19	-9.5	4.7	1.6	€288	€78	€165	€161	€83	€50	KEVIN DOWNING
IE351312621517	RHINC RUE COOL FAIRGALT 1		75	NCBC	NFT	BGW	€301	45	€69	€194	5	15.0	8.6	0.28	0.17	-11.0	5.3	2.2	€293	€72	€179	€182	€68	€85	MICHAEL HUNT
IE161971581780			87	NCBC	DSU	BWZ	€297	45	€69	€194	80	17.5	9.3	0.27	0.13	-10.6	5.6	2.2	€229	€65	€125	€205	€85	€77	PATRICK JOHN KELLY
YGB	(IG) BAUNAGERAGH LOBBY	PED	94	NCBC	PKK	FLT	€289	60	€86	€141	328	20.9	15.1	0.15	0.08	-7.2	4.6	1.2	€274	€91	€115	€177	€87	€51	JOHN FOX
IE301306050802	CARROWMANAGH CHAMPION	PED	85	NCBC	KXV	BWZ	€288	43	€61	€168	203	14.8	10.3	0.13	0.07	-10.5	3.6	1.5	€279	€38	€175	€207	€86	€69	BRENDAN MCGARRY
IE241499920926			72	NCBC	DSU	HZO	€287	41	€69	€176	144	16.1	10.5	0.19	0.11	-9.3	5.5	1.9	€229	€65	€125	€199	€71	€101	JOHN SHEEHY
IE131510760857			47	NCBC	SFZ	HDP	€287	40	€72	€172	70	12.2	10.5	0.18	0.16	-10.1	4.3	0.7	€233	€90	€103	€142	€33	€94	DANNY BERMINGHAM
IE131232360927			53	NCBC	HYZ	UYC	€286	43	€93	€167	232	19.5	15.1	0.19	0.14	-9.5	4.5	2.7	€158	€79	€77	€138	€57	€95	DECLAN O'DWYER
IE341331081488			66	NCBC	HYZ	LPP	€284	42	€85	€162	83	13.1	12.6	0.18	0.19	-8.4	5.2	2.3	€158	€79	€77	€195	€65	€95	PATRICK J QUIRKE
IE371221990892			62	NCBC	LLK	UYC	€284	44	€85	€175	219	17.8	13.8	0.17	0.13	-11.2	3.5	2.8	€254	€71	€140	€169	€74	€79	LIAM CURTIS
IE141622741531			62	NCBC	HYZ	KNW	€283	47	€81	€177	124	15.3	12.2	0.2	0.16	-9.9	4.9	2.1	€158	€79	€77	€179	€63	€92	MARTIN COLEMAN
IE371525751323			78	NCBC	MDW	BWZ	€282	45	€79	€152	190	15.0	13.0	0.14	0.13	-9.1	3.6	1.5	€283	€66	€193	€227	€103	€83	NIGEL ROTHWELL
IE351300860913			75	NCBC	IRP	CWJ	€282	47	€78	€165	71	19.0	10.4	0.3	0.16	-10.0	3.8	1.8	€229	€64	€133	€279	€66	€179	DONNACHA TOBIN
KZK	(IG) CAHERDERG LOCKIE	SRM	78	NCBC	LRW	RUU	€281	45	€68	€154	62	16.1	9.1	0.26	0.14	-7.6	5.3	0.8	€242	€85	€114	€180	€24	€104	PAT CRONIN
IE221189421897			66	NCBC	PKK	TIH	€279	50	€71	€151	123	12.6	11.1	0.15	0.14	-7.4	5.2	0.6	€274	€91	€115	€179	€17	€130	PADRAIG M WALSH
IE351312621533	RHINC RUE SUPER DANO 12		72	NCBC	WDS	HMY	€275	50	€89	€137	275	22.3	14.5	0.21	0.1	-7.3	4.2	1.5	€238	€90	€119	€201	€64	€85	MICHAEL HUNT
YGD	(IG) CASTLEBLAGH GARNDY	PED	72	NCBC	GVV	OJI	€274	50	€72	€152	232	13.8	12.6	0.09	0.09	-8.1	4.6	1.3	€221	€74	€108	€221	€78	€98	TONY BEECHER
IE281565460737			59	NCBC	UDE	TKY	€269	41	€82	€166	138	16.0	12.0	0.2	0.15	-9.0	5.0	4.0	€191	€57	€131	€229	€75	€116	GORDON FOSTER
IE191529431190	BALLINDROHID CWP LOTTO 1190	PED	62	NCBC	CWP	SPH	€267	39	€85	€149	223	13.7	14.6	0.09	0.14	-8.7	3.8	1.5	€199	€76	€83	€196	€93	€80	BERTIE O'CONNOR
OKF	(IG) OAKFARM BEHINS ROMEO	PED	84	NCBC	LLK	HFL	€266	48	€63	€156	94	12.6	9.4	0.17	0.12	-9.0	4.0	1.3	€254	€71	€140	€198	€50	€106	MICHAEL MURPHY
IE211085262202			78	NCBC	SJI	NHS	€266	43	€67	€153	93	12.1	10.1	0.16	0.14	-8.5	4.3	1.1	€219	€64	€107	€195	€112	€62	JOHN O'NEILL
IE191574431518	CALLINAFERCY SONNY	PED	72	NCBC	DSU	BGW	€264	42	€63	€166	90	12.6	9.4	0.17	0.13	-10.3	3.7	2.1	€229	€65	€125	€187	€101	€55	EOGHAN MCCARTHY
IE141411722195	KILGARRIFFE ELECTRON		100	NCBC	MXZ	OJI	€234	52	€66	€119	350	12.6	13.5	-0	0.04	-6.9	3.0	1.2	€223	€52	€124	€191	€94	€66	RICHARD J HELEN
IE161971561779			91	NCBC	LLK	HTO	€227	42	€106	€100	407	23.1	19.1	0.13	0.11	-5.7	2.7	1.3	€254	€71	€140	€148	€111	€35	PATRICK JOHN KELLY
IE151011223352	LISDUFF RAIDER	PED	100	NCBC	RDO	MCL	€202	53	€63	€98	358	13.7	13.0	0	0.03	-4.8	3.4	3.5	€142	€49	€56	€159	€51	€70	JOHN J O'SULLIVAN
LCL	CARRACOUGH LANCE	PED	91	EUROGENE	LLK	OJI	€296	52	€108	€137	307	26.9	17.3	0.27	0.13	-7.9	3.6	0.6	€254	€71	€140	€223	€134	€50	DENIS O'CONNELL
IE351066151170	CURRA STEVIE	PED	62	EUROGENE	SOK	CWJ	€290	45	€83	€157	-60	16.7	9.6	0.36	0.23	-8.9	4.2	0.5	€249	€77	€138	€219	€53	€120	KIERAN HEARNE
YDE	BALLYADACK SUPREME	PED	56	EUROGENE	SOK	UYC	€287	49	€83	€175	64	19.1	11.1	0.31	0.17	-10.2	4.5	2.6	€249	€77	€138	€206	€76	€110	EDMOND CASEY
YGM	GARRYMARTIN CRONIC	PED	75	EUROGENE	WDS	WPE	€280	47	€89	€152	363	14.6	17.1	0.01	0.1	-7.2	5.5	1.9	€238	€90	€119	€200	€113	€52	JOHN O'SULLIVAN
IE211063581126	MOONDIGUA SWEETSTAR		53	EUROGENE	HZS	CWJ	€270	51	€71	€161	15	12.0	9.7	0.21	0.18	-8.6	4.9	0.6	€208	€79	€102	€244	€77	€122	PAT HEARNE
SSJ	SPRINGHAVEN EVEREST	PED	78	EUROGENE	LHZ	HZO	€268	42	€95	€135	367	13.5	18.3	-0	0.11	-6.9	4.4	1.2	€288	€78	€165	€182	€68	€91	ROBERT TROY JUNIOR
IE151054071386	MORRISHEEN EEN	PED	72	EUROGENE	WDS	SPW	€252	31	€132	€77	574	28.5	24.7	0.1	0.1	-3.7	2.7	1.6	€238	€90	€119	€235	€173	€35	DENIS DOWNING
WSB	BRIDEVIEW SUPER BELL	PED	78	EUROGENE	WDS	NEL	€245	46	€108	€109	293	18.0	18.5	0.12	0.17	-6.5	2.6	2.5	€238	€90	€119	€205	€96	€97	JOHN G BARRY
YSR	MEENROSS SAMMY	SRM	53	EUROGENE	MWH	UYC	€241	41	€43	€152	112	9.0	7.0	0.09	0.07	-9.3	3.5	1.3	€195	€77	€78	€171	€62	€76	SEAN BUGLER
IE141313891192	CLOUNTIES WINTER		56	DOVEA	GVV	KNW	€296	49	€71	€197	-14	14.6	8.8	0.29	0.18	-11.8	4.7	1.8	€221	€74	€108	€184	€95	€86	ANDREW WHELTON
IE191903320743	DOONMANAGH DSU BOWSER	PED	75	DOVEA	DSU	DEU	€296	39	€81	€165	-65	20.0	8.8	0.43	0.22	-10.2	3.6	2.8	€229	€65	€125	€195	€83	€80	JOHN P GALVIN
IE351189351498	CARA TOM	SRM	68	DOVEA	WGM	LWT	€289	43	€90	€160	212	16.8	14.7	0.16	0.15	-8.5	4.9	3.3	€235	€95	€101	€212	€86	€86	WILLIAM JAMES FENTON
IE331323211413	BALLINROE BARNEY	SRM	44	DOVEA	WNE	UYC	€287	44	€92	€162	73	14.0	13.4	0.21	0.21	-9.0	4.6	1.4	€211	€111	€88	€171	€65	€74	THOMAS COLLIER
IE141565611134	LACKCASTLE KENNY	PED	72	DOVEA	MXK	UYC	€280	47	€92	€150	-78	21.1	10.2	0.46	0.25	-8.0	4.5	1.8	€231	€44	€138	€173	€96	€62	JOHN O'MAHONY
IE182197970742	RAMORE GRANDMAN	SRM	44	DOVEA	BGJ	CWJ	€262	42	€93	€138	241	19.7	15.2	0.19	0.14	-7.1	4.5	0.7	€275	€89	€140	€222	€74	€113	PADRAIG G HANRAHAN
IE141761231424	KEALFINCHEON WGM METEOR	SRM	75	DOVEA	WGM	WPE	€255	46	€110	€109	279	22.7	18.0	0.22	0.16	-6.3	2.9	2.2	€235	€95	€101	€166	€92	€56	BRENDAN HINCHION
IE161276541228	KILLENDARAGH LUKE	SRM	69	DOVEA	HYZ	CWJ	€229	43	€86	€116	117	18.8	12.4	0.27	0.17	-6.5	3.3	3.1	€158	€79	€77	€226	€107	€89	RICHARD JOHN STARRETT
<b>AVERAGES</b>							<b>€275</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>€80</b>	<b>€154</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>€234</b>	<b>€74</b>	<b>€123</b>	<b>€195</b>	<b>€79</b>	<b>€86</b>	