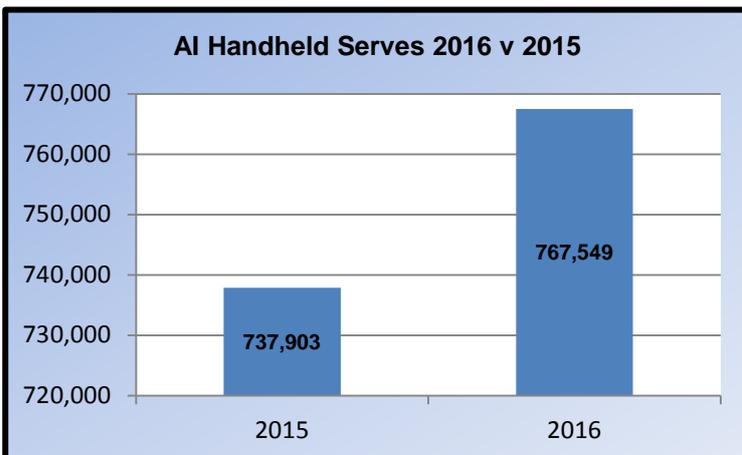
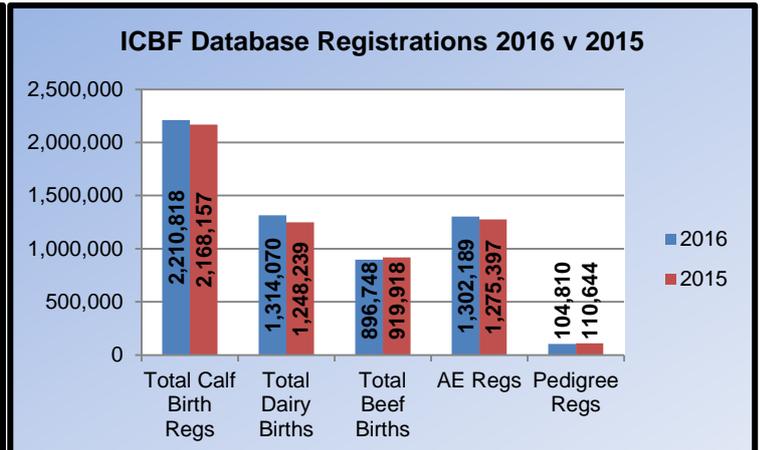
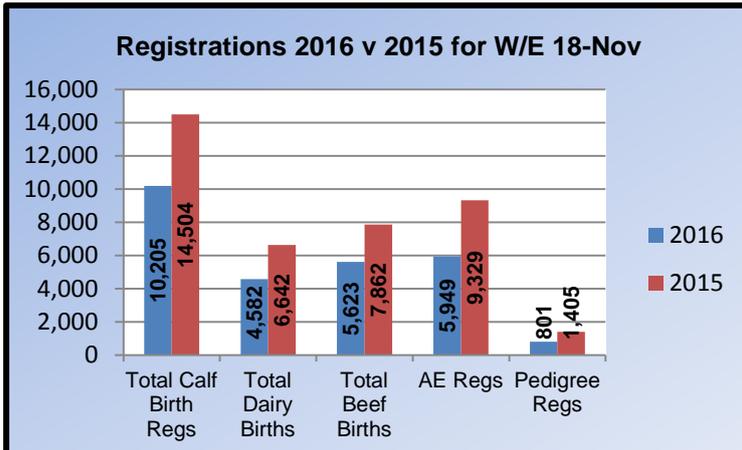


ICBF Weekly Update 18th November 2016

1 Important Dates

-  **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 24th November 2016 at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
-  **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 24th November 2016 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 3,441,942 results received since January 1st, of which 52,997 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 10,770,377 results have now been received.
-  The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2016 compared with 2015.

3 Herd Plus®

-  HerdPlus Dairy Pocket Notebooks are currently being generated and will be arriving on farm over the coming weeks.
-  The ICBF animal search is now available in app format on apple's app store. You can download this app by searching for 'ICBF Animal Search'
-  The National sire recording stats have now been released. The most visible pattern that can be seen from these results is that there is 63.4% of the national dairy herd sired by AI. There is 16.8% of the national dairy herd with a missing sire and there is 19.9% of the national dairy herd sired by a Stockbull. For more on this click [here](#)
-  All new animal events books have now been sent out to herd-owners to cater for the new tagging system.

- ✚ We are pleased to announce that ICBF HerdPlus have won the Agribusiness of the Year for Excellence in the Provision of Professional Services. This is nice recognition for the hard working team at ICBF. Also congratulations to Sheep Ireland for also making the shortlist.
- ✚ 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'

Some images from the Agribusiness Awards



4 Beef Data and Genomics Programme (BDGP)

- ✚ **Survey Data:** Survey data should be recorded online (www.icbf.com, www.agfood.ie or via farm software) or on paper survey forms posted to participants. Remember additional data (docility, quality, scour and pneumonia) must be recorded for calves when they reach 5 months of age.
- ✚ **DNA Samples:** Participants must return DNA samples (tissue tag or hair card) for 60% of their reference number. For replacement of DNA samples for animals sold or dead please contact **1850 625 626**.
- ✚ **Carbon Navigator:** Participants must ensure that they have completed a Carbon Navigator with an approved adviser (list available at www.agriculture.gov.ie/beef schemes). The new extended deadline for completion of the carbon navigator is 30 November 2016.

5 GEN€IRELAND® Beef

- ✚ Sign Ups are continuing for the Gene Ireland Beef programme.
- ✚ 160 herds taking a total of 2320 straws have joined so far.
- ✚ The average order is 14 straws per herd.
- ✚ Details on the available 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
AU2365	Calverstown Koala	AU	€151	415
PI2157	Kilree Leo	PI	€128	490
HE2359	Arlinstown Special 13th	HE	€123	180
SH2360	Doon Giorgio	SH	€123	315
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	€120	165
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	€102	230
AA4086	Marianhill L Papa	AA	€107	20
PT2356	Macgowan Herd Juno	PT	€98	240
CH4068	Glenville Jasper	CH	€93	385
SI2367	Barnattin George 2	SI	€92	225
CH2363	Dolland Jefferson	CH	€83	365

6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 18/11/16

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 18/11/16	No. EDIY Herds YTD 18/11/16	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 18/11/16	No. EDIY Cows YTD 18/11/16	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,738	1,154	31%	366,257	123,278	34%
Progressive	2,335	955	41%	257,631	105,299	41%
Tipperary	118	54	46%	11,445	5,088	44%
Total	6,191	2,163	35%	635,333	233,665	37%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15- 18/11/15	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16- 18/11/16	2016 vs 2015 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	368,225	366,257	-0.5%
Progressive	261,582	257,631	-1.5%
Tipperary	11,880	11,445	-3.7%
Total	641,687	635,333	-1.0%

7 Sheep Ireland

Agricultural college visits

- ✚ This week Sheep Ireland visited Clonakilty Agricultural College. This visit was part of our effort to engage with and visit all agricultural education facilities each year. Educating the next generation of young farmers and agricultural industry professionals as to the benefits and potential of sheep genetic improvement will only bode well for the future.
- ✚ As part of these college visits, we also supply Sheep Ireland information boards for erection in or around each college's farm facilities. These are very useful teaching aids and will hopefully help to reinforce our key messages.

Agribusiness Awards 2016

- ✚ Sheep Ireland were delighted to be included as one of the nominees in last night's Agribusiness awards held in the Ballsbridge hotel, Co. Dublin. The category in which Sheep Ireland was nominated was 'Excellence in the Provision of Professional Services'. We were up against some stiff opposition, namely our sister organisation, the ICBF who deservedly won the award. This was a great showcase event for Irish agriculture and one which Sheep Ireland was delighted to be involved in. For a full list of award winners from the night click [here](#).

Sheep Ireland board meeting next week

- ✚ The next meeting of board members takes place next Thursday 24th November. An update on the topics discussed will be included in this update next Friday.

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 09-NOV-2016 To 18-NOV-2016

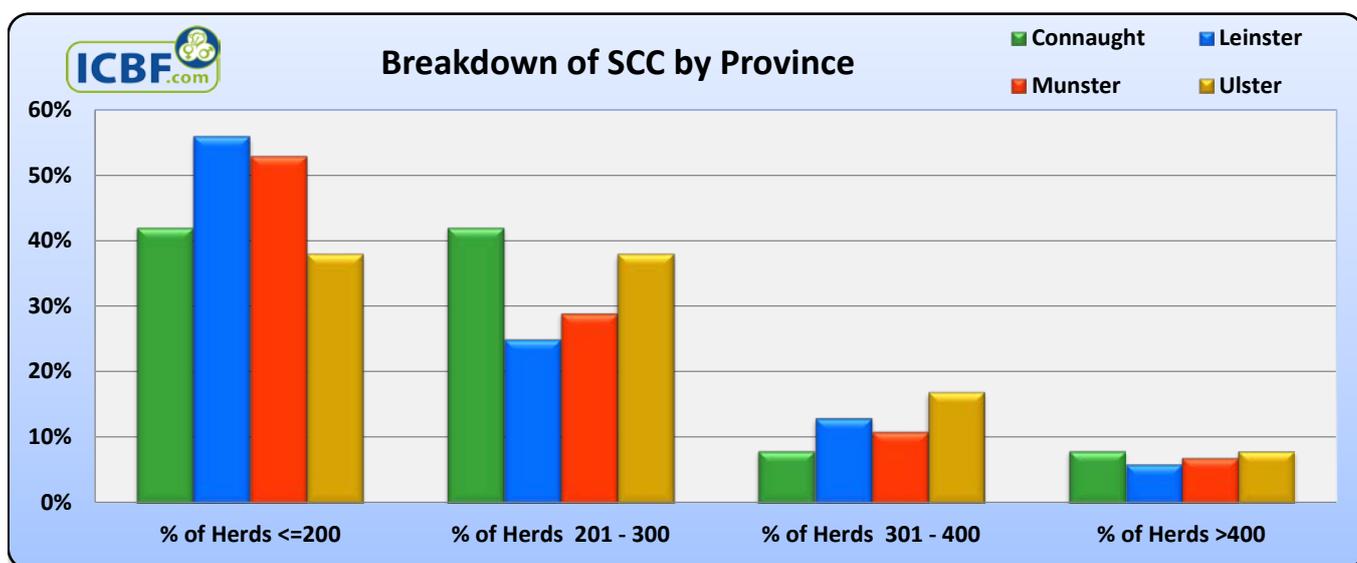
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	12	912	76	16.3	4.53	3.72	1.32	210
Leinster	103	9,575	93	16.7	4.63	3.75	1.38	180
Munster	445	35,753	80	14.2	4.77	3.95	1.23	194
Ulster	24	1,246	52	16.7	4.34	3.46	1.29	213
National Statistics	584	47,486	81	14.8	4.72	3.89	1.26	192

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 09-NOV-2016 To 18-NOV-2016

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	12	912	76	42%	42%	8%	8%	210
Leinster	103	9,575	93	56%	25%	13%	6%	180
Munster	445	35,753	80	53%	29%	11%	7%	194
Ulster	24	1,246	52	38%	38%	17%	8%	213
National Statistics	584	47,486	81	53%	29%	11%	7%	192

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 09-NOV-2016 To 18-NOV-2016								
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	12	912	76	120	204	218	244	281
Leinster	103	9,575	93	113	157	185	218	294
Munster	445	35,753	80	129	168	194	212	286
Ulster	24	1,246	52	131	206	217	245	314
National Statistics	584	47,486	81	125	166	195	217	294

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

