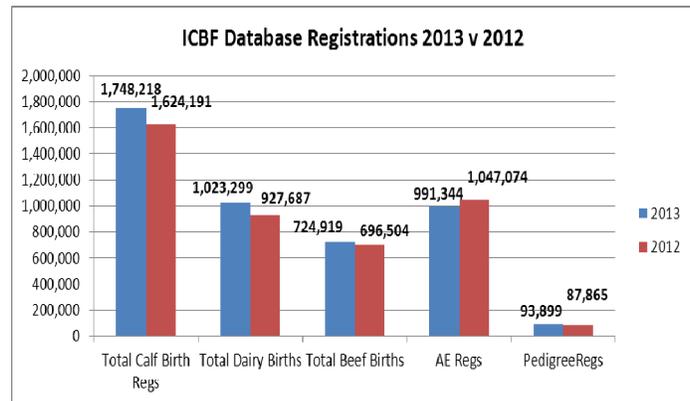
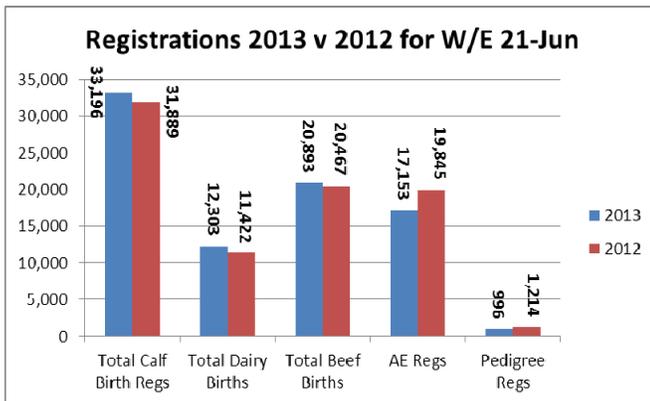


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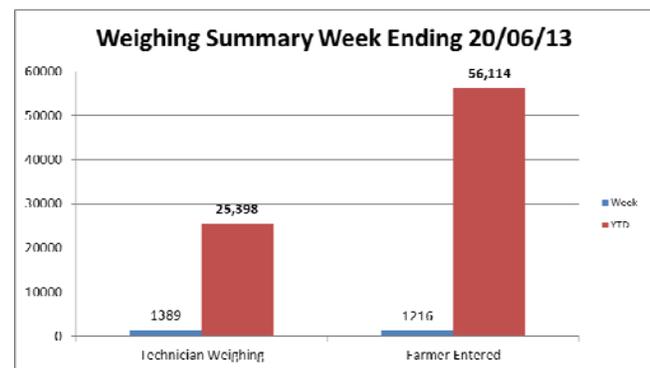
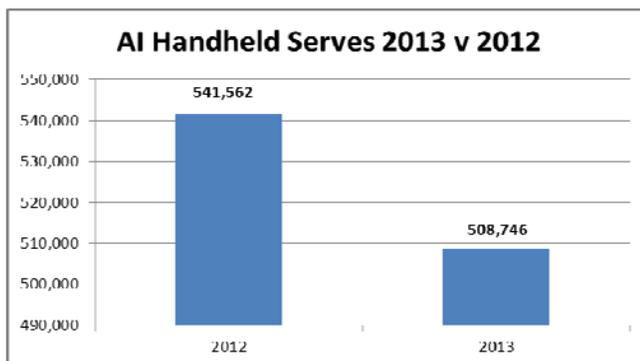
1 Important Dates

-  **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 11th July, 10:00 - 10:30, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
-  **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 11th July, 10:30 to 14:00, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
-  **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 11th July, 14:00 to 16:30, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
-  **ICBF Industry Consultation Meeting** – Tuesday 30th July, 10:00 to 16:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.

2 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 638,836 with the number of animals weaned at 570,783.
-  BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. There have been 1,754,000 results received since January 1st, of which 34,000 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 2.25 million results have now been received.
-  The graph below shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2013 compared with 2012.
-  This week there were 1389 weights received through the technician service and 1216 weights recorded by farmers.
-  The graph below shows the week and year to date totals.



3 Sheep Ireland

- This week Sheep Ireland attended a Zwartble and Llyen open evening in Tullamore. These breeds are reasonably new to this country and therefore numbers are still relatively small. Open days like this offer great exposure to these breeds and offer them a platform to showcase the breed. There was great interest on the night from breeders on what Sheep Ireland could offer these breeds in order to help them to increase the size of their breeding population.
- The ultrasound scanning continues on a daily basis as the scanners are now in their busiest few weeks of the season. It is important that all lambing information (and tag numbers if lambs are tagged) is uploaded to Sheep Ireland, at least a week in advance of scanning, so the lambs will be on the technicians handheld on the day of scanning and the farmer to have the weighing crate set-up.

4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 21/06/13						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 21/06/13	No. EDIY Herds YTD 21/06/13	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 21/06/13	No. EDIY Cows YTD 21/06/13	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,629	1,042	29%	296,226	91,363	31%
Progressive	2,369	945	40%	215,723	87,783	41%
Tipperary	111	38	34%	9,435	3,399	36%
Total	6,109	2,025	33%	521,384	182,545	35%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2012 Cows Recorded 01/01/12 - 21/06/12	YTD 2013 Cows Recorded 01/01/13 - 21/06/13	2013 vs. 2012 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	291,996	296,226	1.4%
Progressive	206,879	215,723	4.1%
Tipperary	9,604	9,435	-1.8%
Total	508,479	521,384	2.5%

Please see milk recording stats attached

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 12-JUN-2013 To 21-JUN-2013

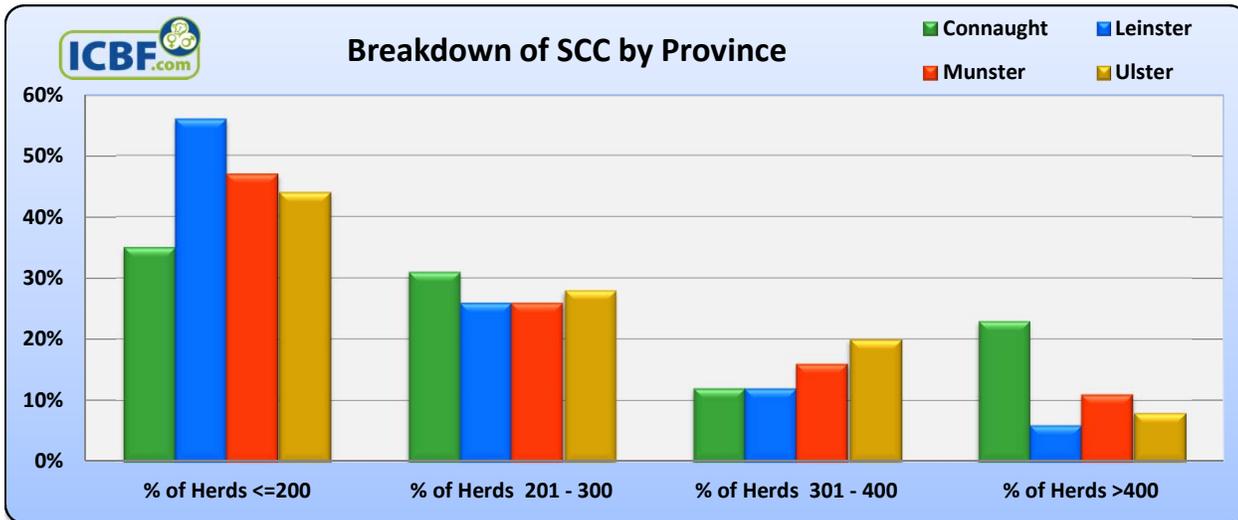
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	26	1,590	61	26.4	3.65	3.35	1.84	270
Leinster	180	16,790	93	24.4	3.65	3.38	1.71	181
Munster	518	42,574	82	25.1	3.75	3.42	1.80	205
Ulster	25	1,838	74	25.7	3.70	3.29	1.78	207
National Statistics	749	62,792	84	25.0	3.72	3.41	1.78	201

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 12-JUN-2013 To 21-JUN-2013

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	26	1,590	61	35%	31%	12%	23%	270
Leinster	180	16,790	93	56%	26%	12%	6%	181
Munster	518	42,574	82	47%	26%	16%	11%	205
Ulster	25	1,838	74	44%	28%	20%	8%	207
National Statistics	749	62,792	84	49%	26%	15%	10%	201

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 12-JUN-2013 To 21-JUN-2013

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	26	1,590	61	161	214	272	291	426
Leinster	180	16,790	93	116	155	183	220	284
Munster	518	42,574	82	126	184	204	234	326
Ulster	25	1,838	74	128	184	212	256	345
National Statistics	749	62,792	84	124	178	202	234	324

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

