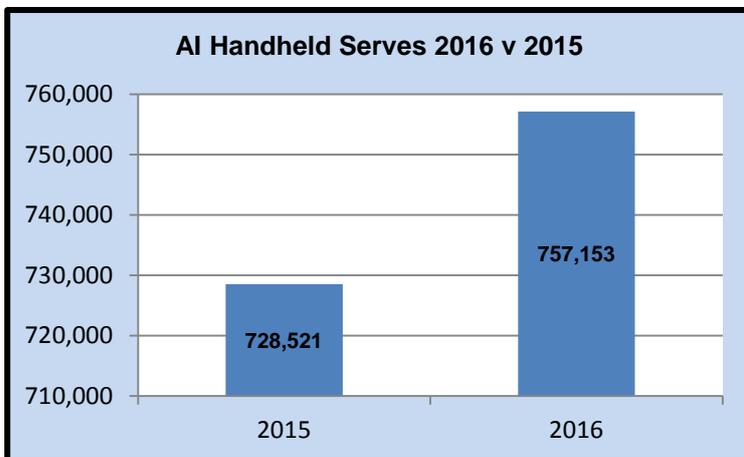
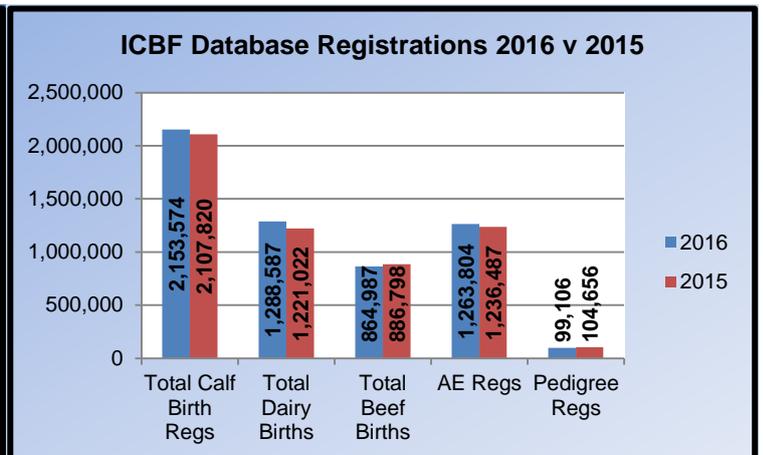
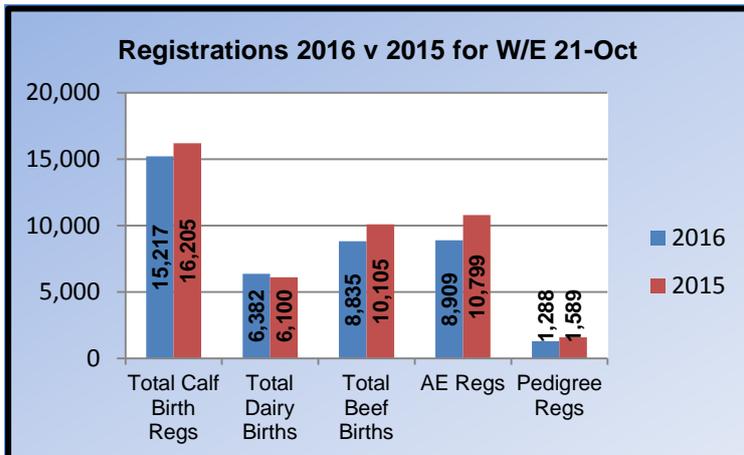


## ICBF Weekly Update 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016

### 1 Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Dairy Industry Meeting** – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 at 14:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Audit & Finance Meeting** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 14:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 3,227,409 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 50,117 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 10,555,845 results have now been received.
- ✚ The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2016 compared with 2015.

### 3 Beef Data and Genomics Programme (BDGP)

- ✚ The deadline for completion of the Carbon Navigator is fast approaching. Each participant must complete a carbon navigator with an approved adviser by 31<sup>st</sup> October. For a list of approved advisers visit <https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/beefchemes/>
- ✚ Survey data for the BDGP can now be recorded online at [www.icbf.com](http://www.icbf.com) or [agfood.ie](http://agfood.ie) Data can also be recorded on paper survey forms posted to participants. Paper survey forms should be returned to Animal Events in the envelope provided.
- ✚ To ensure herds meet their genotyping requirements, 2016 tissue tags and/or haircards should be returned as soon as possible. Samples for animals that are no longer on the farm or for dangerous animals can be replaced by contacting **1850 625 626**.

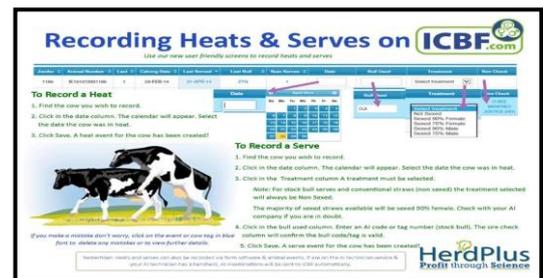
## 4 GENE IRELAND® Beef

- ✚ Sign Ups have begun for the Gene Ireland Beef programme.
- ✚ 104 herds taking a total of 1650 straws have joined so far.
- ✚ The average order is 16 straws per herd.
- ✚ SH2361, SI2362 and GZJ all reached their target this week.
- ✚ Details on the available bulls can be viewed [here](#)
- ✚ To learn more or to order straws please telephone **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	280
PI2157	Kilree Leo	PI	€128	425
HE2359	Arlinstown Special 13th	HE	€123	150
SH2360	Doon Giorgio	SH	€123	270
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	€120	80
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	€102	140
PT2356	Macgowan Herd Juno	PT	€98	150
CH4068	Glenville Jasper	CH	€93	150
SI2367	Barnattin George 2	SI	€92	130
CH2363	Dolland Jefferson	CH	€83	325

## 5 Herd Plus®

- ✚ To ensure that expected calving dates are included in the 2017 Dairy HerdPlus Pocket Notebook all serves should be recorded on the ICBF database. Pregnancy scanning data should also be recorded where completed. Data must be recorded in the ICBF database by 28<sup>th</sup> October.



## Mart Boards

- ✚ There are currently a number of marts throughout the country that are displaying Euro-Star and EBI figures on their mart boards. These provide real-time information on animals for sale thus allowing farmers, at the ringside in marts, to view the ICBF Euro-Star ratings for beef breeding stock and also EBIs for dairy stock. There are currently 33 marts displaying Euro-Star/EBI figures on animals. The installation of these mart boards is still an on-going process so there will be more and more marts displaying figures in the future.
- ✚ In order for animals to have figures displayed on the mart boards they must:
  - Reside in a herd that is currently taking part in the Beef, Data and Genomics Programme or a herd who is currently subscribed to ICBF's subscription service 'HerdPlus'
  - They must have an index that is above average for EBI (€69) or for beef animals they must be either 4 or 5 stars on either within or across breed stars.
- ✚ Of the herds currently in the BDGP/HerdPlus member herds, there are 44% of these animals currently being displayed on the mart boards. While this is positive, there are still only 8% of all animals being displayed in the ring. With the re-opening of the BDGP scheme and more and more herds signing up to HerdPlus, we would expect to see the number of animals being displayed increase at a steady pace in the future.
- ✚ If you are currently participating in the BDGP programme or a member of HerdPlus, your animals are currently eligible provided they meet the index criteria. If you are not currently participating in the BDGP programme, you will have to sign up to [HerdPlus](#) in order to have your animals figures displayed.
- ✚ **The list of marts which are currently displaying Euro-Star and EBI figures on animals can be found here <http://www.icbf.com/?p=6686>**

## 6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 21/10/16						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 21/10/16	No. EDIY Herds YTD 21/10/16	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 21/10/16	No. EDIY Cows YTD 21/10/16	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,721	1,146	31%	363,472	122,228	34%
Progressive	2,322	944	41%	253,050	103,045	41%
Tipperary	117	53	45%	11,331	4,984	44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,160</b>	<b>2,143</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>627,853</b>	<b>230,257</b>	<b>37%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15-21/10/15	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16-21/10/16	2016 vs 2015 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	365,375	363,472	-0.5%
Progressive	257,392	253,050	-1.7%
Tipperary	11,842	11,331	-4.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>634,609</b>	<b>627,853</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>

## 7 Sheep Ireland

### CPT AI Progress Well

- As of today (Friday 21<sup>st</sup>) we have artificially inseminated 1,800 ewes as part of the 2016 CPT programme. The AI has gone very well. In general our CPT rams have performed well from a jumping and semen provision point of view, with a small number of exceptions. There have also been incidences where individual ram's semen has not been of adequate quality for AI on a particular day, this is just the nature of dealing with breeding rams.
- On Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, CPT AI took place in two different locations, on the farm of Andrew Moloney, Edenderry, Co. Offaly and in UCD Lyons Estate, Newcastle, Co. Kildare. Click [here](#) to see some footage from Andrew's farm on the day.

### CPT Ram Semen Freezing and Storage

- As part of our arrangement with breeders who make rams available for our CPT programme annually, Sheep Ireland agree to freeze 25 doses of semen for each ram. If breeders would like more than 25 doses of semen, they can request this, but the cost of these extra straws must be covered by the breeder.
- The storage of this CPT semen is now becoming an issue for Sheep Ireland as stocks build each year. More and more AI flasks are required annually to house this semen and this is unsustainable. For this reason we will be encouraging any breeders that have their own AI tank to take any semen held by Sheep Ireland on their behalf. Sheep Ireland will agree to hold 25 doses per breeder for a period of 3 years after which the breeder in question will need to make arrangements to store the semen themselves. Over the past number of weeks Sheep Ireland has been making contact with past CPT breeders to notify them of this change in procedure.

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## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 12-OCT-2016 To 21-OCT-2016

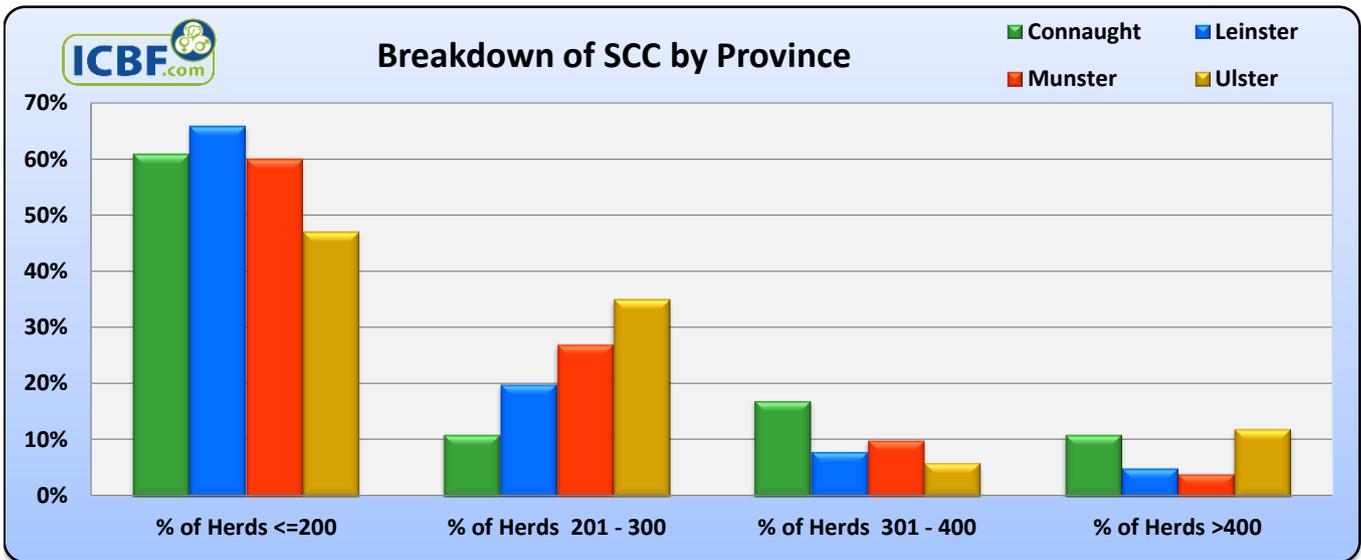
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	18	1,109	62	16.4	4.41	3.78	1.33	175
Leinster	167	16,367	98	17.3	4.43	3.84	1.42	167
Munster	682	59,881	88	15.7	4.59	3.98	1.34	179
Ulster	34	2,411	71	16.0	4.30	3.69	1.27	208
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>79,768</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>4.54</b>	<b>3.93</b>	<b>1.35</b>	<b>177</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 12-OCT-2016 To 21-OCT-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	18	1,109	62	61%	11%	17%	11%	175
Leinster	167	16,367	98	66%	20%	8%	5%	167
Munster	682	59,881	88	60%	27%	10%	4%	179
Ulster	34	2,411	71	47%	35%	6%	12%	208
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>79,768</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>177</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 12-OCT-2016 To 21-OCT-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	18	1,109	62	99	141	160	191	314
Leinster	167	16,367	98	105	140	157	188	248
Munster	682	59,881	88	118	158	176	201	263
Ulster	34	2,411	71	140	190	210	226	281
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>79,768</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>263</b>

\*\* Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

