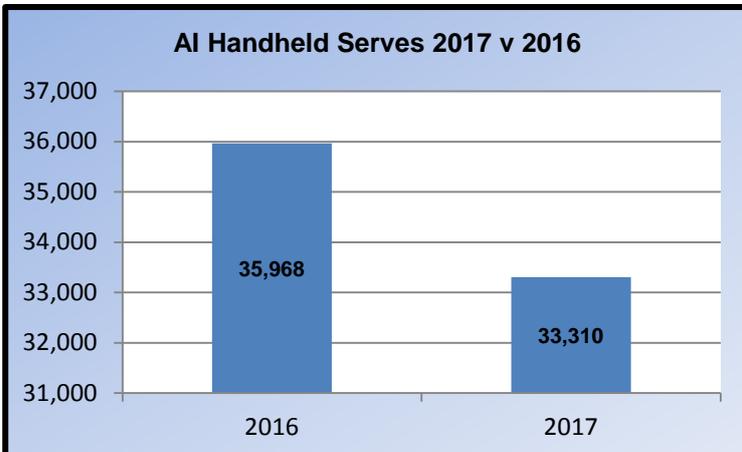
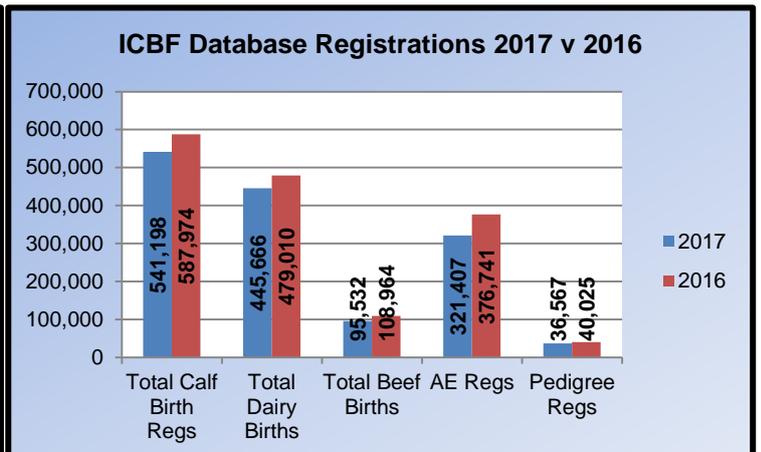
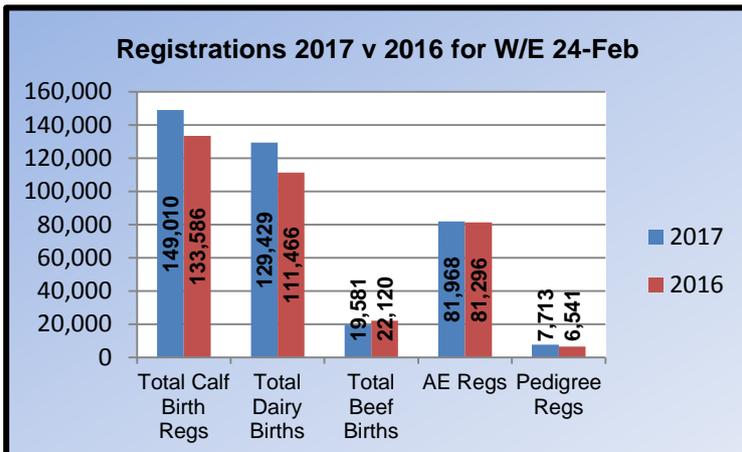


## ICBF Weekly Update 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### 1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 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 501,561 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 149,538 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 10,031,809 results have now been received.
- ✚ The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

### 3 Herd Plus®

- ✚ The latest evaluation figures (Euro-Star and EBI figures) have now been updated and are available to view on every animal in your HerdPlus profiles. PLEASE NOTE: This is a full evaluation update for all suckler beef traits with additional data since 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016, which was the cut-off data for the previous evaluation.
- ✚ A question that sometime arises “My bull had a 5 Star Genomic Proof, why is he now a 4 Star?” Click [here](#) for more.



✚ We are delighted to introduce our new 'ICBF Web Application' mobile app. This new app will now allow herd-owners quick access to their ICBF accounts. Recording events and viewing animal profiles has never been so easy. See our home page for further details.



✚ The first calves from the Spring 2016 Gene Ireland beef bulls are currently being born on farms. If you have any photos of Gene Ireland progeny that you would like to share with us, please email them to [query@icbf.com](mailto:query@icbf.com)

✚ 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'



✚ We are now taking orders for the Spring Dairy Gene Ireland program 2017. Click [here](#) for more details.

#### 4 GENE IRELAND® Dairy

✚ The panel consists of 41 Holstein Friesians, 5 Pure Friesians, 6 Jerseys and 7 Crossbreds bulls.

##### BREED PACKS AND AVERAGE EBI'S

- Holstein-Friesian: €308
- Pure Friesian: €204
- Multi Breed: €190

✚ The Multi Breed pack includes Jersey (and Jersey Cross bulls), together with Holstein-Friesian bulls for comparative purposes.

✚ Postal and telephone sign-ups are ongoing.

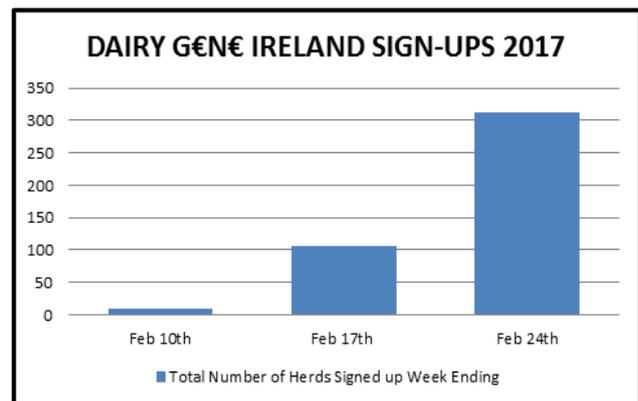
✚ 312 Herds are signed-up to date, taking a total of 12,515 straws.

✚ To learn more or to Order straws please telephone **023 8820452**.

[Click here for potential Holstein/Friesian bull list](#)

[Click here for potential British Friesian, Jersey and Jersey Cross-bred bull list](#)

[Click Here for Letter and Sign-Up Form](#)



#### 5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 24/02/17						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 24/02/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 24/02/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 24/02/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 24/02/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	513	21	4%	32,341	1,898	6%
Progressive	677	106	16%	48,828	7,852	16%
Tipperary	5	1	20%	314	63	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>81,483</b>	<b>9,813</b>	<b>12%</b>

### Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16- 24/02/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17- 24/02/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	38,221	32,341	-15.4%
Progressive	55,979	48,828	-12.8%
Tipperary	288	314	9.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,488</b>	<b>81,483</b>	<b>-13.8%</b>

## 6 Sheep Ireland

### CPT Preparation

- Sheep Ireland is in the final stages of preparing for the 2017 CPT Lambing season, with contractors and students forming the labour required to give the 24 hour cover necessary in each of our 5 CPT flocks. This is a great opportunity for students to gain valuable experience of a very compact lambing period and an intensive data recording project. If anyone is interested in gaining this type of experience you're advised to contact Sheep Ireland next week as we are fast approaching lambing time.

### UCD Careers Day

- Sheep Ireland and ICBF attended the UCD agricultural careers day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February providing students with an opportunity to network with potential employers. Both ICBF and Sheep Ireland received great interest at the event, highlighting the interest that graduates have in both sectors and more importantly in what they are both trying to achieve.



- It was great to hear the Minister of Agriculture Michael Creed speaking with such enthusiasm about the prospects within the agricultural sector and it was a privilege to be part of this event. Sheep Ireland gave a presentation to Agriculture students from the SRUC (Scotland's Rural College) visiting Kildalton Agricultural College, Teagasc.



**Sean Coughlan** Chief Executive, ICBF & Sheep Ireland, Highfield House, Shinagh, Bandon Co. Cork., Phone: +353 238 820 222, Email [info@icbf.com](mailto:info@icbf.com), **Registered Office:** Irish Cattle Breeding Federation Society Ltd trading as "ICBF", Highfield House, Shinagh, Bandon, Co Cork. Registered Dublin, Ireland. Registration Number 4914R, Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1893 to 1978. Web: [www.icbf.com](http://www.icbf.com). **Registered Office:** Sheep Database CLG trading as "Sheep Ireland". Highfield House, Shinagh, Bandon, Co Cork. Registered Dublin, Ireland. Registration Number 465004, Companies Acts 1963 to 2006. Web: [www.sheep.ie](http://www.sheep.ie).

## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 15-FEB-2017 To 24-FEB-2017

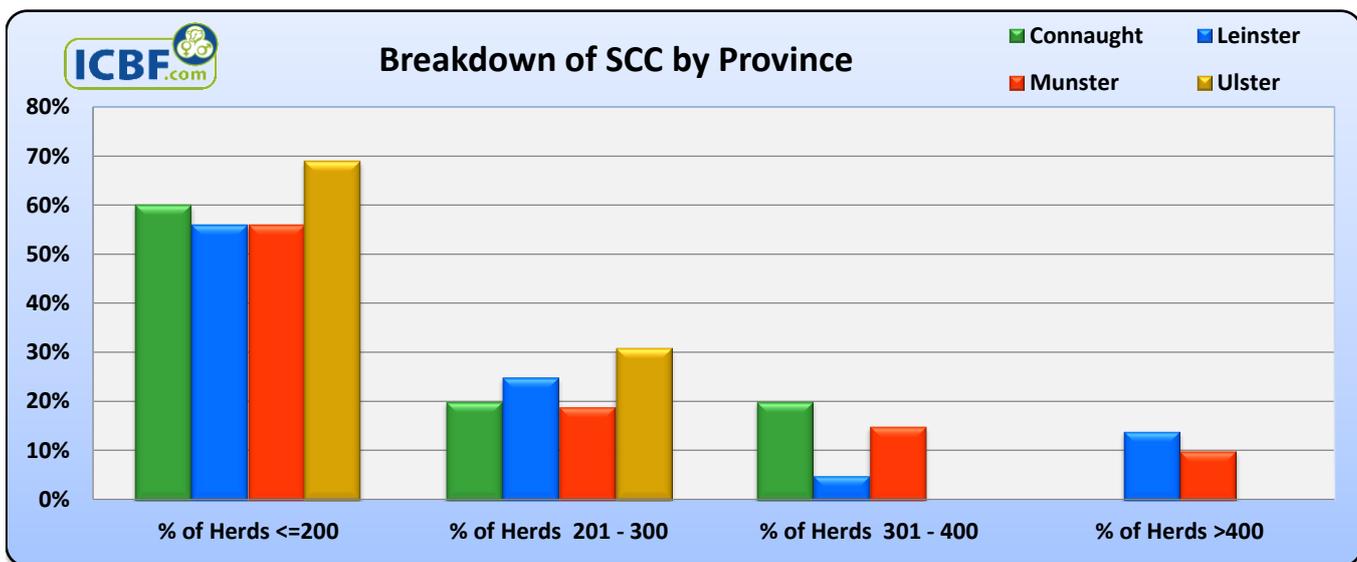
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	10	409	41	24.7	3.82	3.19	1.72	127
Leinster	63	5,270	84	24.3	4.12	3.39	1.83	184
Munster	191	11,162	58	25.0	4.33	3.38	1.92	184
Ulster	13	592	46	23.5	3.99	3.22	1.69	118
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>17,433</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>4.25</b>	<b>3.36</b>	<b>1.88</b>	<b>178</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 15-FEB-2017 To 24-FEB-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	10	409	41	60%	20%	20%	0%	127
Leinster	63	5,270	84	56%	25%	5%	14%	184
Munster	191	11,162	58	56%	19%	15%	10%	184
Ulster	13	592	46	69%	31%	0%	0%	118
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>17,433</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>178</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 15-FEB-2017 To 24-FEB-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	10	409	41	73	105	137	181	242
Leinster	63	5,270	84	110	171	187	219	293
Munster	191	11,162	58	107	152	176	221	319
Ulster	13	592	46	65	84	129	157	229
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>17,433</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>314</b>

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

