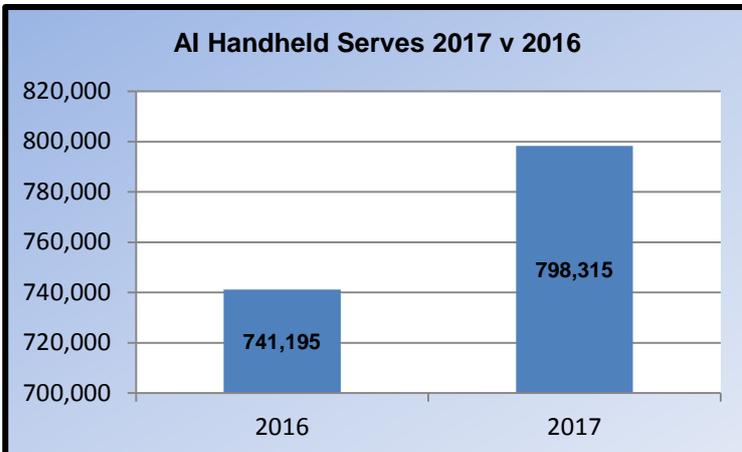
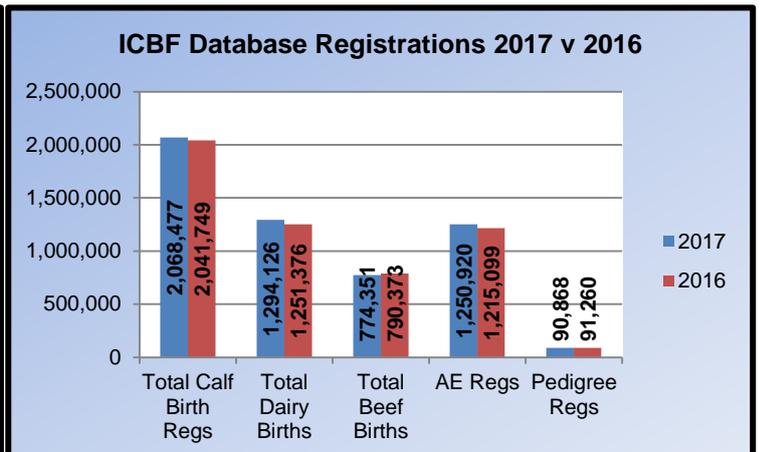
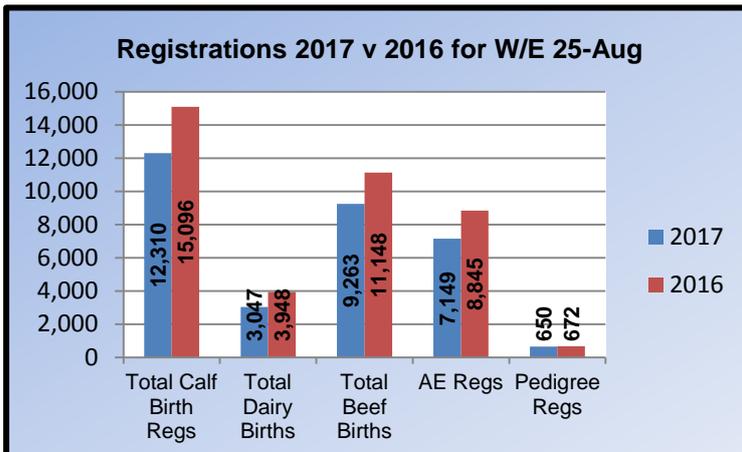


ICBF Weekly Update 25th August 2017

1 Important Dates

- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 7th September at 10:30am in Highfield House, Bandon.
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 14th September at 2:00pm, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 16th November at 10:30am, 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 2,132,680 results received since January 1st, of which 14,626 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,662,912 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

3 Herd Plus®

- Pictured below is a Gene Ireland sired Cow. She is a genotyped 5 star with a replacement index of €112. She is sired by the former Gene Ireland Simmental bull APZ Curaheen Apostle. Click [here](#) for more details.



- Scanned your cows recently? You can now record 'Pregnancy Diagnosis' on ICBF.com. Click [here](#) for more details.



This facility is having a significant impact on the breeding industry in Ireland. This feature can be used by anyone and can be found on the right hand side of the ICBF home screen. Click [here](#) for further details.



Check out the latest WHPR Breeder profile featuring James and Elizabeth Lynch. Click [here](#) for further details.



Why does the EBI value of my animals keep changing?
Click [here](#) for more details.



4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 25/08/17						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 25/08/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 25/08/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 25/08/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 25/08/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,853	1,267	33%	390,176	140,318	36%
Progressive	2,312	968	42%	264,100	112,008	42%
Tipperary	111	50	45%	11,537	5,177	45%
Total	6,276	2,285	36%	665,813	257,503	39%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 25/08/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 25/08/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	353,291	390,176	10.4%
Progressive	247,072	264,100	6.9%
Tipperary	11,107	11,537	3.9%
Total	611,470	665,813	8.9%

5 Sheep Ireland

Sheep Ireland Elite Multi-Breed Ram Sale

All roads lead to Tullamore tomorrow for the Sheep Ireland Sale which kicks off at 12:00 pm. Sheep Ireland Technicians will be there from 9:00am to inspect rams upon entry. With over 300 lots entered in the sale from breeds, all of which are 5 star, there will be a ram there to suit everyone's needs. For the full sales catalogue please visit [www.sheep.ie](#).

This sale is an extremely important event in terms of promoting and growing the level of performance recording in Ireland which will ultimately be a good thing for the entire sheep industry.

Belclare Sheep AI

Last Saturday 19th August a number of Belclare breeders came together on the farm of John Renehan to carry out some AI on their ewes. High Index rams were the order of the day and despite some issues collecting adequate quality semen from some rams, all ewes were AI'd successfully. Hopefully the effort that breeders have gone to will be rewarded with high index ram lambs for sale in 2018.

Some images from the AI below



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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 16-AUG-2017 To 25-AUG-2017

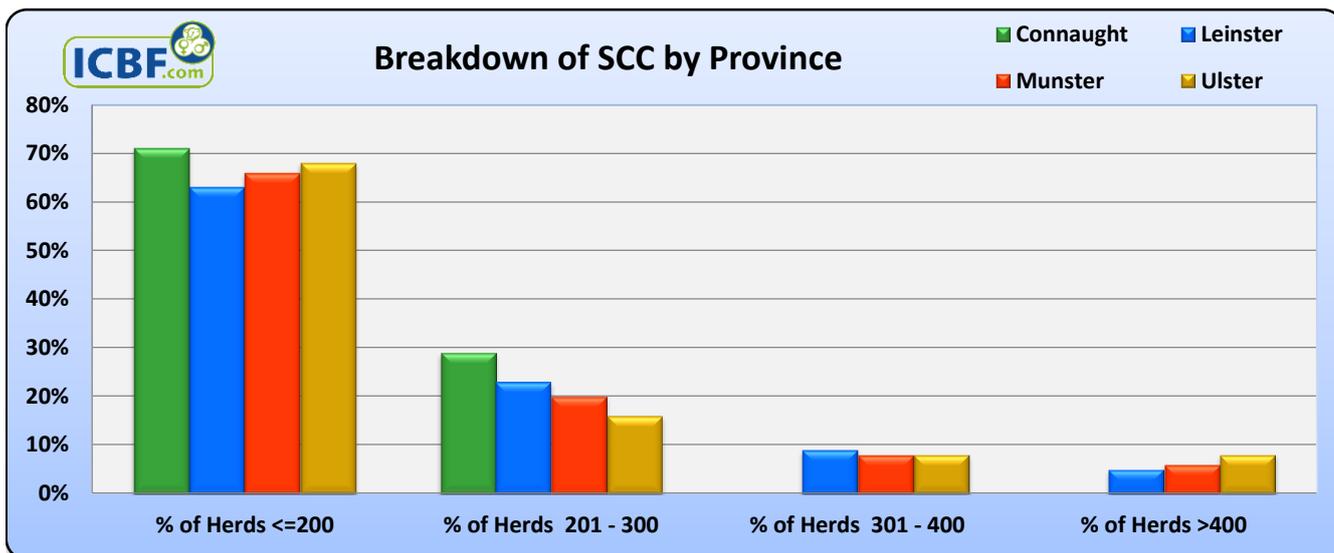
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	21	1,644	78	22.6	3.93	3.62	1.70	139
Leinster	141	15,066	107	20.7	4.09	3.62	1.59	167
Munster	525	51,350	98	21.5	4.12	3.60	1.66	163
Ulster	25	1,827	73	21.2	3.92	3.51	1.57	158
National Statistics	715	70,103	98	21.4	4.10	3.60	1.64	163

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 16-AUG-2017 To 25-AUG-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	21	1,644	78	71%	29%	0%	0%	139
Leinster	141	15,066	107	63%	23%	9%	5%	167
Munster	525	51,350	98	66%	20%	8%	6%	163
Ulster	25	1,827	73	68%	16%	8%	8%	158
National Statistics	715	70,103	98	66%	21%	8%	5%	163

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 16-AUG-2017 To 25-AUG-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	21	1,644	78	105	133	146	150	214
Leinster	141	15,066	107	109	145	167	186	268
Munster	525	51,350	98	104	138	161	182	251
Ulster	25	1,827	73	97	131	143	168	233
National Statistics	715	70,103	98	104	139	160	182	252

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

