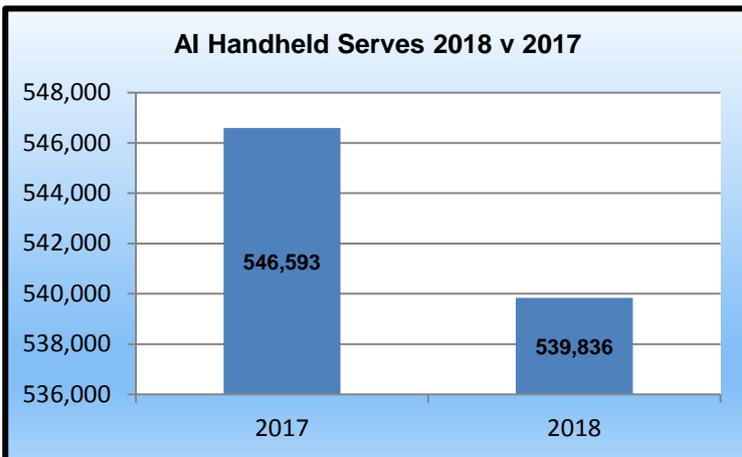
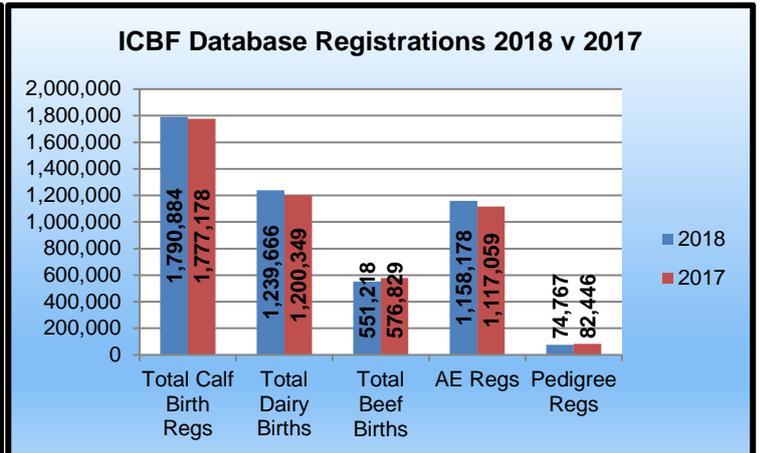
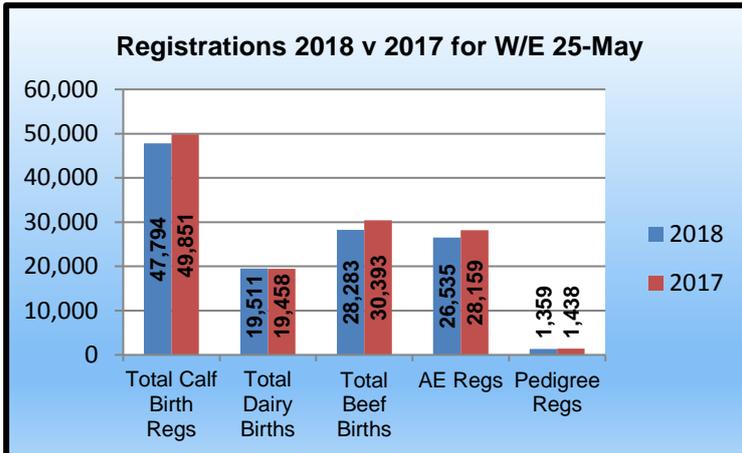


## ICBF Weekly Update 25th May 2018

### 1 Important Dates

- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 10:30am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 2:00pm, 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 1,815,405 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 54,733 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 13,736,902 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2018.

### 3 Herd Plus®

ICBF recently had the opportunity to discuss the many positive outcomes from implementation of the Beef Data and Genomics Program (BDGP) to the Dail Agricultural Affairs committee. Click [here](#) for more details.



The latest HerdPlus EBI reports have been generated and are now available online. Click [here](#) for more details.



Over 40 years of breeding in Co. Laois Simmental herd. Click [here](#) for further details.



## 4 Milk Recording

### National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 25/05/18

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 25/05/18	No. EDIY Herds YTD 25/05/18	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 25/05/18	No. EDIY Cows YTD 25/05/18	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,500	1,185	34%	346,311	130,145	38%
Progressive	2,008	809	40%	222,696	91,079	41%
Tipperary	95	35	37%	10,228	3,669	36%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,603</b>	<b>2,029</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>579,235</b>	<b>224,893</b>	<b>39%</b>

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

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 25/05/17	YTD 2018 Cows Recorded 01/01/18 - 25/05/18	2018 vs 2017 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	355,337	346,311	-2.5%
Progressive	230,184	222,696	-3.3%
Tipperary	10,397	10,228	-1.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>595,918</b>	<b>579,235</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>

## 5 Sheep Ireland

### Ultrasound Muscle and fat Depth Scanning (M&F Scanning)

This week marks the beginning of a busy muscle and fat scanning period for LambPlus breeders in the country. Two of Sheep Ireland's technicians are currently out scanning some of this season's lambs, after a successful correlation session two weeks ago.

### What is M&F Scanning

Ultrasound Scanning remains a vital component of the LambPlus performance recording scheme. It is a common management practice in all the top breed improvement programmes around the world. Measuring the muscle and fat depth in sheep is a reliable indicator of how much meat will be yielded from the carcass when it comes to sending them to the factory. This gives sheep farmers a good predicted estimation of what to expect before their animals go to the factory. For more information regarding Ultrasound M&F Scanning

and the **CRITERIA** for implementation follow the following link >>  
<https://www.sheep.ie/wp/?s=ultrasound+scanning>.

### Where it is taken place

- M&F scanning is being conducting all over the country by Michael O' Neil (Mayo) and James Kelly (Kildare). One of the technicians can be seen in action today below in a flock in Co. Cork.



### Irish Grassland Association (IGA) Sheep Conference and Farm Walk

- The IGA Sheep Conference 2018 took place this week on 22<sup>nd</sup> May in the Horse and Jockey, County Tipperary. Our very own Kevin Mc Dermott and Eamon Wall represented Sheep Ireland on this successful day which proved to be an informative day for all involved. The day included presentations from Sheep Ireland, Darren Carty (Irish Farmers Journal) and Matthew Blyth, a flock manager from Didling Farms in West Sussex UK. The day was wrapped up with a farm walk on the CPT flock of John Larges, where topics covered included flock performance and breeding along with grassland management and economic performance.

### Sheep 2018: Farm to Fork

- Sheep 2018 Farm to Fork was launched this week in Athenry by minister Andrew Doyle. Sheep Ireland are proud to be partners in this event along with lots of other industry bodies. It will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> July this year in Teagasc Athenry, Co. Galway. For more information following this link >>  
<https://www.teagasc.ie/news--events/national-events/events/sheep2018-farm-to-fork-.php>



## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 16-MAY-2018 To 25-MAY-2018

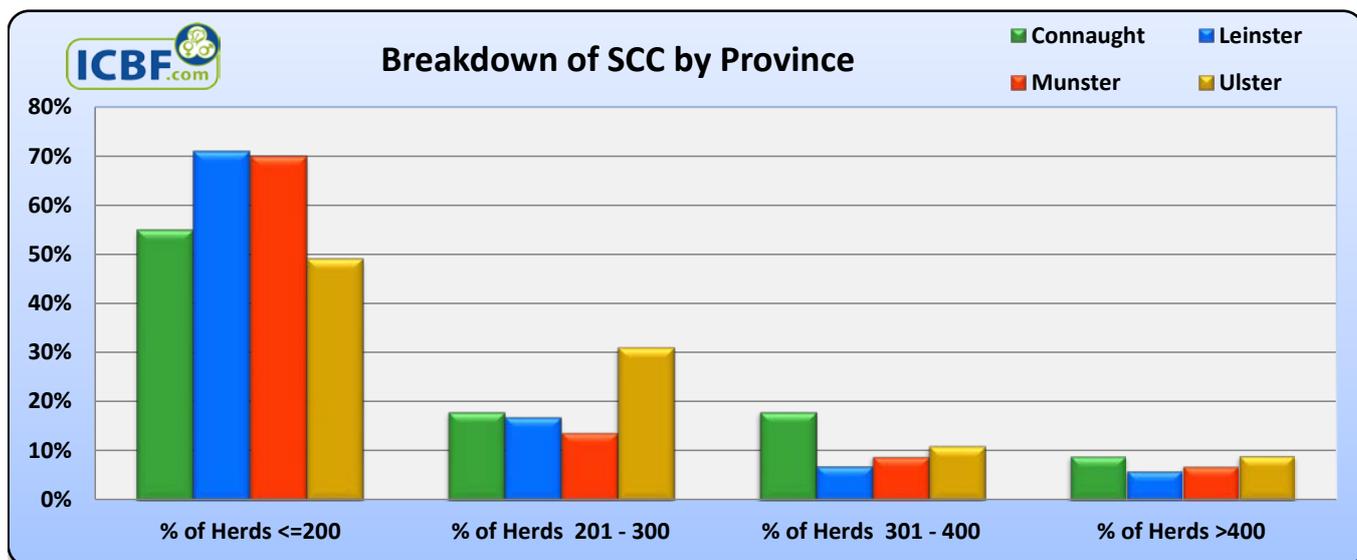
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	22	1,590	72	29.1	3.59	3.37	2.02	172
Leinster	144	16,189	112	27.3	3.79	3.40	1.96	152
Munster	405	39,530	98	27.5	3.74	3.40	1.96	151
Ulster	35	2,589	74	27.8	3.74	3.36	1.97	172
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>59,986</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>3.40</b>	<b>1.96</b>	<b>153</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 16-MAY-2018 To 25-MAY-2018

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	22	1,590	72	55%	18%	18%	9%	172
Leinster	144	16,189	112	71%	17%	7%	6%	152
Munster	405	39,530	98	70%	14%	9%	7%	151
Ulster	35	2,589	74	49%	31%	11%	9%	172
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>59,986</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>153</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 16-MAY-2018 To 25-MAY-2018								
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	22	1,590	72	120	161	181	209	330
Leinster	144	16,189	112	102	131	152	172	232
Munster	405	39,530	98	88	129	147	175	260
Ulster	35	2,589	74	93	169	207	220	301
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>59,986</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>259</b>

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

