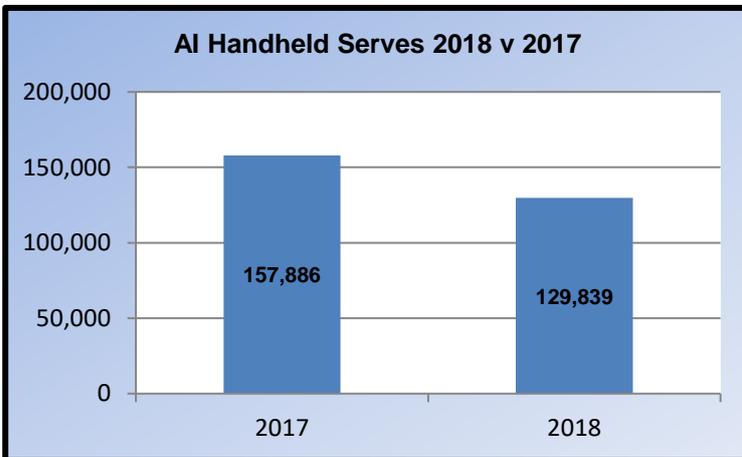
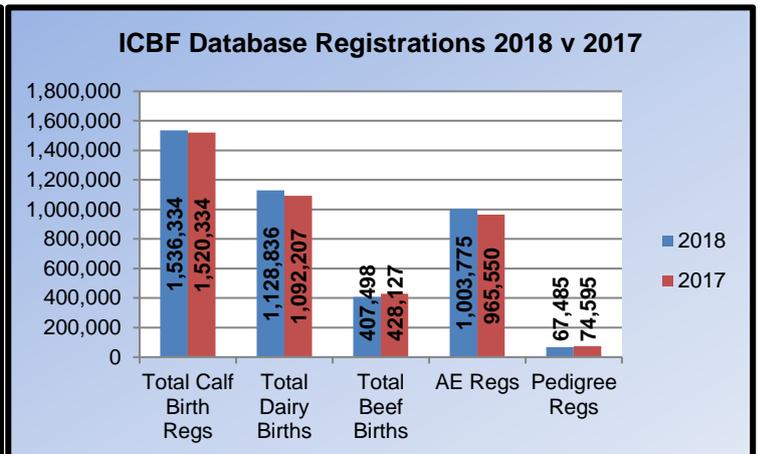
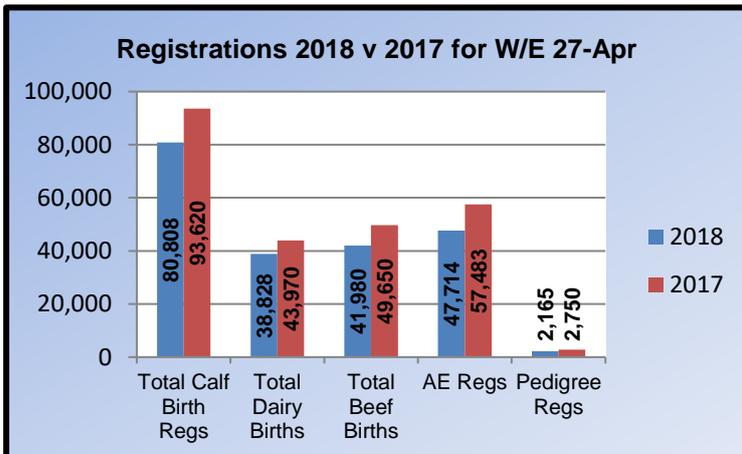


ICBF Weekly Update 27th April 2018

1 Important Dates

- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 3rd May at 10:30am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF AGM Meeting** – Thursday 3rd May at 12:30pm, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep AGM Meeting** – Thursday 3rd May at 2:30pm, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 3rd May at 3:00pm, 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 1,537,338 results received since January 1st, of which 82,163 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 13,458,836 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2018 compared with 2017.

3 Herd Plus®

Applying for an AI Code. Click [here](#) for more details.

Sean Ryan runs a pedigree Limousin herd in Cappamore, Co. Limerick, alongside his father Paddy and son James. Click [here](#) for more details.

✚ This Spring heralds a major first for Gene Ireland as the progeny test results of the first of the young bulls become known. Click [here](#) for further details.

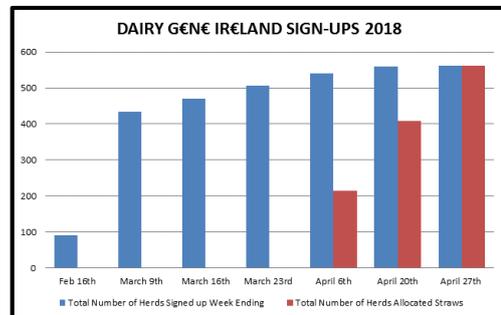


✚ Gene Ireland Beef Programme – Spring 2018 Directory. Click [here](#) for details.



4 GENE IRELAND® Dairy

- ✚ There are now over 562 herds signed up to the programme taking a total of 21,865 straws.
- ✚ Breed packs have been assigned to all current participants. The final orders are currently being packed by Munster AI.
- ✚ Bull details and inbreeding reports are currently being sent to participants.
- ✚ It is vital to record insemination details and use the straws in the current season.
- ✚ To order straws please contact **023 8820452**.
- ✚ [Click Here](#) to view an explanation video on the role of Dairy GENE IRELAND Programme and the benefits of the programme nationally.
- [Click here for potential Holstein/Friesian Dairy list.](#)
- [Click here for potential Pure Friesian, Norwegian Red, Jersey and Jersey Crossbred list.](#)



5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 27/04/18						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 27/04/18	No. EDIY Herds YTD 27/04/18	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 27/04/18	No. EDIY Cows YTD 27/04/18	% Cows EDIY
Munster	2,633	716	27%	240,896	74,671	31%
Progressive	1,454	503	35%	146,291	51,230	35%
Tipperary	42	17	40%	4,184	1,543	37%
Total	4,129	7,575	183%	391,371	127,444	33%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 27/04/17	YTD 2018 Cows Recorded 01/01/18 - 27/04/18	2018 vs 2017 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	279,647	240,896	-13.9%
Progressive	179,452	146,291	-18.5%
Tipperary	7,383	4,184	-43.3%
Total	466,482	391,371	-16.1%

6 Sheep Ireland

Final Reminder LambPlus Deadline

- The deadline for entering lambing information onto the system is this coming Monday 30th April, after this date any lambs entered will not receive genetic evaluations in 2018. We will facilitate breeders that have late lambs born after this date but we would ask you to notify us prior to the deadline.

CPT 40 Day Weights

- This week we started collecting 40-day weights from CPT lambs, these lambs range from 20-65 days of age and had an ADG of 273 g/day. Almost 1,300 ewes and lambs have been weighed, Body Condition Scored, Dag scored and had any incidences of lameness and mastitis recorded via our new LambPlus App. We will continue our collection of 40-day weights next week to ensure they are all weighed within the correct bracket. You can see a guide to when you should weight your lambs [here](#).

Pictures of 40-day weights being taken at John Large's Farm Gortnahoe, Co. Tipperary.



Sheep Ireland Board Meeting

- A Sheep Ireland Board Meeting takes place next Thursday 3rd May, we encourage any feedback in advance of this meeting. This can either be emailed to query@sheep.ie or sent to your relevant Board Representative. You will find their details [here](#).

National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 18-APR-2018 To 27-APR-2018

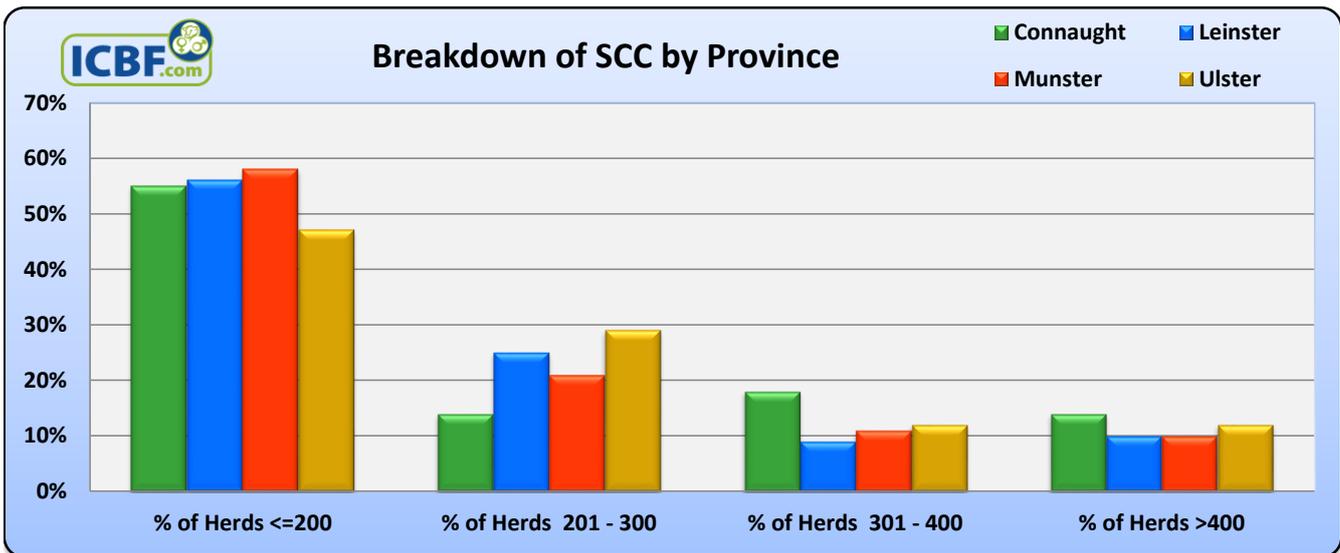
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	22	2,086	95	26.2	4.09	3.19	1.91	185
Leinster	138	16,731	121	26.4	4.04	3.34	1.95	186
Munster	463	43,673	94	27.0	3.95	3.25	1.95	178
Ulster	17	1,345	79	27.3	3.91	3.31	1.97	195
National Statistics	643	64,149	100	26.9	3.97	3.27	1.95	180

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 18-APR-2018 To 27-APR-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	2,086	95	55%	14%	18%	14%	185
Leinster	138	16,731	121	56%	25%	9%	10%	186
Munster	463	43,673	94	58%	21%	11%	10%	178
Ulster	17	1,345	79	47%	29%	12%	12%	195
National Statistics	643	64,149	100	57%	21%	11%	10%	180

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 18-APR-2018 To 27-APR-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	2,086	95	107	156	171	241	331
Leinster	138	16,731	121	119	164	190	215	297
Munster	463	43,673	94	96	151	177	209	314
Ulster	17	1,345	79	113	165	225	231	300
National Statistics	643	64,149	100	100	154	183	214	312

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

