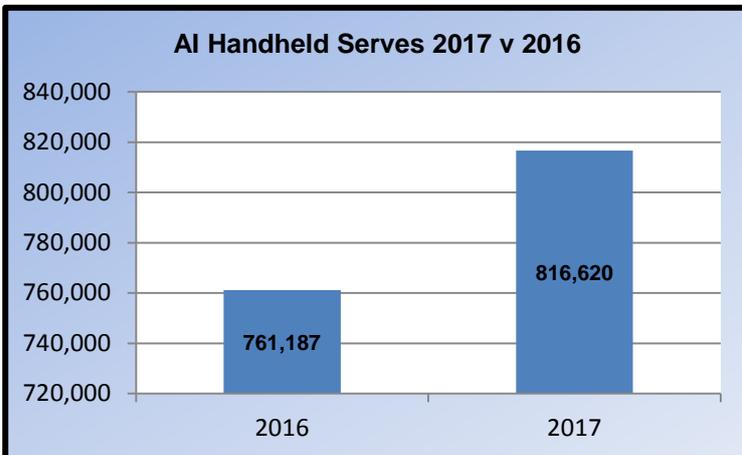
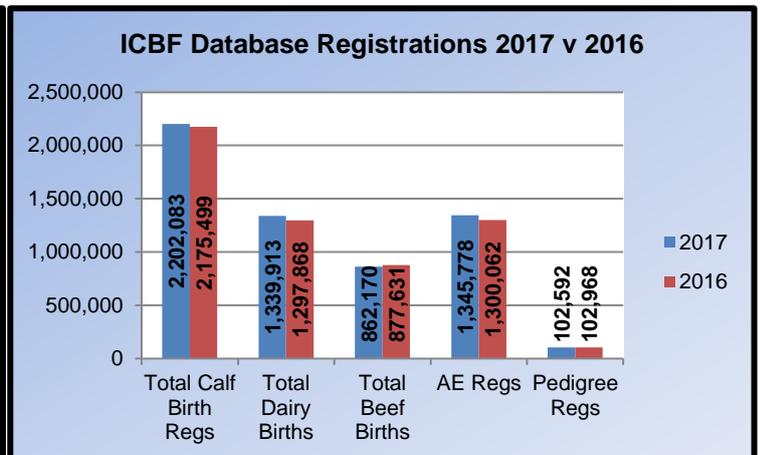
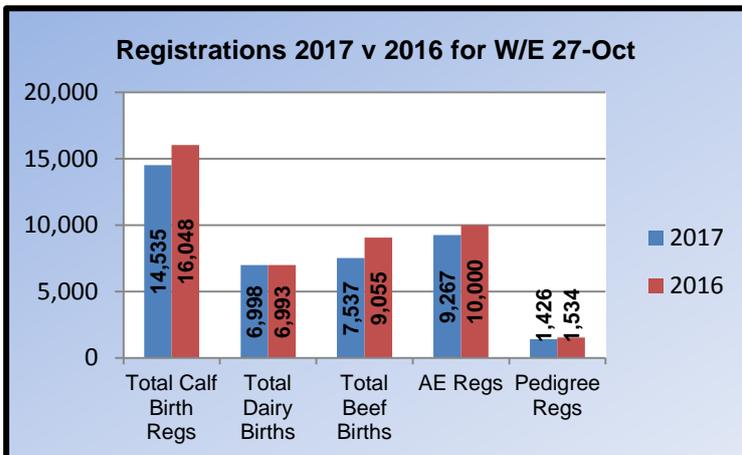


ICBF Weekly Update 27th October 2017

1 Important Dates

- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 9th November at 10:30am, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise. *(Please note change of date and venue).*
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 23rd November at 2:00pm, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Friday 17th November at 10:30am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise. *(Please note change of date).*

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 2,265,830 results received since January 1st, of which 16,663 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,796,060 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

3 Herd Plus®

- ICBF and Teagasc are proud to announce that we will be officially launching C.O.W. (Cow's Own Worth) on next Tuesday 31st October 2017. Click [here](#) for more details.



- Bull calf sired by Lisnacran Fifty Cent (SI2469). The calf weighted 340 Kgs at 182 days being fed just milk and grass. Click [here](#) for more details.



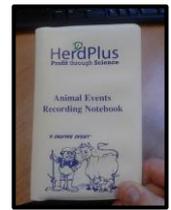
- Following the release of the HerdPlus Beef Calving Statistics we have taken a closer look at some important Key Performance Indicators (KPI's). Click [here](#) for more details.



- ICBF and the programme partners have recently launched the exciting new Gene Ireland panel of high replacement index beef bulls for Autumn 2017. Click [here](#) for further details.



- To ensure that expected calving dates are included in the 2018 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 31st October in order to guarantee that this data is printed on your pocket notebook and expected calving list. Click [here](#) for more details.



4 Tully

- Progressive Genetics technicians attended the Gene Ireland Progeny Test Centre in Tully, Co. Kildare on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.
- Three groups of technicians consisting of 25-30 people attended over the two days.
- Progressive Genetics speakers included Rose Goulding, Seamus Hughes and Laurence Feeny.
- ICBF speakers included Stephen Conroy, Niall Kilrane, Ciarán Costello and Chris Daly.
- Topics presented and discussed included:
 1. EURO-STAR indexes - Profitability Using the EURO-STARS.
 2. BDGP.
 3. Whole Herd Performance recording.
 4. Tully.
 5. Gene Ireland.
- It was a very positive event and we hope to host more of these in the future.



5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 27/10/17

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 27/10/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 27/10/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 27/10/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 27/10/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,877	1,277	33%	394,092	141,704	36%
Progressive	2,348	997	42%	270,768	115,960	43%
Tipperary	112	51	46%	11,676	5,285	45%
Total	6,337	2,325	37%	676,536	262,949	39%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 27/10/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 27/10/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	364,091	394,092	8.2%
Progressive	254,227	270,768	6.5%
Tipperary	11,332	11,676	3.0%
Total	629,650	676,536	7.4%

6 Sheep Ireland

CPT Update

- Last Wednesday marked the final day of AI for our 2017 CPT program on Brian Nicholson's farm in Johnstown Co. Kilkenny. During the course of the program 29 rams were used from 5 different breeds, a list of the rams and their owners can be found [here](#). Overall just over 2,100 ewes have been AI'd within a 13 day period, for now we look forward to the busy lambing period next March. We are extremely happy with how our program has gone this year which is in no doubt down to the hard work and dedication of the Sheep Ireland technicians, AI technicians from ProStar Genetics and AB Europe, and the CPT farmers and of course to the breeders who applied to have their rams be part of such a program. A sincere thank you to all involved.

LambPlus Sign-up Forms 2018

- Within the next week we will begin to circulate sign-up forms for our 2018 LambPlus program. Existing LambPlus members will receive a sign-up form as well as non LambPlus members that are involved with each breed society. An online version will be available also if needed.

Upcoming Meeting with Breed Society Representatives

- On next Thursday 2nd November, members of the Sheep Ireland Board will meet with breed society representatives from all Irish sheep breed societies. This meeting will be an opportunity for the Board to hear concerns and ideas from breed societies and to discuss how breed improvement can be accelerated in all breeds. The Chairperson and Secretary of each breed society have been invited to attend this meeting. Should any society member have any issue or idea which they would like to be discussed, please contact

your relevant breed society or contact the relevant Sheep Ireland Board representative elected on your behalf.

Regional Meetings

- A round of regional meetings for all pedigree ram breeders interested in sheep breed improvement will be organised for November. The details of these meetings will be circulated to all breeders and breed societies very soon.



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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 18-OCT-2017 To 27-OCT-2017

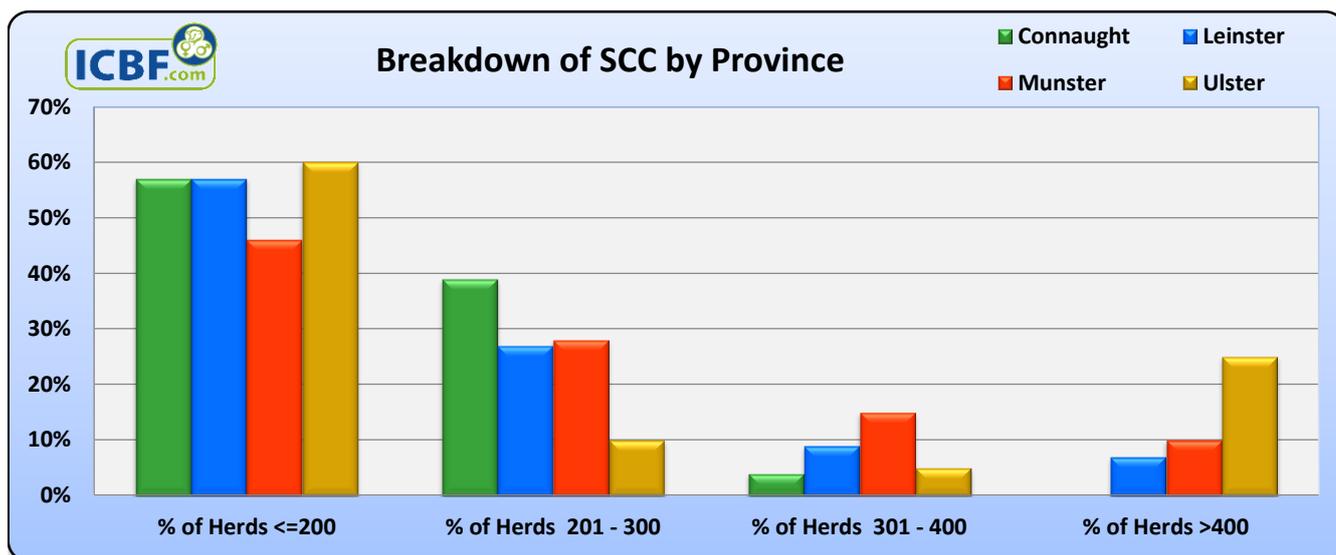
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	23	1,891	82	14.1	4.81	3.93	1.21	169
Leinster	100	10,784	108	15.6	4.60	3.87	1.31	185
Munster	364	32,322	89	14.6	4.68	3.88	1.24	215
Ulster	20	1,210	61	16.9	4.23	3.56	1.30	184
National Statistics	509	46,410	91	14.8	4.66	3.87	1.25	206

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 18-OCT-2017 To 27-OCT-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	23	1,891	82	57%	39%	4%	0%	169
Leinster	100	10,784	108	57%	27%	9%	7%	185
Munster	364	32,322	89	46%	28%	15%	10%	215
Ulster	20	1,210	61	60%	10%	5%	25%	184
National Statistics	509	46,410	91	49%	28%	13%	10%	206

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 18-OCT-2017 To 27-OCT-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	23	1,891	82	132	161	167	208	249
Leinster	100	10,784	108	128	167	191	202	265
Munster	364	32,322	89	139	181	210	245	326
Ulster	20	1,210	61	102	122	158	213	427
National Statistics	509	46,410	91	132	173	202	232	318

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

