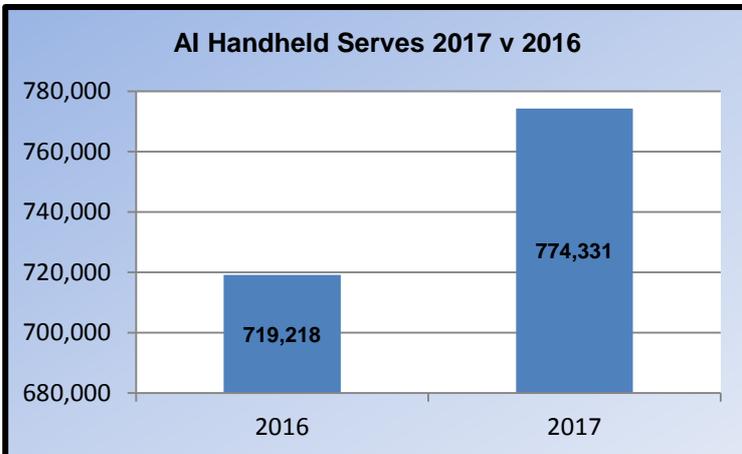
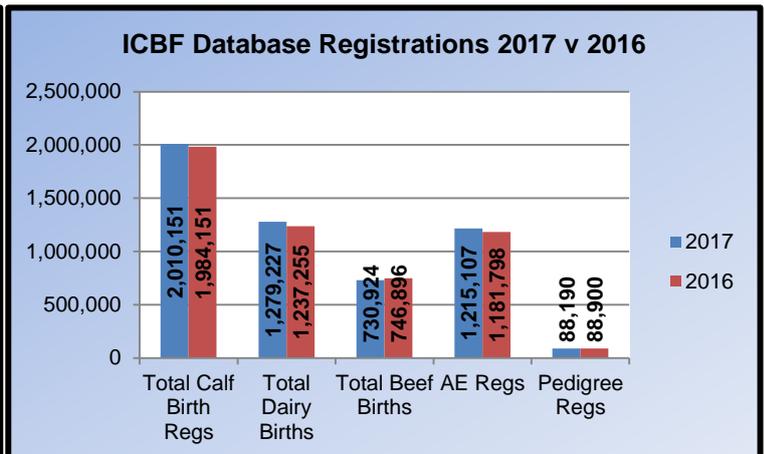
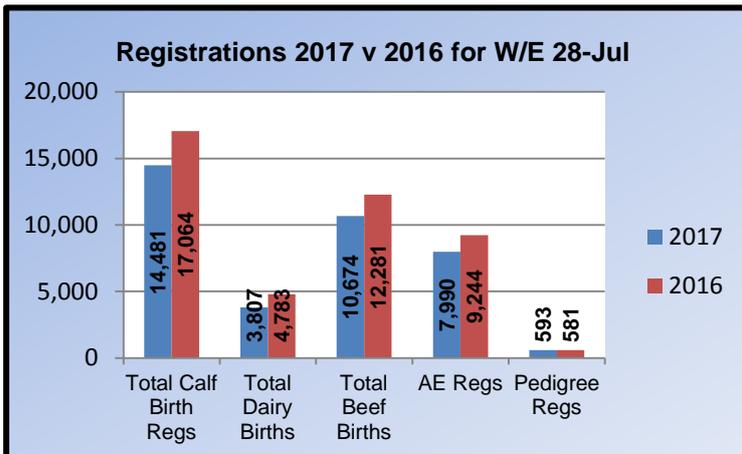


ICBF Weekly Update 28th July 2017

1 Important Dates

- + **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 7th September at 10:30am in Highfield House, Bandon.
- + **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 7th September at 2:00pm in Highfield House, Bandon.
- + **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 2,070,142 results received since January 1st, of which 17,855 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,600,375 results have now been received.
- + The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

3 Herd Plus®

+ Check out this video of an AJY progeny which was recently tested through the ICBF progeny Test Centre in Tully. The animal was bred by L. Whelan, Co. Laois. Click [here](#) for more.



+ The pedigree Whole Herd Performance Recording Programme (WHPR) has now surpassed 500 herds. Click [here](#) to see a profile of one of the participating herds.



As the 2017 Spring dairy AI season draws to a close the latest stats have been compiled by ICBF through AI technician handhelds. The Holstein/Friesian continues to dominate with >90% of recorded inseminations. Click [here](#) to see the full breakdown of the statistics.



Late Summer is an ideal time for farmers to weight record stock. Spring born suckler calves will be entering the optimum timeframe for weight recording (150-250 days old). There is also an increasing emphasis on weight recording suckler cows so as to be able to better measure cow efficiency (calf weight as % of cow weight). Dairy farmers are also increasingly weighing young stock to help ensure that they meet target weights. Find out more about the ICBF weighing service [here](#).



4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 28/07/17

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 28/07/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 28/07/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 28/07/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 28/07/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,847	1,261	33%	388,074	139,022	36%
Progressive	2,291	950	41%	260,119	109,225	42%
Tipperary	111	50	45%	11,466	5,130	45%
Total	6,249	2,261	36%	659,659	253,377	38%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 28/07/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 28/07/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	351,294	388,074	10.5%
Progressive	243,570	260,119	6.8%
Tipperary	10,830	11,466	5.9%
Total	605,694	659,659	8.9%

5 Sheep Ireland

Teagasc BETTER Farm Open Day - Brian Nicholson

A very successful farm Open Day was held on the farm of Brian Nicholson this week. A large crowd attended on the day and were presented with excellent messages on a number of key topics such as grassland management and breeding. Brian's farm has made major progress under the Better Farm Programme and those in attendance all left with simple messages which will make a huge difference to their own farms.

Sheep Ireland Multibreed LambPlus Ram Sale 2017

The deadline for entries for the Sheep Ireland Multibreed LambPlus Ram Sale is fast approaching. The deadline for the sale is Monday 14th August 2017. Entries that are received after this date **will not** be accepted.

Premier Sales

- The Charollais Premier Sale is taking place this Saturday 29th July in Tullow, Co. Carlow. The sale catalogue can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Other Important Premier Sale Dates

Society	Date	Location
Suffolk	Saturday 5 th August	Roscrea – catalogue here
Belclare	Tuesday 8 th August	Kilkenny – catalogue here
Texel	Saturday 12 th August	Blessington – catalogue here

CPT Replacement Ewe Selection

- At the moment the CPT farmers are busy selecting replacements for their flocks. As part of the CPT programme farmers are required to keep a percentage of ewes from each CPT sire used on the farm. This will help Sheep Ireland to collect maternal data for the sires as the ewes start lambing down. These ewes will hopefully be in the flock for the next 5 to 6 years and contribute a lot of data for the genetic evaluations.
- Sheep Ireland personnel visit the CPT flocks to help identify the female replacements which need to be retained. It is essential that an adequate number of females are retained per sire used. The Euro-Star indexes of the ewe lambs are also considered.

See pictures below from John Large's farm.



Ewes marked and ready for selection



2017 Replacements

See some images below from the Farm Walk on Brian Nicholson's farm.





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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 19-JUL-2017 To 28-JUL-2017

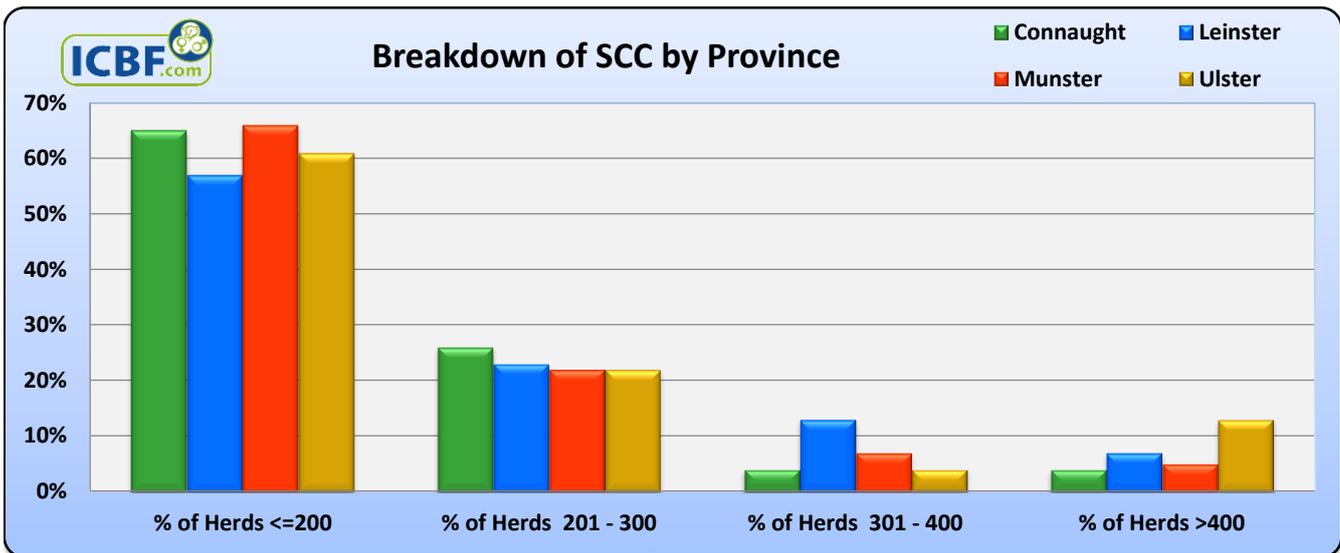
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	23	1,599	70	25.0	3.64	3.28	1.72	140
Leinster	161	18,878	117	22.3	3.95	3.43	1.64	178
Munster	583	56,727	97	23.6	3.93	3.48	1.74	159
Ulster	23	1,626	71	23.3	3.64	3.27	1.60	179
National Statistics	790	78,830	100	23.3	3.91	3.45	1.72	163

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 19-JUL-2017 To 28-JUL-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	1,599	70	65%	26%	4%	4%	140
Leinster	161	18,878	117	57%	23%	13%	7%	178
Munster	583	56,727	97	66%	22%	7%	5%	159
Ulster	23	1,626	71	61%	22%	4%	13%	179
National Statistics	790	78,830	100	64%	22%	8%	6%	163

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 19-JUL-2017 To 28-JUL-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	1,599	70	86	114	147	160	221
Leinster	161	18,878	117	111	159	185	219	304
Munster	583	56,727	97	100	138	157	180	251
Ulster	23	1,626	71	124	145	155	183	286
National Statistics	790	78,830	100	102	142	160	187	266

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

