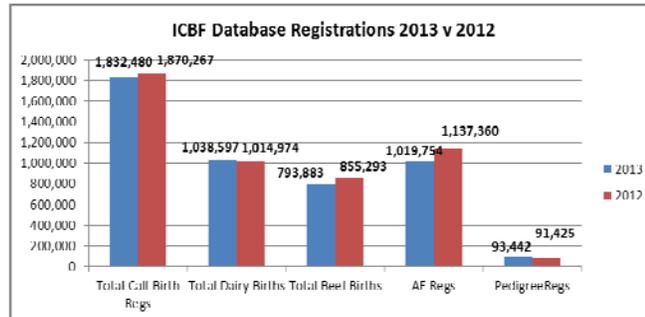
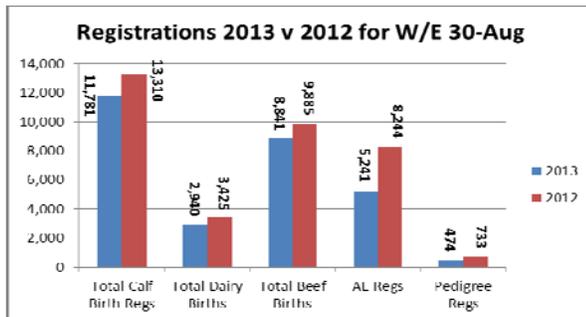


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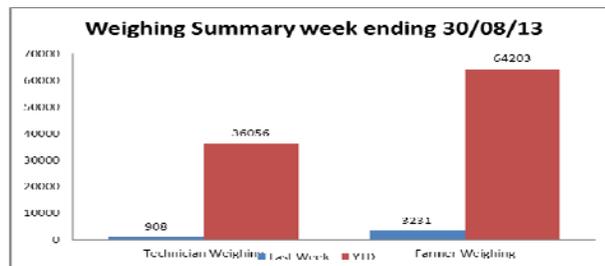
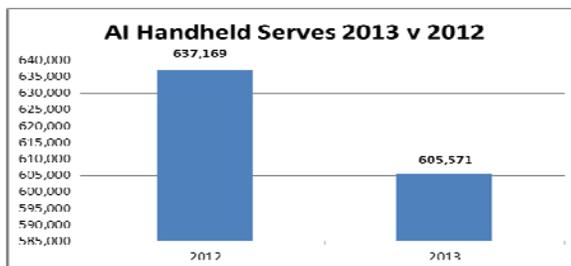
1 Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 12th September, 10:30 to 14:00, Highfield House, Bandon.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 19th September, 14:00 to 16:00, Tullamore Court Hotel.
- ✚ **ICBF GENRELAND Beef Open Day** – Saturday 12th October, commencing 11:00, Tully Progeny Test Center, Kildare.

2 Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFM AIM systems.
- ✚ In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2012 born calves with meal introduced is 654,725 with the number of animals weaned at 597,159.
- ✚ BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. There have been 1,922,000 results received since January 1st, of which 16,000 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 2.41 million results have now been received.
- ✚ The graph below shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2013 compared with 2012.
- ✚ This week there were 908 weights received through the technician service and 3231 weights recorded by farmers.
- ✚ The graph below shows the week and year to date totals.



3 HerdPlus®

- ✚ Work on updating the HerdPlus BTAP screens should be complete in the next few weeks.
- ✚ Farmers and advisors will be able to monitor task progression and completion.
- ✚ Scanning screens are working and data can be recorded on these.
- ✚ Both beef and dairy calving reports will be generated over the coming weeks.
- ✚ These reports will also be posted out to farmers.

4 Sheep Ireland

- ✚ The 3rd Sheep Ireland sale took place in Tullamore mart on Saturday 24th August. There was an overall clearance of over 60%, which was lower than we would have anticipated, given the uniqueness of this sale - high genetic merit, STAP eligible breeding rams available in large numbers. Unfortunately, at present ram sales across the country are struggling somewhat, a consequence of a very difficult spring and dropping lamb prices. This said, some breeds sold very well, most notably the Suffolks, where all rams found a home on the day.
- ✚ This week a Sheep Ireland publication on the Euro-Stars will be circulated to all STAP applicants. This document covers all aspects of the Euro-Stars and will hopefully serve to improve the awareness of what we are doing and what we are hoping to achieve for the industry.
- ✚ Important events for the coming week include the two Better farm sheep walks taking place in the west of Ireland. The first takes place on Monday (2nd September) in Mayo on the farm of James Lally outside Westport, the second takes place on Thursday (5th September) on the farm of Colm O'Donnell in Co.Sligo. Both events kick off at 11.00am and should be very informative. Sheep Ireland will have a strong presence at both farm walks and will be discussing the use of performance recorded Mayo-Connemara rams.



5 Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ Files are being created for the September Interbull test run on the 3rd September. The test run will examine the effect of a switchover from the current lactation based model based on a single average per lactation to a test day model which utilises several test days throughout the lactation. The effect of applying a new base change will also be examined.
- ✚ A research project has commenced looking at the genetics of Johnes disease.
- ✚ ICBF presented new genetic parameters for an across country weaning weight evaluation on Limousine at an INTERBEEF meeting in Nantes on Tuesday last. These results will be used in the upcoming test evaluation in September. If the respective members are happy with the resulting ebvs there is a possibility they may be released for publication in November. Attention now turns to the Charolais breed.

6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 30/08/13						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 30/08/13	No. EDIY Herds YTD 30/08/13	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 30/08/13	No. EDIY Cows YTD 30/08/13	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,676	1,059	29%	308,572	95,603	31%
Progressive	2,423	983	41%	228,954	95,659	42%
Tipperary	114	40	35%	9,892	3,626	37%
Total	6,213	2,082	34%	547,418	194,888	36%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2012 Cows Recorded 01/01/12 - 30/08/12	YTD 2013 Cows Recorded 01/01/13 - 30/08/13	2013 vs. 2012 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	303,615	308,572	1.6%
Progressive	220,658	228,954	3.6%
Tipperary	9,959	9,892	-0.7%
Total	534,232	547,418	2.4%

Please see milk recording stats attached.

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 21-AUG-2013 To 30-AUG-2013

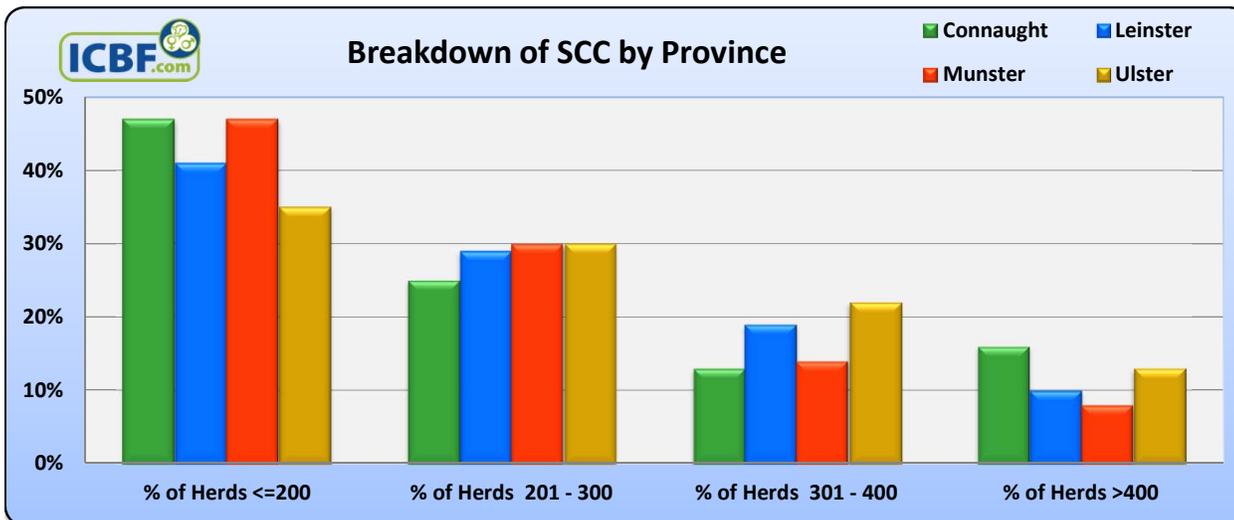
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	32	2,036	64	21.3	3.80	3.42	1.54	208
Leinster	197	15,575	79	20.7	3.89	3.46	1.52	219
Munster	556	44,726	80	20.3	3.93	3.51	1.51	205
Ulster	46	2,571	56	22.4	3.78	3.31	1.58	244
National Statistics	831	64,908	78	20.6	3.91	3.48	1.51	210

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 21-AUG-2013 To 30-AUG-2013

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	32	2,036	64	47%	25%	13%	16%	208
Leinster	197	15,575	79	41%	29%	19%	10%	219
Munster	556	44,726	80	47%	30%	14%	8%	205
Ulster	46	2,571	56	35%	30%	22%	13%	244
National Statistics	831	64,908	78	45%	30%	16%	9%	210

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 21-AUG-2013 To 30-AUG-2013

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	32	2,036	64	124	187	223	238	356
Leinster	197	15,575	79	150	199	232	256	336
Munster	556	44,726	80	136	184	208	234	317
Ulster	46	2,571	56	153	228	248	290	361
National Statistics	831	64,908	78	140	189	213	243	330

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

