

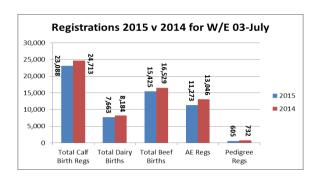


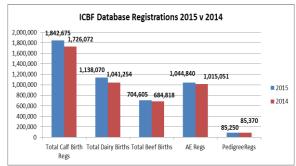
ICBF Weekly Update 3rd July 2015

1 Important Dates

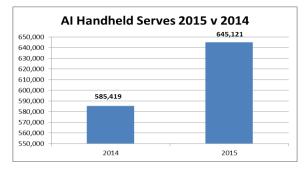
- **4** ICBF Beef Industry Meeting − Tuesday 7th July 2015, 10:00 to 15:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- **Audit & Finance Sub Committee Meeting** Friday 10th July 2015, 10:00 to 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- LCBF Board Meeting Friday 10th July 2015, 10:30 to 13:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- **♣ Sheep Board Meeting** Thursday 9th July 2015, 14:00 to 16:00, 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 1.92 million results received since January 1st, of which 28,000 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 6.87 million results have now been received.



The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2014 compared with 2015.

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Moorepark Open Day 2015

- ↓ The Moorepark Open Day was held on Wednesday 1st
 July and it was a huge success with over 12,000 people
 in attendance. A huge amount of work goes into
 organising such an event and huge credit goes out to all
 that were in involved in making the day such a success.
- ♣ The HerdPlus team were in the Industry Partners tent on the day. The team met a large number of farmers on the day from all around Ireland and also the UK. The Genetics team were in the Breeding Village answering questions in relation to the Cow Production Index and Genomics.



Mark Waters, Tom Neville and Mary Murphy at the Herdplus stand at the Moorepark Open day

♣ Please see attached pictures of some ICBF related boards that were on display at the Moorepark Open Day.







New colour atlas of claw diseases available!

The International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR) recently developed and published a colour atlas of claw diseases. This is an exceptional piece of work that not only describes various claw issues, but shows pictures of each ailment to help identify the various problems. This atlas can be used by farmers to help identify different claw ailments in the herd, so that animals can receive proper treatment or management issues can be resolved. This also opens up a window for farmers to be able to record these events so that

ICBF can work towards identifying animals that are genetically less likely to suffer from different claw ailments. While this is a helpful tool for Ireland, the atlas will be used as an international standard of identifying claw diseases which can be used to widen the genetic pool of animals for our robustness studies. It is hoped that all hoof technicians in Ireland and across Europe will adopt these definitions to allow the best comparison of data across technicians and countries. The atlas is free to download and can be found by clicking here (http://www.icbf.com/?p=3705).



Screen shot of Double Sole taken from the ICAR Colour Atlas of Claw Diseases

Top 2,000 Cow Listing



Springhaven Biddy 162 EX90, owned by Robert Troy Jnr. is the top EBI cow in the country.

- Springhaven Biddy 162 EX90 (pictured above), owned by Robert Troy Jnr. from Newtownshandrum, Co. Cork, is the top EBI cow in the country with an EBI of €382.40. She is a Holstein cow currently in her 10th lactation with an average calving interval of 367 days. As well as having an EBI of €382 she also has an average lifetime production of 50,573kgs milk, 4.20% Fat and 3.48% Protein. She is sired by Bagworth Zander Keet (BWZ).
- Interestingly, the top three cows are all from different dairy breeds. Second on the list is a Swedish Red cow owned by James Lynch, Cappagh, Co. Waterford with an EBI of €381.91. This cow is also on her 10th lactation. She is sired by Backgard (**BGX**). Third on the list is an 8th lactation Jersey cow with an EBI of €379 owned by James Murphy, Whitechurch, Co. Cork. This cow is sired by Mitchells Likabull SJ3 (**MKU**).
- ♣ Unsurprisingly, the listing included 46 entries from Mooreparks 'Next Generation Herd', a Teagasc herd established in 2012 to evaluate EBI genomic selection. This herd gives a forward view of where the national herd will be 10 years from now.





♣ Other herds that feature strongly include; David Lonergan, Ballyduff, Co. Waterford with 43 cows, Kieran Hearne, Carrick-On-Suir, Co. Waterford, Shane Maxwell, Lismore, Co. Waterford, and Pat Ryan, Cappagh, Co. Waterford with 39 cows each. Table displays the Top 11 herds.

Rank	Name	Address	Number of cows on list
	Next Generation Herd	Moorepark, Fermoy, Co. Cork	46
2.	David Lonergan	Modeligo, Ballyduff, Co. Waterford	43
	Kieran Hearne	Ballinacurra, Carrick-On-Suir, Co. Waterford	39
	Shane Maxwell	Deerpark, Lismore, Co. Waterford	39
	Pat Ryan	Lauragh, Cappagh, Co. Waterford	39
6.	Liam O Leary	Ballybride, Conna, Co. Cork	32
7.	Patrick Flynn	Coolmohan, Kilworth, Co. Cork	29
8.	Aidan & Fiachra Liston	Ballyculleen, Croom, Co. Limerick	24
9.	Alexander Crofts	Velvetstown, Buttevant, Co. Cork	20
	Patrick Ahern	Bridepark, Conna, Co. Cork	20
	Teagasc Moorepark	Animal Research Centre, Fermoy, Co. Cork	20

The sires most prominent on the list include Hazael Eminence Dano-ET (HZO) with 135 daughters. O-BEE MANFRED JUSTICE ET TV TL (OJI) with 131 daughters and Caldwells JORDANAIRE (CWJ) with 99. The top 10 represented sires are shown in table.

	Top 10 Sires (based on number of cows appearing on list)										
Rank	Name	Al Code	Number of cows on list								
1.	Hazael Eminence Dano -ET	HZO	135								
	O-Bee Manfred Justice ET TV TL	ILO	131								
	Caldwells Jordanaire	CM1	99								
4.	Bagworth Zander Keet	BWZ	89								
	Mitchells Likabull SJ3	MKU	69								
	Sunnybank Oman	SOK	69								
	Kevinsfort OJI Haze	KOZ	67								
8.	SRB Collins Royal Hugo	UYC	63								
9.	Ruud 22	RUU	58								
10.	Morrisheen OJI Frank	MJI	52								

- In total there are 157 cows with an EBI greater than €300. There are 786 cows genotyped which makes up about 40% of all cows listed. Of the 2,000 cows on the list there are 115 classified VG or EX. The average EBI of the Top 2,000 cows is €270 with €72 coming from the Milk Sub-Index and €160 from the Fertility Sub-Index. They have an average parity of 5.2 lactations. The list contains 10 different breeds including Ayrshire, Friesian, Holstein, Jersey, Montbelliarde, MRI/MRY, Norwegian Red, Rotbunte, Danish Red and Swedish Red.
- ♣ The Top 2,000 cows can be found in the Genetic Evaluation Dairy Results page, or click on the following link to download the file directly Top 2000 Cows on EBI

4 Tully

European Network of Agricultural Journalists (ENAJ) visit to Tully

Journalists from 17 member states of the European Union visited Tully this week (see pictures below). The visit was organised by Bord Bia. Stephen Conroy (ICBF) presented information on the Beef breeding programs that ICBF carries out in conjunction with the industry. These include the G€N€ IR€LAND progeny testing at Tully, G€N€ IR€LAND Maternal beef breeding program and the new Beef Data Genomics program (BDGP). Overall the ENAJ group was very impressed at the structures and programs put in place by the industry to support beef farmers and the important role genetics will play in making beef farming more profitable.

















5 Genetic Evaluations

- 4 A set of AI bull proofs comparing the current Replacement index with the new construction recommended by the Eurostar Review group was circulated this week to the industry.
- ♣ The impact of the change on bull rankings and other evaluation updates will be discussed at the Industry meeting on next Tuesday 7th July.

6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 03/07/15											
Milk Herds Recording Recorded Organisation YTD 03/07/15		No. EDIY Herds YTD 03/07/15	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 03/07/15	No. EDIY Cows YTD 03/07/15	% Cows EDIY					
Munster	3,969	1,263	32%	354,506	121,428	34%					
Progressive	2,436	1,022	42%	240,666	102,324	43%					
Tipperary	123	51	41%	10,945	4,523	41%					
Total	6,528	2,336	36%	606,117	228,275	38%					

Recorded Cows	Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison									
Milk Recording Organisation YTD 2014 Cows Recorded 01/01/14 - 03/07/14 YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15 - 03/07/15 2015 vs. 2014 Year on Year Difference (%)										
Munster	319,964	354,506	10.8%							
Progressive	229,179	240,666	5.0%							
Tipperary										
Total	558,941	606,117	8.4%							





7 Sheep Ireland

Premier Sale preparations

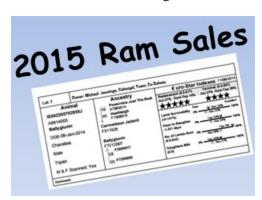
- This week Sheep Ireland has received a lot of queries from breeders in relation to upcoming premier sales and evaluation data for sale catalogues. Each year there is always a major rush to getting Ultrasound Muscle and Backfat scanning completed for all breeders attending premier sales.
- In recent weeks we have prioritised the scanning of breeds and flocks that will be attending these important sales. Each breed society puts a huge effort into the sales catalogues for these sales and these catalogues need to be prepared well in advance of the sale itself to allow for printing and circulation. This makes life difficult from a genetic evaluation point of view firstly we have to ensure that all necessary flocks are Ultrasound scanned, this data must then be submitted into the weekly evaluation which runs over the weekend ready for uploading each Monday.
- As of today (Friday July 3rd) all ultrasound scanning data collected by our technicians has been loaded to the database and is included in our weekend evaluation. All going well this evaluation will be uploaded to each breeders €uro-Star profiles on Monday at which point the evaluation data will also be available for breed societies to download for sale catalogues where required.

Sheep Ireland Multibreed ram sale reminder

♣ Tullamore mart will once again be the venue for the Sheep Ireland Multibreed ram sale. The sale will take place on Saturday 22nd August. Entry criteria and entry forms will be circulated to breeders in the coming weeks. Ultrasound scanning is again one of the main criteria.

Upcoming Premier Sales

Vendeen - Wednesday 15th July - Roscommon Mart. Visit www.vendeen.ie for details. Charollais - Saturday 25th July - Tullow Mart. Visit www.irishcharollaissheep.net for details. Belclare - Tuesday 4th August - Kilkenny Mart. Visit www.belclaresheep.org for details. Suffolk - Saturday 8th August - Roscrea Mart. Visit www.suffolksheep.org for details. Texel - Saturday 15th August - Blessington Mart. Visit www.irishtexel.com for details. Other breed Premier sales will be listed here over the coming weeks.



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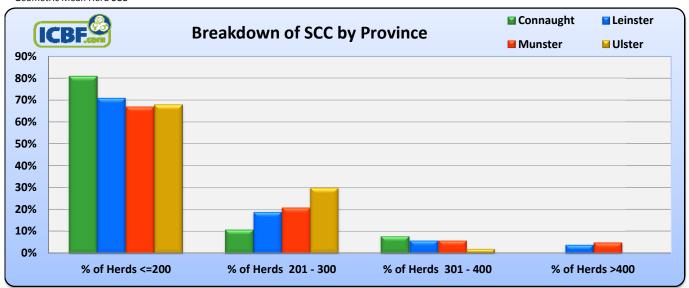


National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 24-JUN-2015 To 03-JUL-2015									
ICBF.	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*	
Connaught	37	2,817	76	24.9	3.81	3.46	1.80	159	
Leinster	148	15,462	104	24.2	3.73	3.47	1.74	154	
Munster	601	51,790	86	24.9	3.81	3.51	1.82	168	
Ulster	47	3,511	75	26.2	3.57	3.40	1.82	152	
National Statistics	833	73,580	88	24.9	3.78	3.49	1.81	164	

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

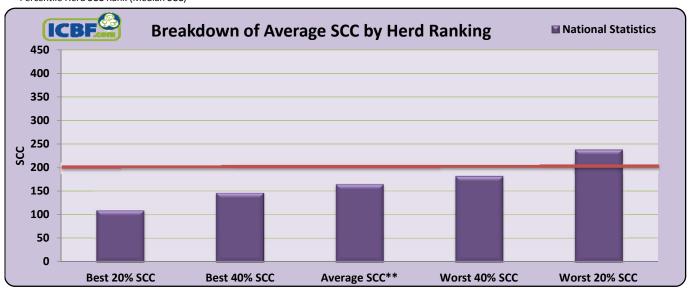
SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 24-JUN-2015 To 03-JUL-2015									
ICBF.	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	% of Herds <=200	% of Herds 201 - 300	% of Herds 301 - 400	% of Herds >400	Average SCC*	
Connaught	37	2,817	76	81%	11%	8%	0%	159	
Leinster	148	15,462	104	71%	19%	6%	4%	154	
Munster	601	51,790	86	67%	21%	6%	5%	168	
Ulster	47	3,511	75	68%	30%	2%	0%	152	
National Statistics	833	73,580	88	69%	21%	6%	4%	164	

^{*} Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 24-JUN-2015 To 03-JUL-2015								
(CDE	No. Herds	No. Cows	Avg Herd	Best 20%	Best 40%	Average	Worst 40%	Worst 20%
ICBF	Recorded	Recorded	Size	SCC	SCC	SCC**	SCC	SCC
Connaught	37	2,817	76	118	133	147	169	197
Leinster	148	15,462	104	104	142	157	168	230
Munster	601	51,790	86	110	150	166	184	243
Ulster	47	3,511	75	102	147	165	182	223
National Statistics	833	73,580	88	109	146	164	181	237

^{**} Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)



ICBF related boards that were on display at the Moorepark Open Day:



