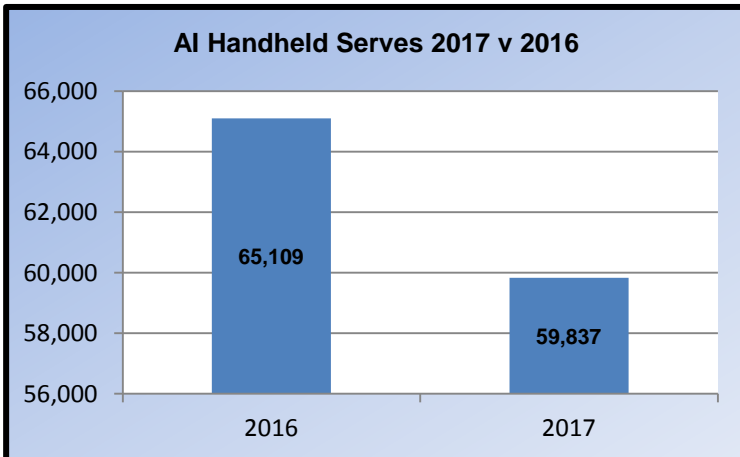
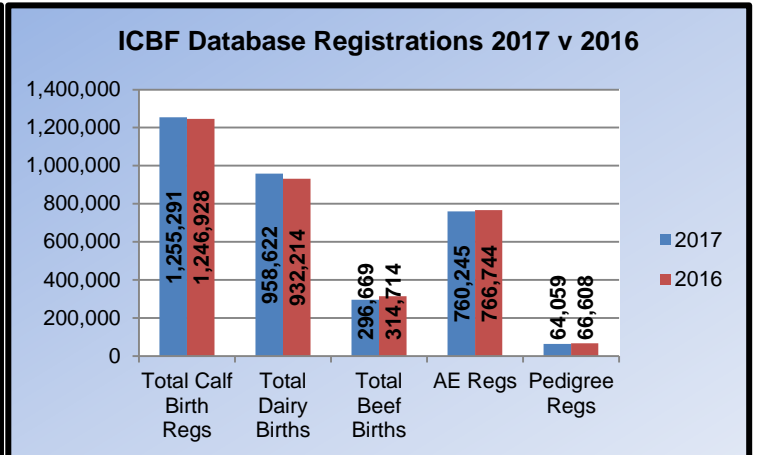
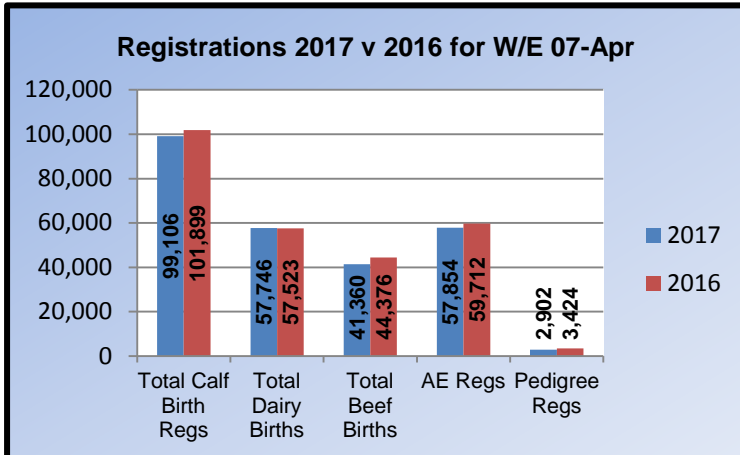


## ICBF Weekly Update 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

### 1 Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 14:30, 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 1,257,214 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 109,982 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 10,787,459 results have now been received.
- ✚ The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

### 3 Herd Plus®

- ✚ The new Whole Herd Performance Recording program has just recently started signing up pedigree herds and completing whole herd visits. [Click here](#) for more details.



- ✚ The recent changes to proofs for genomic bulls has left a lot of farmers wondering whether they should continue using Genomically Selected (GS) bulls in their breeding program this Spring or whether they should revert back to the “tried and trusted” Daughter Proven bulls (DP) when making their AI bull choices? [Click here](#) for more details.

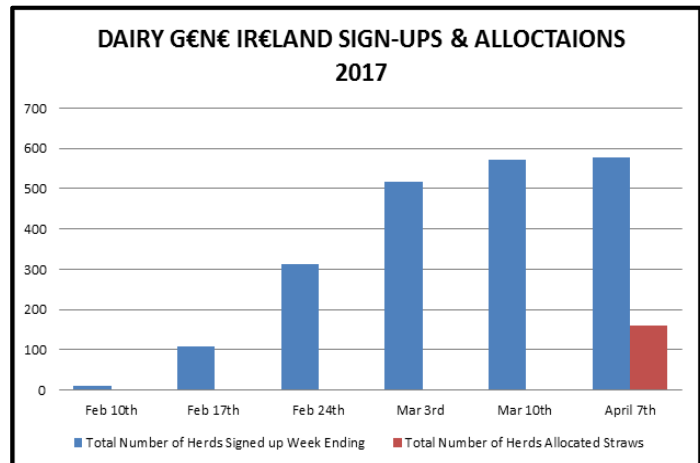


- 5 star Limousin bull MOONDHARRIG KNELL LM4217 (Bavardage x Nimbus-MN) is now available to order from Gene Ireland at €5 per straw. He has a replacement index of €175. Click [here](#) for further details.
- The first calves from the Spring 2016 Gene Ireland beef bulls are currently being born on farms. If you have any photos of Gene Ireland progeny that you would like to share with us, please email them to [query@icbf.com](mailto:query@icbf.com)



#### 4 GENE IRELAND® Dairy

- There are 578 Herds signed-up to date, taking a total of 23,055 straws.
- Allocations have commenced and are ongoing.
- Bull details and inbreeding reports are currently being sent to participants.
- Should a farmer wish to know which straws he will be getting in advance of running the Sire Advice please contact **023 8820452**.



#### 5 GENE IRELAND® Beef

- Sign-ups are continuing for the GI beef programme.
  - 205 herds taking a total of 3100 straws have joined so far.
  - The average order is 15 straws per herd.
  - Details on the bulls available can be viewed on the ICBF website.
- To learn more or to order straws please telephone **023 8820452**.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Replacement Index	Across Breed Stars	Total Straws Ordered
LM4217	Moondharrig Knell	LM	€175	5	70
SH2361	Doon Gladiator	SH	€144	5	445
SI4083	Clonagh Frosty King	SI	€136	5	275
SI2367	Barnattin George 2	SI	€126	5	375
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	€122	5	220
AA4086	Marianhill L Pappa	AA	€114	5	255
CH4082	Firoda Jason	CH	€112	5	340
SI2362	Dermotstown Gigantasaurus	SI	€105	5	400
SH4209	Stoneyroyd Halcyon Matrix P	SH	€101	5	50
CH4090	Jalabert	CH	€99	5	235
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	€94	5	295
CH2363	Dolland Jefferson	CH	€91	4	100
LJE	Lislea Hermes	BA	€88	4	265
PT2356	Macgowan Herd Juno	PT	€81	4	260
PDR	Dereskit Improver	CH	€76	4	420

- Approximate total straws ordered to date for the bulls are detailed above.

## 6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 07/04/17						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 07/04/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 07/04/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 07/04/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 07/04/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	2,252	475	21%	176,957	43,575	25%
Progressive	1,343	395	29%	119,329	35,683	30%
Tipperary	30	8	27%	2,345	711	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,625</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>298,631</b>	<b>79,969</b>	<b>27%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 07/04/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 07/04/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	165,471	176,957	6.9%
Progressive	119,780	119,329	-0.4%
Tipperary	2,770	2,345	-15.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>288,021</b>	<b>298,631</b>	<b>3.7%</b>

## 7 Sheep Ireland

### Sheep Ireland April Board Meeting

A meeting of the Sheep Ireland Board of representatives met yesterday (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April). A number of important issues were discussed on the day including;

- CPT progress and future plans.
- Upcoming Sheep Industry Meeting.
- Next phase of genomics/genotyping.
- Recent addition of the health index to our evaluation.
- LambPlus sale plans.
- Summer workshops/meetings with breeders.

The next Board Meeting will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### Industry Meeting Reminder

Next Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April a Sheep Industry Meeting will take place in Athenry, Co. Galway. The main objective of this industry meeting will be to present an update on the sheep genomics research project 'OVIGEN' and to discuss the next phase of this project. As spaces are limited at this meeting, attendance is by prior notice to Sheep Ireland only.

All sectors of the sheep industry will be present to hear about progress and to give opinion on the future plans. All breed societies will be represented by their chairperson and/or secretary. Ram breeders interested in attending must contact their society secretary, who will in turn check space availability with Sheep Ireland. Every effort will be made to accommodate anyone interested in attending. Click [here](#) to view the Agenda for this meeting.

## LambPlus Sale 2017

- ✚ **Important Note** – The LambPlus sale date for 2017 will be Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August. The Sheep Ireland ram sale has taken place on the fourth Saturday in August since 2012 and to remain consistent with previous years the sale date for 2017 will be Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August.
- ✚ Click [here](#) for information on last year's LambPlus sale entry criteria. A similar criteria will apply in 2017. In 2016 it was necessary for breeders to achieve a 50% DQI in order to be eligible to enter the ram sale. This DQI criteria will be increased for 2017, so breeders should make every effort to capture as much data as possible over the coming months. A decision may also be made to increase the minimum accuracy requirement for entries (which was 30% in 2016), which further emphasises the need to record all the required data on their flock.

## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 29-MAR-2017 To 07-APR-2017

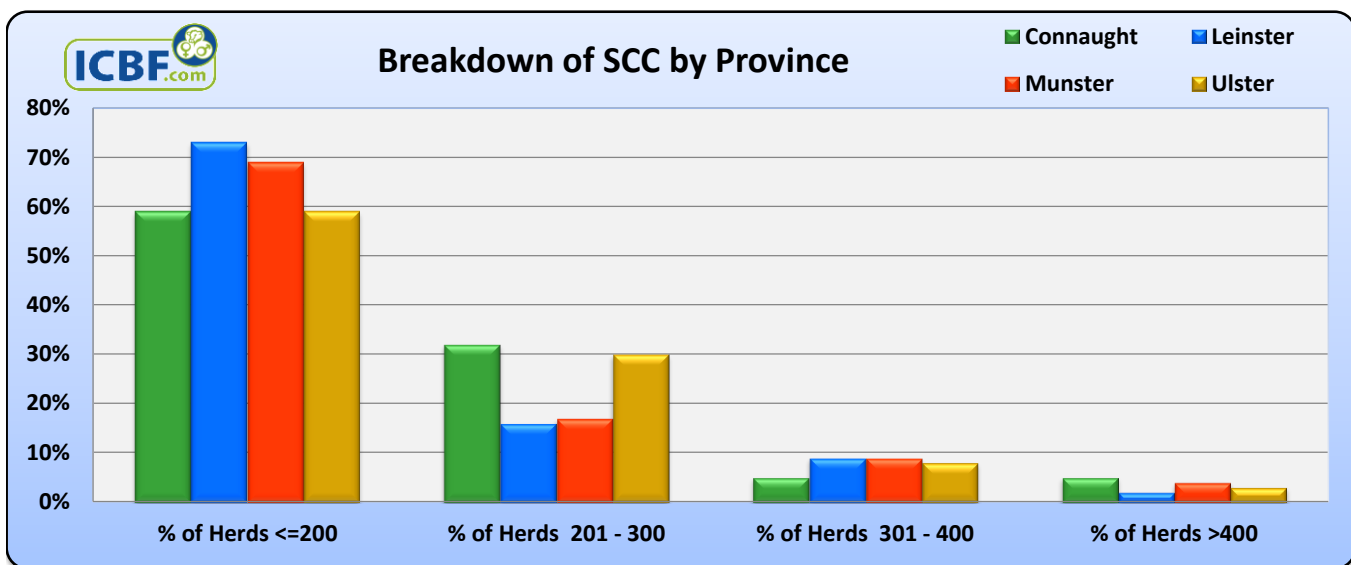
No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
<b>Connaught</b>	22	1,388	63	24.8	4.05	3.26	145
<b>Leinster</b>	139	13,485	97	26.6	3.98	3.37	134
<b>Munster</b>	514	44,882	87	27.8	4.02	3.34	151
<b>Ulster</b>	37	1,879	51	27.2	3.88	3.28	138
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>61,715</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>4.01</b>	<b>3.34</b>	<b>146</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 29-MAR-2017 To 07-APR-2017

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*	
<b>Connaught</b>	22	1,388	63	59%	32%	5%	5%	145
<b>Leinster</b>	139	13,485	97	73%	16%	9%	2%	134
<b>Munster</b>	514	44,882	87	69%	17%	9%	4%	151
<b>Ulster</b>	37	1,879	51	59%	30%	8%	3%	138
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>61,715</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>146</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 29-MAR-2017 To 07-APR-2017								
No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Best 20% SCC	Best 40% SCC	Average SCC**	Worst 40% SCC	Worst 20% SCC	
<b>Connaught</b>	22	1,388	63	80	116	166	197	253
<b>Leinster</b>	139	13,485	97	73	114	138	159	230
<b>Munster</b>	514	44,882	87	94	128	149	170	245
<b>Ulster</b>	37	1,879	51	67	142	156	188	239
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>61,715</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>240</b>

\*\* Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

