

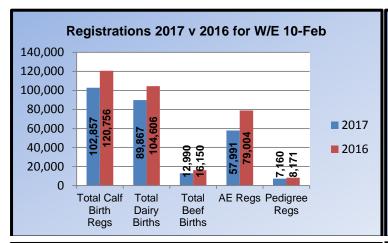


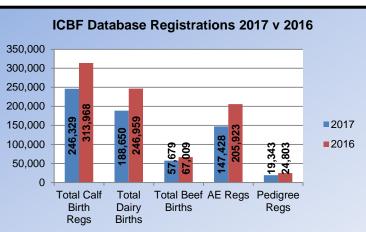
# ICBF Weekly Update 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

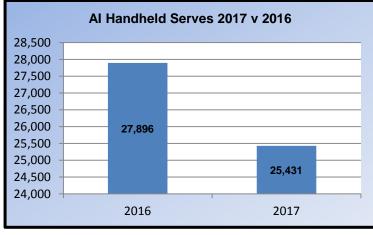
### 1 Important Dates

- 4 Audit & Finance Meeting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- **↓ ICBF Board Meeting** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- **Sheep Board Meeting** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 14:00, 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 228,375 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 85,128 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 9,758,626 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

## 3 G€N€ IR€LAND® Dairy

- ♣ Programme has commenced with an excellent group of bulls this Spring.
- ♣ The panel consists of 41 Holstein Friesians, 5 Pure Friesians, 6 Jerseys and 7 Crossbreds.

#### **BREED PACKS AND AVERAGE EBI'S**

Holstein-Friesian: €308
Pure Friesian: €204
Multi Breed: €190

- The Multi Breed pack includes Jersey (and Jersey Cross bulls), together with Holstein-Friesian bulls for comparative purposes.
- Letters were posted to 1800 herds.







- ♣ To learn more or to order straws please phone 023 8820452
- ♣ Click here for potential Holstein/Friesian Dairy bulls list
- Click here for potential British Friesian, Jersey and Jersey Crossbred list
- ♣ Click here for sign up form



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#### **Herd Plus®**

We are delighted to introduce our new 'ICBF Web Application' mobile app. This new app will now allow herd-owners quick access to their ICBF accounts. Recording events and viewing animal profiles has never been so easy. See our home page for further details.

- ♣ The latest HerdPlus Dairy cow reports are now available to view online and are currently being dispatched by post. Herd-owners will receive these over the coming weeks.
- ♣ The latest HerdPlus Dairy Co-op Performance reports are now available for viewing online under the reports section. All reports have now been dispatched.
- ♣ We are now taking orders for the Spring Dairy Gene Ireland program 2017. Click <u>here</u> for more details.

The latest addition to the ICBF presentations page is a presentation on Meat quality. "What is the future and why is it important" put together by Stephen Conroy, Andrew Cromie & Thierry Pabiou. Click <a href="here">here</a> 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.
- ♣ The most popular beef AI sires in dairy herds in 2015 have been revealed. Pictured is Cornamuckla Lord Hardy K222 (KYA) who sired more calves in the dairy herd than any other sire in 2015. Click here for further details.
- Herd-owners can now genotype all their female calves which will allow them to make a more informed decision around breeding and culling potential replacements. This service could cost herd-owners as little as €22/head. Please contact HerdPlus on 1850 600 900 or 023 8820452 for further details. Alternatively when logged into HerdPlus, herd-owners can make orders online by selecting 'Services' − 'Genomic Services' − 'Place Order'

### 4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 10/02/17									
Milk Recording Organisation	Total No. Herds EDIY % Recorded Herds Herds YTD YTD EDIY 10/02/17 10/02/17		Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 10/02/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 10/02/17	% Cows EDIY				
Munster	289	7	2%	18,837	534	3%			
Progressive	527	72	14%	37,425	5,065	14%			
Tipperary	3	0	0%	216	0	0%			
Total	819	79	10%	56,478	5,599	10%			







Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison							
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16- 10/02/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17- 10/02/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)				
Munster	21,053	18,837	-10.5%				
Progressive	43,059	37,425	-13.1%				
Tipperary	284	216	-23.9%				
Total	64,396	56,478	-12.3%				

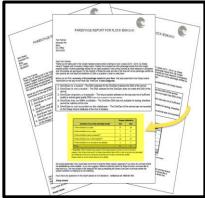
#### 5 Sheep Ireland

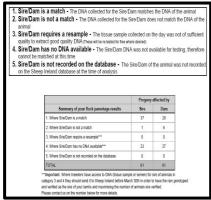
#### **LambPlus Data Recording**

- 4 All LambPlus breeders are reminded to enter their lambing information onto the Sheep Ireland Database as soon as possible. The deadline for entry of lambing data is 30<sup>th</sup> April, so there is still plenty of time, but the prompt recording of information will afford the best possible opportunity to address recording errors.
- ♣ Many breeders will now have lambs approaching the 40 day of age mark, so a weight needs to be captured soon. The window to capture this weight is between 20 and 65 days of age which should provide breeders with enough flexibility to combine weighing lambs with other flock husbandry tasks taking place on the farm

#### **OVIGEN Parentage Reports**

- This week the first DNA parentage verification reports were circulated to some pedigree sheep breeders that agreed to participate in the OVIGEN sheep genomics research project. There are still a number of reports to be circulated, so breeders that have not yet received theirs should expect contact next week.
- The reports contain quite a lot of information as there are potentially 5 different categories for sheep to fall into with regard to their parentage verification. Sheep Ireland is anxious to work with all OVIGEN breeders to explain and discuss the results contained in these reports.
- ♣ Breeders will notice we are unable to parentage verify the older sheep within their flocks for the simple reason that there is no DNA available for their ancestors. However for many of the younger animals it is likely results will be available. The key point to note for breeders is that going forward it will be much easier to assess parentage. Having a large base of foundation breeding stock genotyped through OVIGEN provides a massive opportunity for Irish pedigree ram breeders and their customers.





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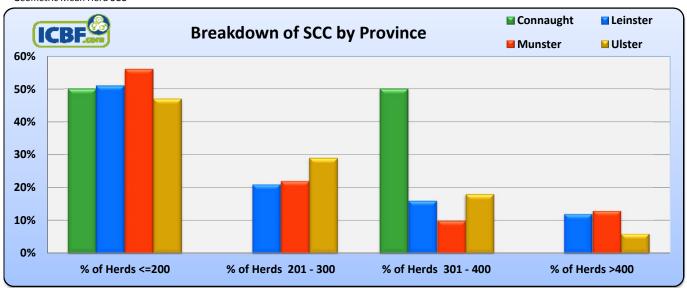


National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 01-FEB-2017 To 10-FEB-2017								
ICBF.	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	2	95	48	20.0	3.70	3.11	1.36	214
Leinster	68	5,281	78	23.8	4.18	3.33	1.78	190
Munster	88	6,277	71	24.2	4.20	3.33	1.82	175
Ulster	17	1,065	63	23.4	4.01	3.23	1.69	182
National Statistics	175	12,718	73	23.9	4.17	3.32	1.79	182

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 01-FEB-2017 To 10-FEB-2017								
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	2	95	48	50%	0%	50%	0%	214
Leinster	68	5,281	78	51%	21%	16%	12%	190
Munster	88	6,277	71	56%	22%	10%	13%	175
Ulster	17	1,065	63	47%	29%	18%	6%	182
National Statistics	175	12,718	73	53%	22%	14%	11%	182

<sup>\*</sup> Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 01-FEB-2017 To 10-FEB-2017								
	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	2	95	48	173	224	249	274	325
Leinster	68	5,281	78	96	168	199	243	325
Munster	88	6,277	71	84	147	180	216	314
Ulster	17	1,065	63	89	156	221	258	316
National Statistics	175	12,718	73	87	152	188	230	321

<sup>\*\*</sup> Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

