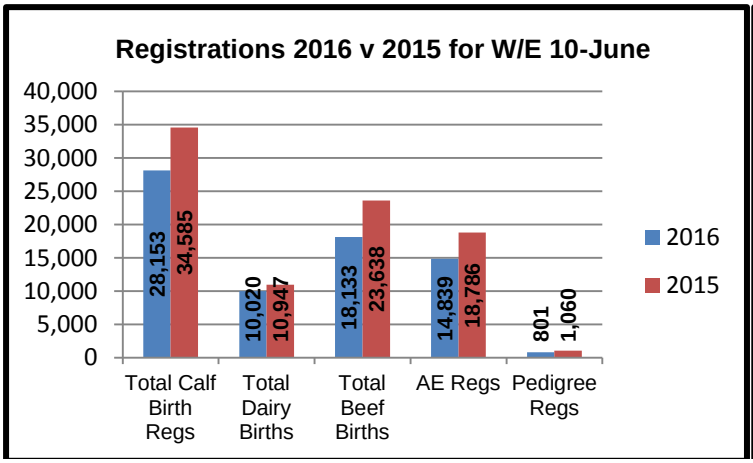
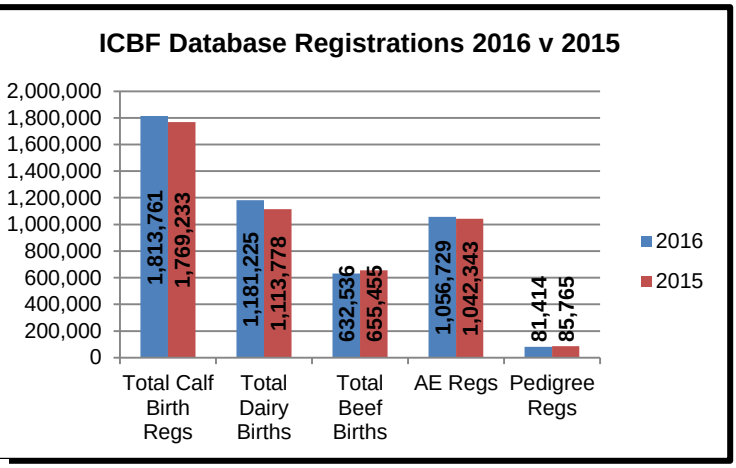
ICBF Weekly Update 10th June 2016

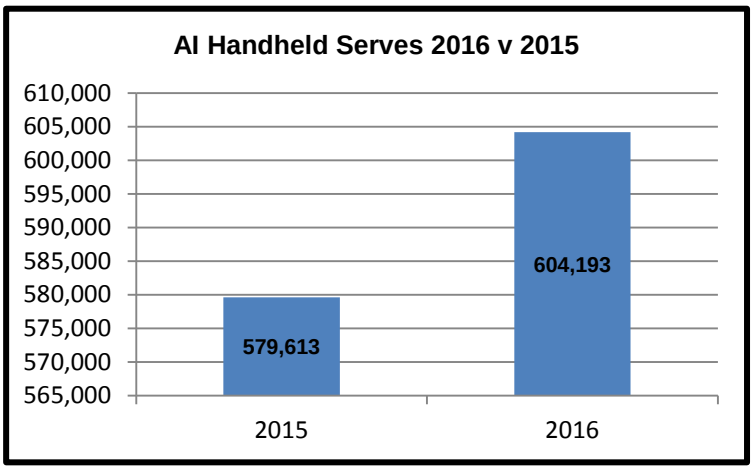
1 Important Dates

- **ICBF Beef Industry Meeting** – Monday 21st June at 19:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- **Audit & Finance Meeting** – Thursday 7th July 2016 at 10:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- **ICBF Board Meeting** –Thursday 7th July 2016 at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 7th July 2016 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 1,970,944 results received since January 1st, of which 32,301 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 9.29 million results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2016 compared with 2015.

3 Genetic Evaluations

- Research work on 2 step genomic beef evaluations has been underway over the last 6 weeks. This work is nearing completion and will form the basis of test proofs to be circulated to the industry next week ahead of the Industry Meeting on 21st June.
- Other work includes development of the COW index for dairy culling decision, Interbeef parameter estimation for Simmental and creating a sire prediction process for genotyped animals with no known sire currently.

4 Beef Data and Genomics Programme (BDGP)

- The latest Beef Data and Genomics Programme (BDGP) reports are now available for anyone in the programme to view in the reports section of your ICBF account.

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5 G€N€ IR€LAND® Beef

- Sign Ups are continuing for the Gene Ireland Beef programme.
- 442 herds taking a total of 5458 straws have joined so far.
- The average order is 12 straws per herd.
- An updated flyer on the available bulls can be viewed here
- To learn more or to order straws please telephone **023 8820452.**
- Approximate total straws ordered to date for the remaining bulls are detailed in graph.

List of Bulls currently on-test			
Code	**Name of Bull**	**Breed**	**Straws Ordered**
GZJ	Goulding Eamonn	AA	340
AU2365	Calverstown Koala	AU	65
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	20
CH2154	Polar Joe 2	CH	255
CH2221	Jarret	CH	275
CH2363	Dolland Jefferson	CH	30
LM2242	Edakkya	LM	450
PT2356	Macgowan Herd Jumbo	PT	65
ZKY	Kyle Herd Ivan	PT	465
PI2157	Kilree Leo	PI	200
ZBZ	Breffni Muzz	SA	375
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	5
SH2181	Coolvin Dominator	SH	105
SH2361	Doon Gladiator	SH	215
SH2360	Doon Giorgio	SH	250
SI2469	Lisnacrann Fifty Cent	SI	220
SI2367	Barnattin George 2	SI	40
SI2362	Dermotstown Gigantosaurus	SI	50
ETP	Curaheen Evolution P	SI	450

6 Herd Plus®

- Farmers 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.
- With breeding season well underway, if your AI technician does not have a handheld or you are doing DIY AI please remember to record AI serves on your HerdPlus account. This will be used to generate fertility reports and an expected calving list for the 2017 calving season.
- The HerdPlus Dairy Co-op Performance reports are now online and available to view in the reports section of your HerdPlus account.
- The Irish Grassland Association Dairy Summer Tour will take place on 19th July 2016. It will take place in Kerry and Cork and will focus on 'Milk production on more challenging soils'. *For full details please see document attached.*

7 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 10/06/16						
Milk Recording Organisation	**Total Herds Recorded YTD 10/06/16**	**No. EDIY Herds YTD 10/06/16**	**% Herds EDIY**	**Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 10/06/16**	**No. EDIY Cows YTD 10/06/16**	**% Cows EDIY**
Munster	3,608	1,104	31%	335,933	111,720	33%
Progressive	2,216	872	39%	226,683	88,647	39%
Tipperary	112	48	43%	10,356	4,248	41%
Total	**5,936**	**2,024**	**34%**	**572,972**	**204,615**	**36%**

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Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	**YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15-10/06/15**	**YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16-10/06/16**	**2016 vs 2015 Year on Year Difference (%)**
Munster	343,518	335,933	-2.2%
Progressive	229,818	226,683	-1.4%
Tipperary	10,442	10,356	-0.8%
Total	**583,778**	**572,972**	**-1.9%**

8 Sheep Ireland

New Lambing Report Launched

- A new lambing report has been put live for all LambPlus flocks; this report gives farmers the ability to view the physical performance of their flock at lambing time on a year by year basis. It can be found by logging into your account and you will find it listed under reports.
- There are two incidences where this report would be very useful for farmers.
    1. It will allow farmers to get a quick synopsis of the lambing data they have recorded for that year and allow them to easily identify if there is information that has not been recorded correctly or if there is information not yet submitted. E.g. number of ewes lambed, percentage of lambs with a sire recorded, number of lambs that were fostered/bottle fed etc.
    2. It will also allow breeders to compare the physical performance of the flock from one year to the next.
- There is also a download option with this report, *(highlighted in the image attached)* as there is on many of the other pages and reports on the website. By clicking the download option this will extract all the data contained in this report into excel, where farmers can then scrutinise the data even further or just save it for their own future reference.

Loading Flock Data from External Software Providers

- As more and more farmers start using handhelds and software providers to record their flock's performance records, it was vital that Sheep Ireland could facilitate these flocks by having a quick and simple way to load the data from these service providers. We have been working on a model to handle this for several months now and this week the new process was used for the first time and it worked extremely well. This will result in a much faster and robust data upload for farmers who are using external software service providers to record their data resulting in more up to date and robust evaluations earlier in the year for these flocks.

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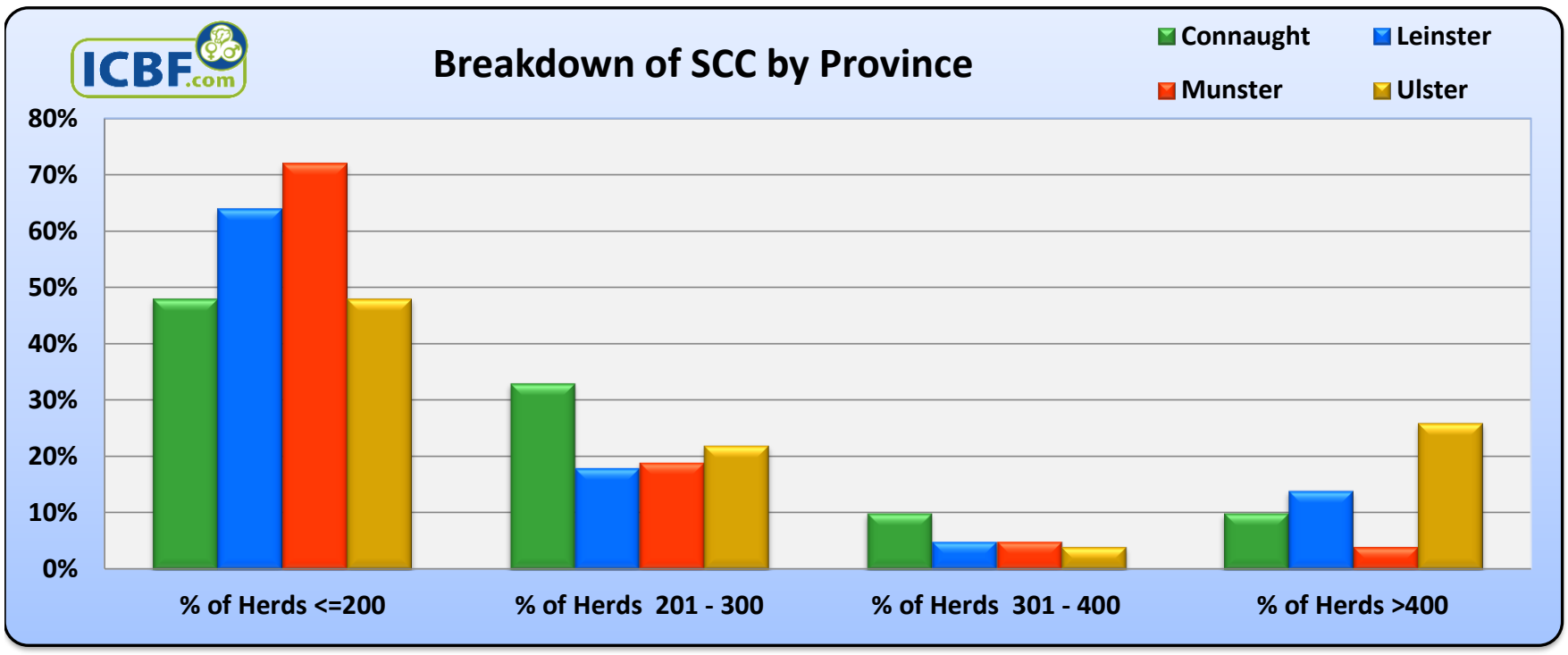
National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 01-JUN-2016 To 10-JUN-2016								
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	21	1,753	83	26.3	3.63	3.41	1.85	194
Leinster	96	10,970	114	25.8	3.66	3.41	1.82	171
Munster	422	38,298	91	26.2	3.72	3.42	1.87	153
Ulster	23	2,005	87	26.8	3.64	3.38	1.88	226
National Statistics	**562**	**53,026**	**94**	**26.2**	**3.70**	**3.41**	**1.86**	**160**

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

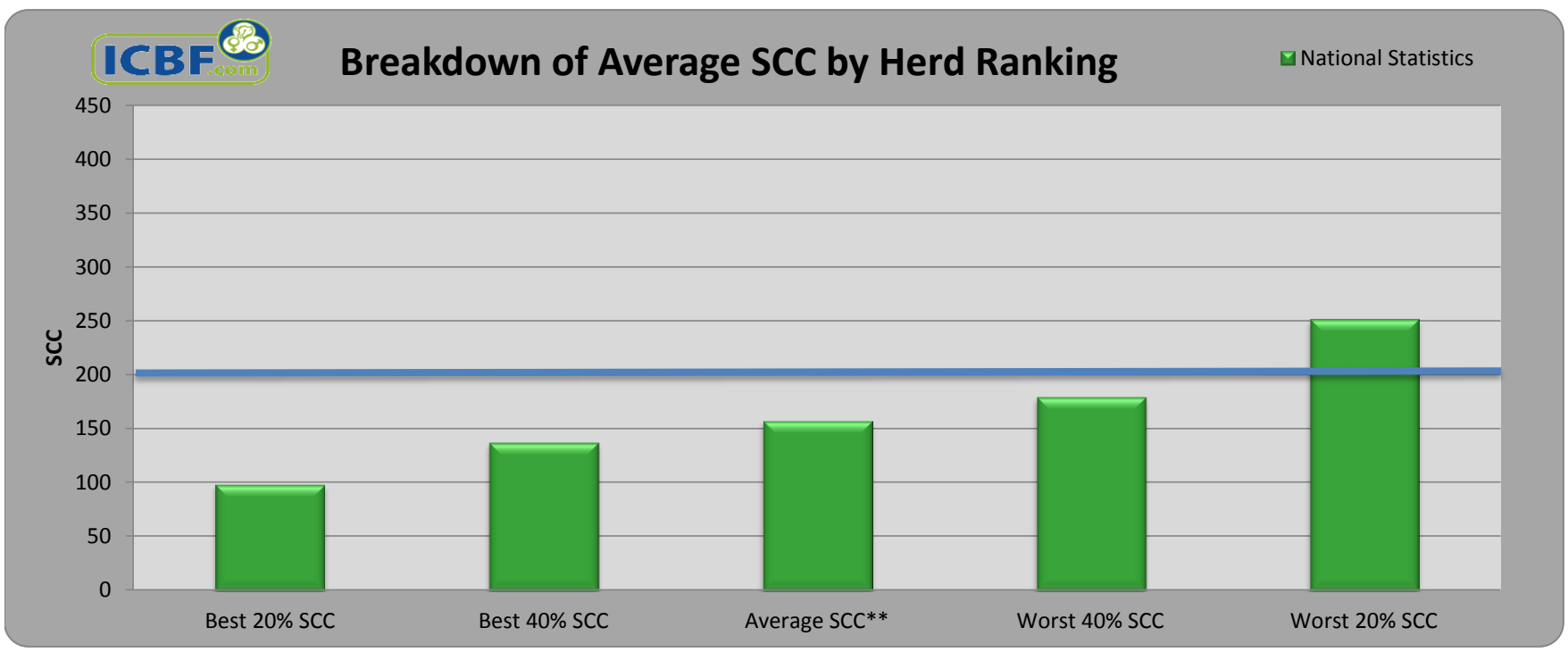
SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 01-JUN-2016 To 10-JUN-2016								
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	% of Herds <=200	% of Herds 201 - 300	% of Herds 301 - 400	% of Herds >400	Average SCC*
Connaught	21	1,753	83	48%	33%	10%	10%	194
Leinster	96	10,970	114	64%	18%	5%	14%	171
Munster	422	38,298	91	72%	19%	5%	4%	153
Ulster	23	2,005	87	48%	22%	4%	26%	226
National Statistics	**562**	**53,026**	**94**	**68%**	**20%**	**5%**	**7%**	**160**

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 01-JUN-2016 To 10-JUN-2016								
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	21	1,753	83	128	180	201	234	283
Leinster	96	10,970	114	98	145	169	189	266
Munster	422	38,298	91	97	130	149	170	238
Ulster	23	2,005	87	151	183	209	242	407
National Statistics	**562**	**53,026**	**94**	**98**	**137**	**157**	**179**	**251**

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)



IRISH GRASSLAND ASSOCIATION
Dairy Summer Tour, sponsored by AIB
Tuesday 19th July 2016

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Event Focus: "Milk production on more challenging soils"

Farm 1: Sean O'Riordan, Knockenaugh, Kiskeam, Co. Cork.

- Listen to Sean talk about the development of his 80 ha heavy soil dairy farm
- See how Sean has drained some of the heaviest paddocks on the milking platform and increased grass yield
- Hear Sean's thoughts on changing the breed of his dairy herd to suit more challenging soils

Farm 2: Conor Creedon, Gortnagown, Rathmore, Co. Kerry.

- Hear Conor's story of evolving from a mixed enterprise 20 cow farm in the late '90's to milking 95 cows today on a 26 ha milking platform
- Explore how Conor's herd is delivering over 90% 6-week in-calf rates
- See how Conor has developed an elevated steep hill farm to grow over 16 T DM/ha grass in 2015

- **Pre-registration is essential as this event sells out early every year**
- **Registration at 8:30am The Green Glens Arena Millstreet**
  (STRICTLY no parking or admission at either farm)
- **Cost: €30 for IGA members €60 for non IGA members**
  (These discounted rates apply if you register online by Friday 8th July)

Admission by pre-registration ONLY. Book today and don't miss out on this exciting event!
Web: www.irishgrassland.com Phone: 087 9626483

Lambing Report 2016 (Generated: 10th June 2016)

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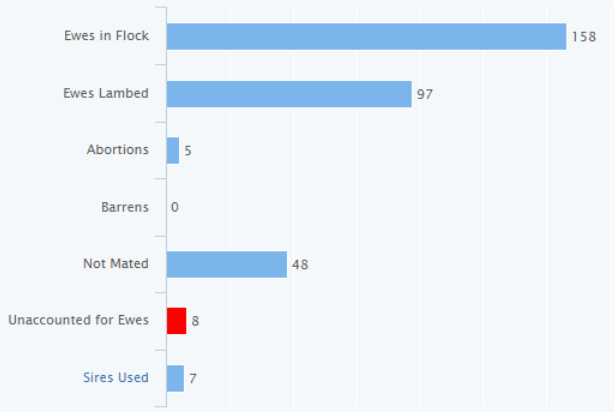

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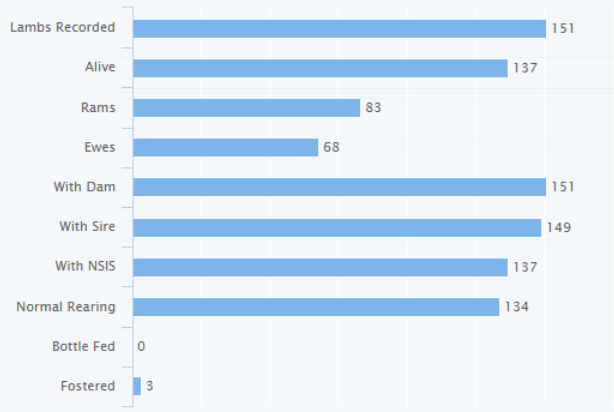

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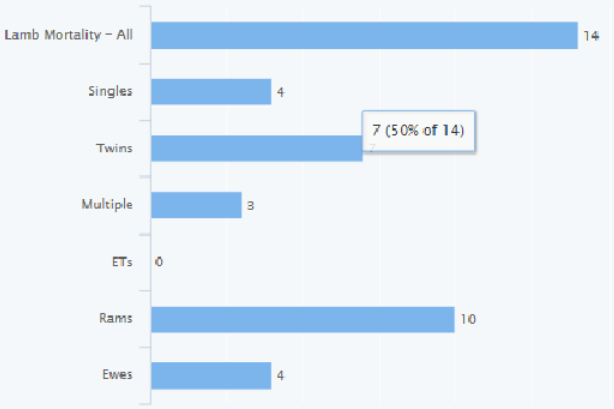

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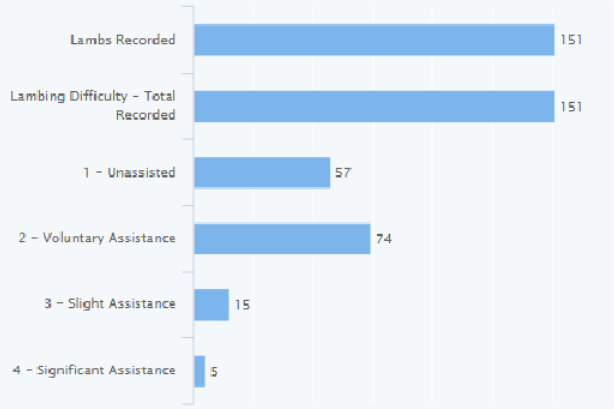
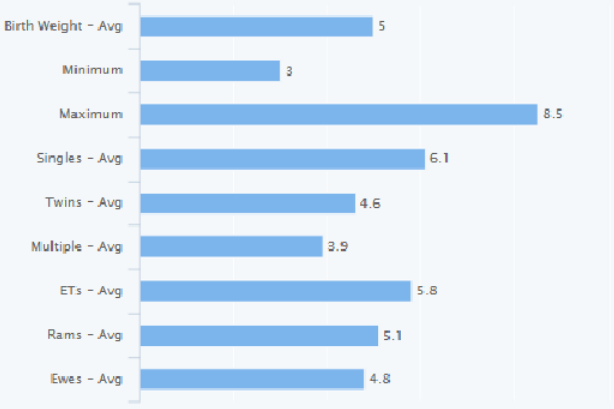
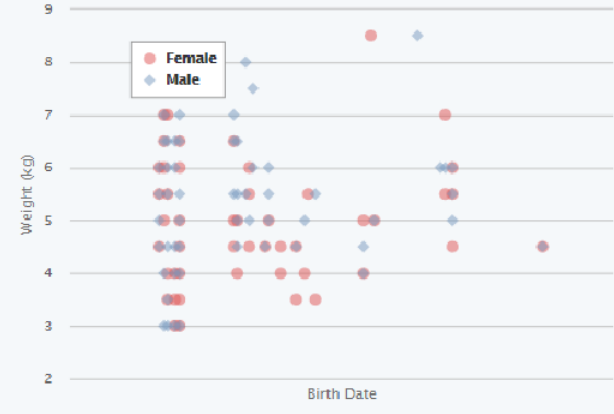


Birth Weight (151 of 151 Lambs)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