

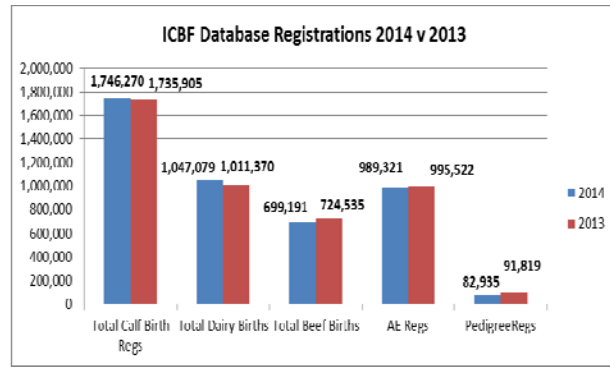
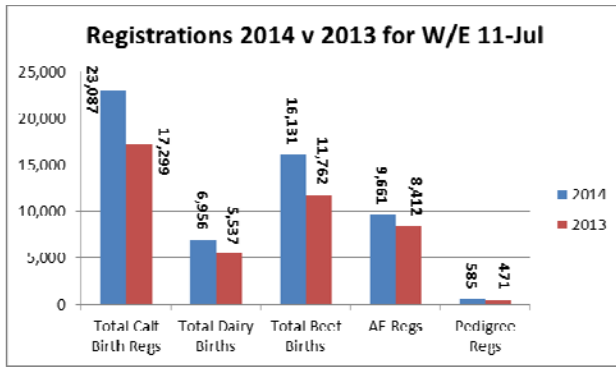





ICBF Weekly Update 11th July 2014

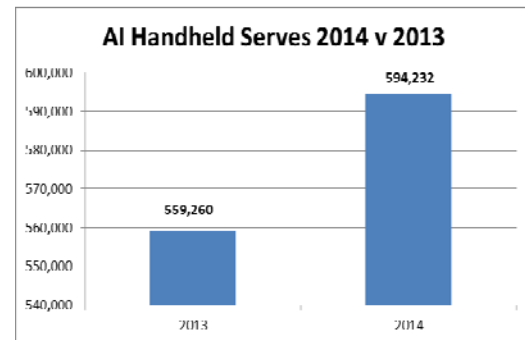
1 Important Dates

-  **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 4th September 2014, 10:30am to 13:30pm, Highfield House, Bandon.
-  **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 4th September 2014, 14:00 to 16:30, Highfield House, Bandon.


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 1,840,000 results received since January 1st, of which 25,000 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 4.5 million results have now been received.
-  The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2013 compared with 2014.



3 Herd Plus®

-  Dairy farmers are reminded to generate their final fertility reports once breeding has finished. All serves need to be recorded for this report to work properly. Any stock bull serves can also be recorded in the record heat/serve screen. Prior to generating a report, ensure that you have marked for culling any animals which you intentionally did not breed. It is important to do this to ensure that your submission rates are accurate. See details on how to record serves in graphic:



Recording Heats & Serves on ICBF.com

Use our new user friendly screens to record heats and serves

Jumbo	Animal Number	Lact	Calving Date	Last Heat / Serve	Last Bull	Num Serves	Date	Bull Used	Treatment
1	IE151313041001	3	18-FEB-14	01-MAY-14	PS2	3			Select Treatment

To Record a Heat

- Find the cow you wish to record.
- Click in the date column. The calendar will appear. Select the date the cow was in heat.
- Click Save. A heat event for the cow has been created.





If you make a mistake don't worry, click on the cow tag in blue font to delete any mistakes or to view further details.

To Record a Serve

- Find the cow you wish to record.
- Click in the date column. The calendar will appear. Select the date the cow was in heat.
- Click in the bull used column. Enter an AI code or tag number (stock bull). The sire check column will confirm the bull code/tag is valid.
- Click in the treatment column. A treatment must be selected.

Note: For stock bull serves and conventional straws (non sexed) the treatment selected will always be Non Sexed.

The majority of sexed straws available will be sexed 90% female. Check with your AI company if you are in doubt.
- Click Save. A serve event for the cow has been created.



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Remember: Heats and serves can also be recorded via farm software. If you are on the AI technician service & your AI technician has a handheld, AI inseminations will be sent to ICBF automatically.

As the breeding season is now either finished or coming to a close on many beef and dairy farms, farmers will be turning their attention to pregnancy scanning. The results can be recorded on the ICBF website through the record pregnancy diagnosis screen. This is important data for expected calving details next spring. See details on how to record scanning results in the graphic:

Recording Pregnancy Scanning ICBF.com

Record pregnancy scanning results for cows & heifers

FB Jumbo	Animal Number	Lact Number	Last Calved Date	Last Served Date	Last Served Bull	Num Serves	Status	Date Of Last Scan	Preg Checked	No. Days Pregnant
1	E151313541001	3	15-FEB-14	15-MAY-14	PBH	2	SERVED		Empty Tissue	

Please Enter Scan Date Here:



Save Data



To Record a Pregnancy Diagnosis

- Click into the green box & select the date the cows & heifers were scanned.
- Select from the drop down menu the result of the pregnancy diagnosis:
In calf, Empty or In calf with Twins
- If in calf; record the number of days in calf if known. Where serves are recorded, the number of days will fill automatically.
- If the number of days differs from the scanning results, insert the correct number of days. A pop-up box will appear to record the sire of the serve. Press save when complete.
- When all results have been recorded, scroll to the bottom of the page and press SAVE!

BTAP Approved Task

Record Bull Details

Every Herd Owner has access to online services with their username and password. If you don't know your password text the word PASS to 089 4577663 or call 1850 600 900

HerbPlus Profit through Science 1850 600 900

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ICBF has launched a new initiative around health and disease recording. Follow this link to find out more http://www.icbf.com/?page_id=2170

A Teagasc/Irish Farmers Journal Better farm open day took place on Wednesday 9th July on the farm of Tom Halpin, Kells, Co. Meath. Those in attendance got a full run down on the farm's performance. Excellent technical efficiency coupled with top quality genetics has resulted in this farm having an excellent financial performance. ICBF was in attendance to go through the beef Euro-Star index. The indexes of the two stock bulls on the farm were used as examples.



Some of the 800 strong crowd being introduced to Tom's farming system.



Alan Dillon outlining some of the animal performance figures for the herd. Alan alluded to the emphasis placed on weighing animals on Tom's farm. Animals are weighed approx. 4 times per year.



Spring born calves on Tom's farm.



Typical cows on Tom's farm.



Pearse Kelly going through the index figures of Tom's 2 stock bulls. Here are links to their Euro-Star figures:

<https://webapp.icbf.com/bull-search/view/584215050>

<https://webapp.icbf.com/bull-search/view/849700661>

4 Genetic Evaluations

- Evaluations have commenced for the August routine evaluation update. Milk production, dairy female fertility, dairy linear type and calving difficulty evaluations will be completed first ahead of submission to the INTERBULL evaluation on 22nd July.

5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 11/07/14						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 11/07/14	No. EDIY Herds YTD 11/07/14	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 11/07/14	No. EDIY Cows YTD 11/07/14	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,826	1,139	30%	322,150	101,760	32%
Progressive	2,475	1,061	43%	230,576	98,955	43%
Tipperary	115	44	38%	9,841	3,796	39%
Total	6,416	2,244	35%	562,567	204,511	36%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2013 Cows Recorded 01/01/13 - 11/07/13	YTD 2014 Cows Recorded 01/01/14 - 11/07/14	2014 vs 2013 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	303,885	322,150	5.7%
Progressive	222,532	230,576	3.5%
Tipperary	9,696	9,841	1.5%
Total	526,417	562,567	6.4%

6 Sheep Ireland

Public events

- ✚ This week Sheep Ireland attended the Better farm open day on the farm of John Doyle, Bunclody, Co. Wexford, another well attended event with some very interesting questions being asked from the farmers in attendance.
- ✚ In the coming week Sheep Ireland will be attending 3 more events. At each event Sheep Ireland will be talking about the new Euro-Star indexes, how they can benefit your flock, and where to source these rams.
 - *Tuesday 15th – An open day on John Renehan’s farm, Johnstown, Co. Kilkenny, Starts at 11am.*
 - *Wednesday 16th – Corrin Mart, Fermoy Co. Cork, Starts at 11am.*
 - *Friday 18th – Ballinrobe Mart, Co. Mayo, Starts at 11 am.*
- ✚ Join us on Facebook to keep up to date with events we will be attending.

LambPlus

- ✚ This week we posted evaluations to all paper recording Texel breeders. The reason we circulated genetic evaluations at this early stage is to allow breeders to use these 'early evaluations' in considering what sheep to enter in the upcoming Premier ram sales. However breeders need to be aware that these evaluations may yet change slightly, although at this point of the year the vast majority of data has been submitted.
- ✚ We are continuing to phone all our LambPlus breeders and to talk over their lambing data that they submitted and explaining the importance of collecting the correct records, this also gives the LambPlus breeders a good opportunity to ask any questions they may have about the scheme or the evaluations their lambs have received.
- ✚ Ultrasound scanning for muscle and fat depth continues to take place. It is mostly the later lambing flocks that are left to be done, as lambs were not old enough to scan until this point. We anticipate the main bulk of this will be completed in the next 2 weeks.
- ✚ We would also urge any breeders that have weights collected but have not yet submitted them to Sheep Ireland to do so ASAP in order to have the evaluations as accurate as possible in advance of the premier sales.

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 02-JUL-2014 To 11-JUL-2014

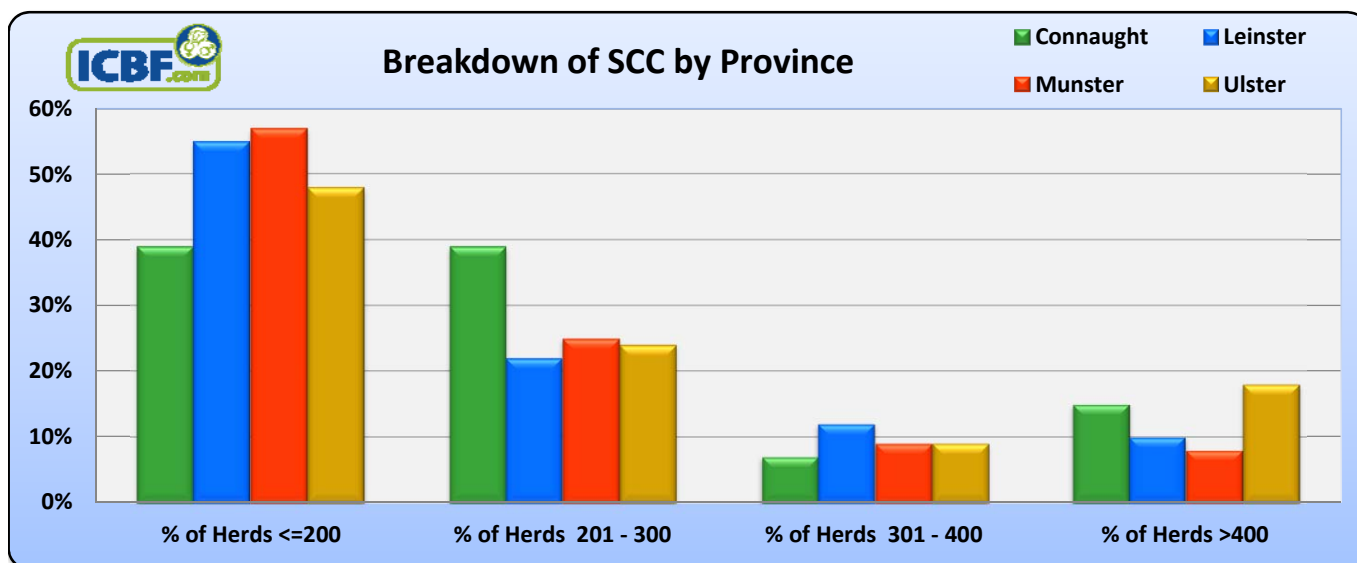
ICBF	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	46	3,117	68	23.7	3.57	3.33	1.63	216
Leinster	146	13,463	92	22.9	3.72	3.41	1.63	196
Munster	642	51,439	80	23.9	3.77	3.44	1.72	182
Ulster	33	2,106	64	24.6	3.57	3.30	1.69	210
National Statistics	867	70,125	81	23.8	3.75	3.42	1.70	187

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 02-JUL-2014 To 11-JUL-2014

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	46	3,117	68	39%	39%	7%	15%	216
Leinster	146	13,463	92	55%	22%	12%	10%	196
Munster	642	51,439	80	57%	25%	9%	8%	182
Ulster	33	2,106	64	48%	24%	9%	18%	210
National Statistics	867	70,125	81	56%	25%	9%	9%	187

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 02-JUL-2014 To 11-JUL-2014

ICBF	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Best 20% SCC	Best 40% SCC	Average SCC**	Worst 40% SCC	Worst 20% SCC
Connaught	46	3,117	68	132	203	215	237	324
Leinster	146	13,463	92	126	166	191	228	314
Munster	642	51,439	80	116	155	181	208	284
Ulster	33	2,106	64	134	180	228	255	365
National Statistics	867	70,125	81	118	161	185	214	292

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

