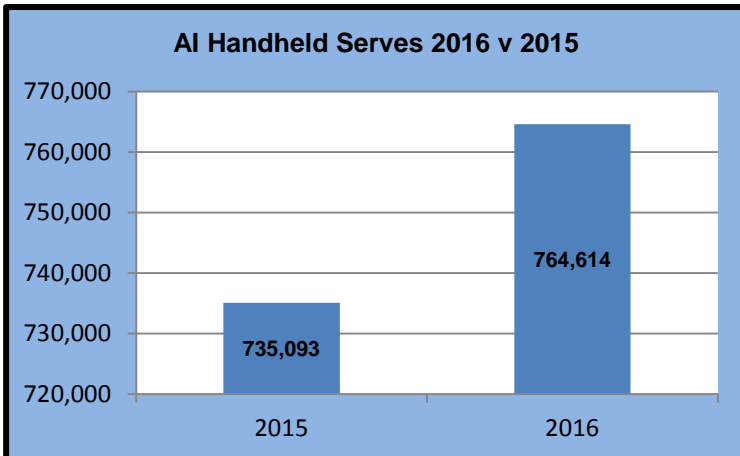
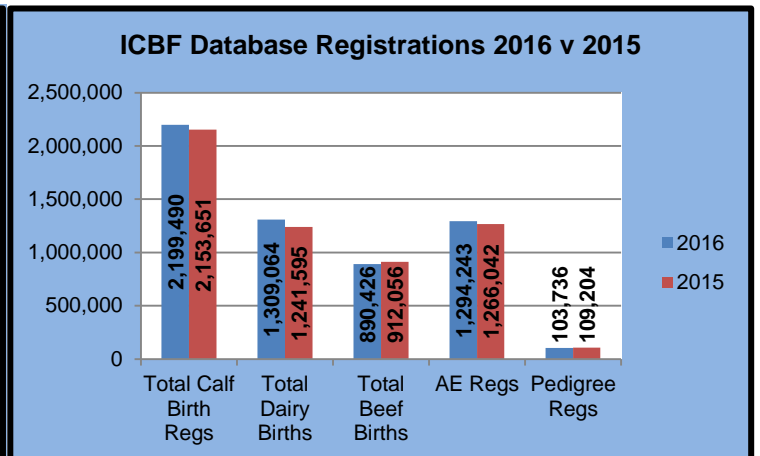
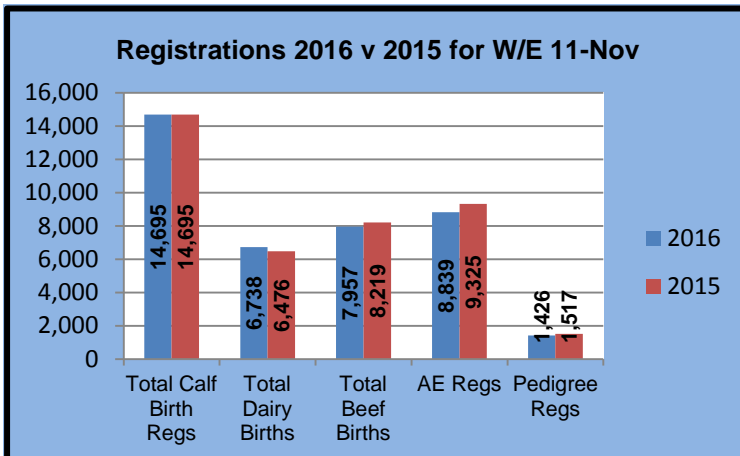


## ICBF Weekly Update 11th November 2016

### 1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 14:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 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 3,388,949 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 62,574 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 10,717,384 results have now been received.
- ✚ The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2016 compared with 2015.

### 3 Genetic Evaluations.

- ✚ Evaluations for the December full evaluation update for dairy and beef indexes has commenced.

### 4 Herd Plus®

- ✚ Please ensure that you record dry off dates when you have dried off your cows. Here at ICBF we don't know the difference between a Dry Cow and a cow that you plan to milk through the winter! That's why you need to tell us. Farmers that don't record dry offs do not receive an accurate Annual Report for their herd or valid lactations for their animals that they have paid for.
- ✚ 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'

- ✚ HerdPlus Dairy Pocket Notebooks are currently being generated and will be arriving on farms over the coming weeks.
- ✚ The ICBF animal search is now available in app format on apple's app store. You can download this app by searching for 'ICBF Animal Search'

## 5 Beef Data and Genomics Programme (BDGP)

- ✚ **Survey Data:** Survey data should be recorded online ([www.icbf.com](http://www.icbf.com), [www.agfood.ie](http://www.agfood.ie) or via farm software) or on paper survey forms posted to participants. Remember additional data (docility, quality, scour and pneumonia) must be recorded for calves when they reach 5 months of age.
- ✚ **DNA Samples:** Participants must return DNA samples (tissue tag or hair card) for 60% of their reference number. For replacement of DNA samples for animals sold or dead please contact **1850 625 626**.
- ✚ **Carbon Navigator:** Participants must ensure that they have completed a Carbon Navigator with an approved adviser (list available at [www.agriculture.gov.ie/beefschemes](http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/beefschemes)). The new extended deadline for completion of the carbon navigator is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

## 6 GENE IRELAND® Beef

- ✚ Sign Ups are continuing for the Gene Ireland Beef programme.
- ✚ 148 herds taking a total of 2140 straws have joined so far.
- ✚ The average order is 14 straws per herd.
- ✚ Details 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 bulls are detailed in graph.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Replacement Index	Straws
AU2365	Calverstown Koala	AU	€151	390
PI2157	Kilree Leo	PI	€128	470
HE2359	Arlinstown Special 13th	HE	€123	180
SH2360	Doon Giorgio	SH	€123	300
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	€120	165
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	€102	200
AA4086	Marianhill L Papa	AA	€107	15
PT2356	Macgowan Herd Juno	PT	€98	230
CH4068	Glenville Jasper	CH	€93	360
SI2367	Barnattin George 2	SI	€92	225
CH2363	Dolland Jefferson	CH	€83	360

## 7 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 11/11/16						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 11/11/16	No. EDIY Herds YTD 11/11/16	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 11/11/16	No. EDIY Cows YTD 11/11/16	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,737	1,153	31%	365,729	123,140	34%
Progressive	2,335	955	41%	256,976	105,118	41%
Tipperary	117	53	45%	11,382	5,029	44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>2,161</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>634,087</b>	<b>233,287</b>	<b>37%</b>

### Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15- 11/11/15	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16- 11/11/16	2016 vs 2015 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	367,909	365,729	-0.6%
Progressive	260,303	256,976	-1.3%
Tipperary	11,870	11,382	-4.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>640,082</b>	<b>634,087</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

## 8 Sheep Ireland

### LambPlus 2017

LambPlus sign-up forms are coming into the office now in large numbers and hopefully this continues up to the sign-up deadline of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. We have written to all current LambPlus and non-LambPlus sheep society members at this point. We are also asking for the help of all breed societies to remind their members about the LambPlus sign-up deadline. Getting more breeders involved in performance will only be good for each respective sheep breed and more importantly for their commercial farmer customers.

### Hill Sheep Parentage Recording

- For 2017 Sheep Ireland will continue to offer a free parentage recording service for hill sheep groups interested in parentage recording. For some hill sheep farmers, recording parentage information is a daunting concept, but for those that have been doing it for the past number of years, it has proved easier than first thought. Establishing recognised flockbooks in all our hill areas would be a major advancement for both the breeders and buyers of hill sheep.
- Tracking good performing bloodlines and combating the risk of inbreeding are two big advantages of parentage recording, but the major long term gain will be in terms of performance recording, which can come in future years. Without a solid foundation of parentage recording, performance recording is of limited use and genetic improvement is not possible.
- We are in regular contact with many hill sheep groups around Ireland in relation to establishing parentage recording programmes. We will do all we can to facilitate the process and are happy to meet with any groups interested in getting started in 2017. The first step will be to record mating information, so this time of year is a critical period. Sheep Ireland will provide all the tools to carry out the data recording – access to a personal Sheep Ireland online account and a Sheep Ireland lambing notebook.

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## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 02-NOV-2016 To 11-NOV-2016

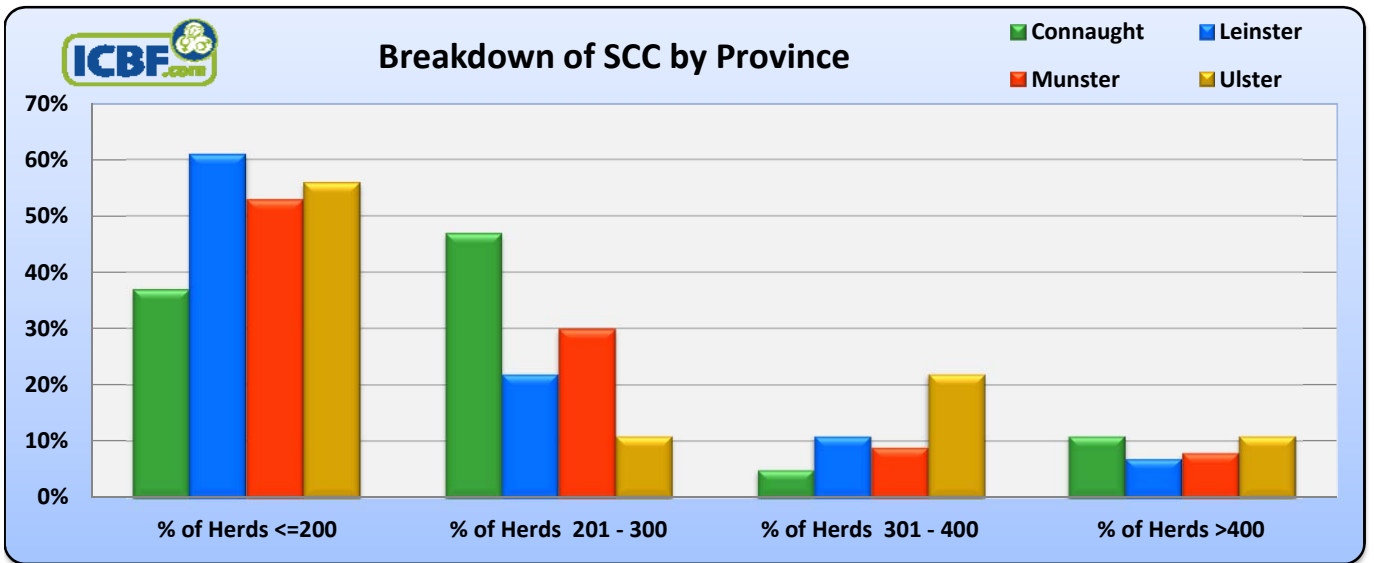
ICBF	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	19	1,315	69	15.9	4.25	3.55	1.22	210
Leinster	114	11,175	98	16.8	4.51	3.81	1.38	184
Munster	446	37,647	84	14.8	4.66	3.97	1.27	193
Ulster	9	638	71	17.5	4.23	3.63	1.35	206
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>50,775</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>4.61</b>	<b>3.92</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>192</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 02-NOV-2016 To 11-NOV-2016

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	19	1,315	69	37%	47%	5%	11%	210
Leinster	114	11,175	98	61%	22%	11%	7%	184
Munster	446	37,647	84	53%	30%	9%	8%	193
Ulster	9	638	71	56%	11%	22%	11%	206
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>50,775</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>192</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 02-NOV-2016 To 11-NOV-2016								
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	19	1,315	69	155	206	211	220	271
Leinster	114	11,175	98	118	155	172	200	287
Munster	446	37,647	84	124	167	193	214	283
Ulster	9	638	71	110	159	195	258	341
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>50,775</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>285</b>

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

