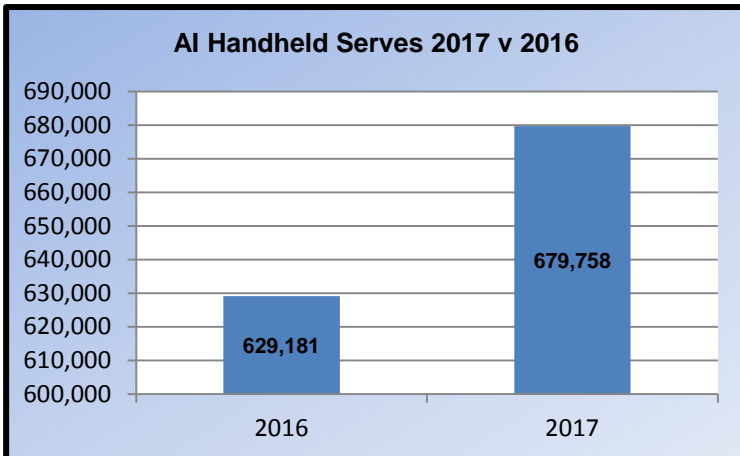
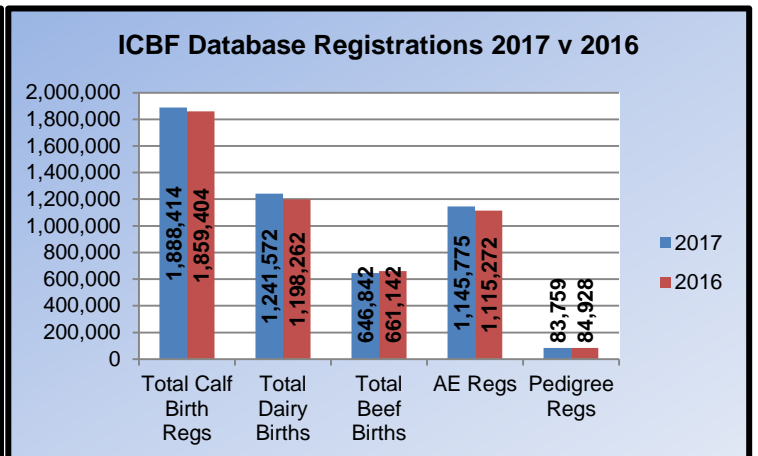
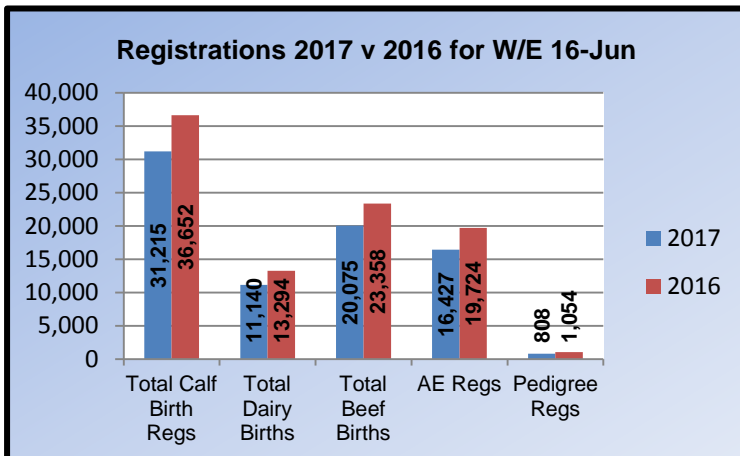


ICBF Weekly Update 16th June 2017

1 Important Dates

- Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 22nd June 2017 at 10:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 22nd June 2017 at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 22nd June 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 1,928,731 results received since January 1st, of which 42,380 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,458,973 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

3 Herd Plus®

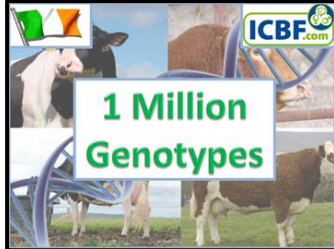
- Check out this Video of progeny from HHJ at ICBF's Tully Test Centre. Both animals were bred by H. Nicholson, Co. Meath and are videoed here at 15 months of age. Click [here](#) for more details.



- Alrezo (AZO) was an MRI bull that was born on the 1st October 1990. He was bred by Hts.R. En A Zonnerberg, Holland and his semen was marketed by Dovea Genetics. Code: AZO. Click [here](#) for more details.



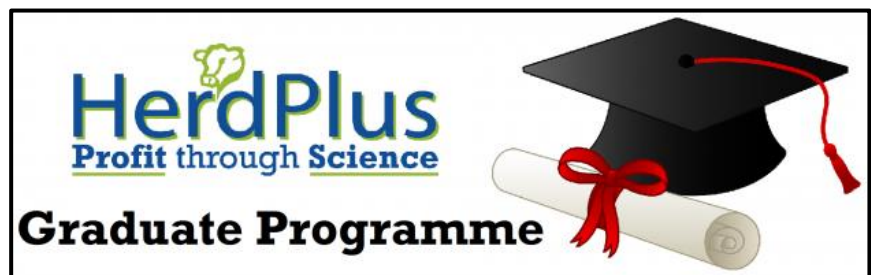
- On 31st May ICBF passed an important milestone with over 1 million cattle having a valid genotype. Ireland is only the second country in the world to surpass this milestone. Click [here](#) for further details.



- The latest HerdPlus Dairy Co-op Performance reports are now available for viewing online under the reports section. Click [here](#) for more details.



- Do you relish a challenge and wish to be part of a top class team? Do you have the drive, innovation and dedication required to help shape the future of the Irish Dairy and Beef Industry? Click [here](#) for more details.



4 GENE IRELAND[®] Beef

- Sign-ups are continuing for the GI beef programme.
- 322 herds taking a total of 4,580 straws have joined so far.
- The average order is 14 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**.
- Approximate total straws ordered to date for the bulls are detailed above.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Replacement Index	Across Breed Stars	Total Straws Ordered
AU4214	Johnstown Keith	AU	€174	5	130
SI4250	Lis na Ri Gucci	SI	€156	5	100
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	€136	5	300
SI2367	Barnattin George 2	SI	€130	5	420
AA4089	Intelagri Matteo ET	AA	€122	5	170
SH4209	Stoneyroyd Halcyon Matrix P	SH	€112	5	150
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	€110	5	360
CH4090	Jalabert	CH	€102	5	390
CH2363	Dolland Jefferson	CH	€92	4	140
CH4218	Woodhead Meldrew	CH	€91	4	10
LJE	Lislea Hermes	BA	€90	4	325
PT4215	Leacan King	PT	€85	4	25
CH4213	Blanchefield Lester	CH	€83	4	20
PT2356	Macgowan Herd Juno	PT	€82	4	325
CH4216	Knockmahon Lucky	CH	€76	4	25

5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 16/06/17						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 16/06/17	No. EDIY Herds YTD 16/06/17	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 16/06/17	No. EDIY Cows YTD 16/06/17	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,824	1,253	33%	374,736	133,789	36%
Progressive	2,238	919	41%	245,698	102,068	42%
Tipperary	109	47	43%	10,966	4,670	43%
Total	6,171	2,219	36%	631,400	240,527	38%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 16/06/16	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 16/06/17	2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	339,634	374,736	10.3%
Progressive	230,584	245,698	6.6%
Tipperary	10,440	10,966	5.0%
Total	580,658	631,400	8.7%

6 Sheep Ireland

Teagasc Athenry Open Day

A major technical day for sheep farmers will take place in Teagasc Athenry next Wednesday 21st June. This event will demonstrate the very latest technical advice across all aspects of sheep production. From a genetics point of view there will be a huge amount of information available;

- Sheep Ireland personnel will have a workshop to speak to farmers/breeders.
- Update on initial INZAC results (NZ & Irish sheep trial).
- Explanation of Indexes.
- Exhibit of low and high index rams.
- Genomic Selection explained.
- Economics behind the Euro-Star evaluations.

In association with genetics there will be a huge focus on grassland, Flock Health, the Better Sheep farm programme, increasing output from hill sheep production, Health and Safety & Brexit. Click [here](#) for more information on the Open Day.

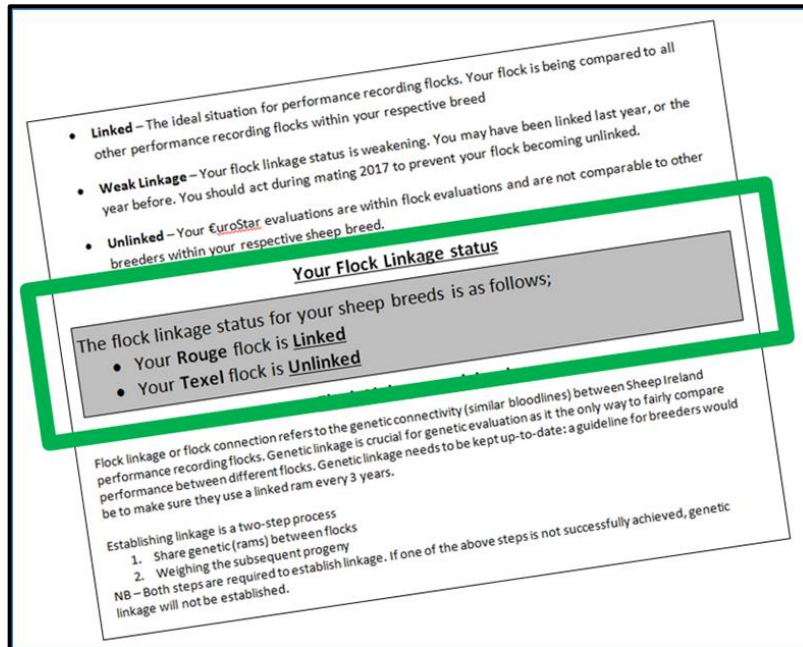
Next Sheep Ireland Board Meeting

This next meeting takes place on Thursday 22nd June. Any suggestion or issue which users of Sheep Ireland would like to see discussed, should be communicated to their relevant Board Representative. A full list of Board Representatives can be found [here](#) on the Sheep Ireland website.

Flock Linkage Letters

Today (Friday 16th June) Sheep Ireland are posting flock linkage letters to all LambPlus breeders. These letters will clearly indicate the current linkage status of each performance recording breeder. For breeders with more than one breed of sheep, there will be a separate linkage status for each breed.

- ✚ In order to be considered linked, a breeder must do two things;
 1. Share genetic (rams) with another linked flock.
 2. Weighing the subsequent progeny.
- ✚ Click here for more detailed information on genetic linkage.



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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 07-JUN-2017 To 16-JUN-2017

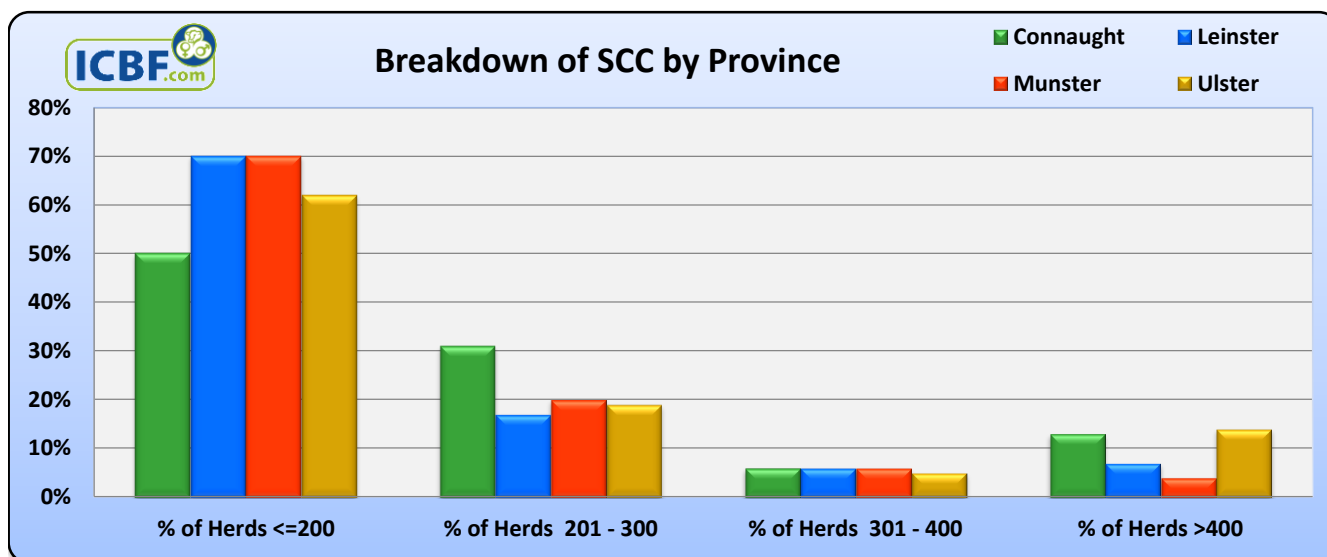
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	16	1,330	83	26.9	3.79	3.42	1.93	201
Leinster	132	13,868	105	25.5	3.86	3.42	1.85	137
Munster	504	49,376	98	26.3	3.85	3.44	1.91	148
Ulster	21	1,554	74	29.1	3.63	3.32	2.01	149
National Statistics	677	66,738	99	26.3	3.84	3.43	1.91	147

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 07-JUN-2017 To 16-JUN-2017

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	16	1,330	83	50%	31%	6%	13%	201
Leinster	132	13,868	105	70%	17%	6%	7%	137
Munster	504	49,376	98	70%	20%	6%	4%	148
Ulster	21	1,554	74	62%	19%	5%	14%	149
National Statistics	677	66,738	99	69%	20%	6%	5%	147

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 07-JUN-2017 To 16-JUN-2017

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	16	1,330	83	127	153	193	219	267
Leinster	132	13,868	105	76	117	141	170	240
Munster	504	49,376	98	92	121	143	172	235
Ulster	21	1,554	74	74	111	133	197	278
National Statistics	677	66,738	99	90	121	144	173	242

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

