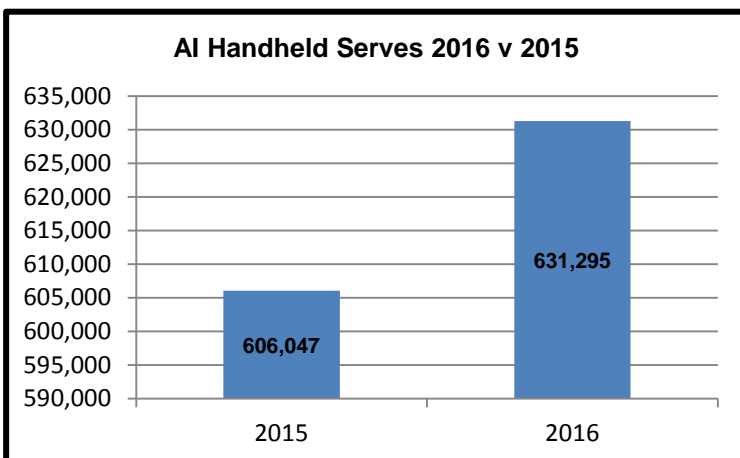
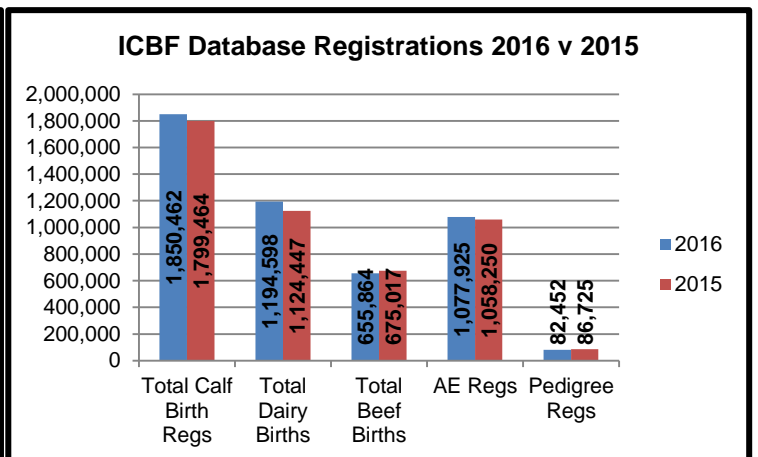
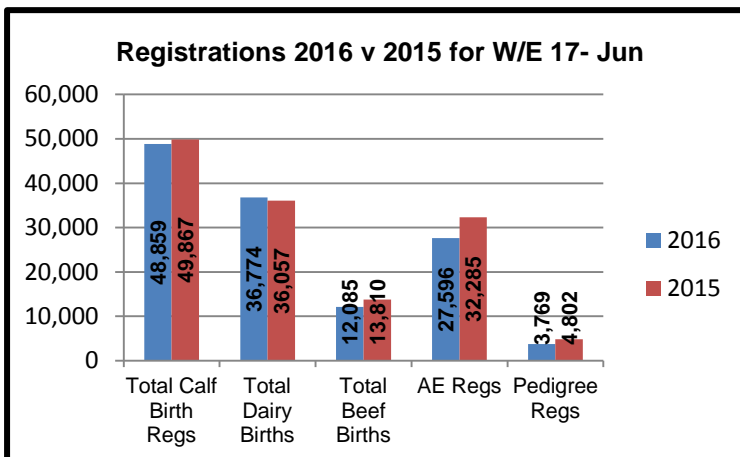


ICBF Weekly Update 17th June 2016

1 Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Beef Industry Meeting** –Tuesday 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 2,020,954 results received since January 1st, of which 50,017 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 9.34 million results have now been received.
- ✚ The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2016 compared with 2015.

3 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 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.*

4 GENE IRELAND® Beef

- ✚ Sign Ups are continuing for the Gene Ireland Beef programme.
- ✚ 443 herds taking a total of 5470 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 phone **023 8820452**.
- ✚ Approximate total straws ordered to date for the remaining bulls are detailed above.

<i>List of Bulls currently on-test</i>			
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	Edakya	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

5 GROW®

- ✚ 282 Pedigree animals were scored in May. This is down by 45 animals from May 2015.
- ✚ 484 Pedigrees were weighed in May. This is down by 113 animals from May 2015.
- ✚ These totals do not include animals scored as part of the initial Gene Ireland Maternal Bull Breeding visit.

6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 17/06/16						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 17/06/16	No. EDIY Herds YTD 17/06/16	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 17/06/16	No. EDIY Cows YTD 17/06/16	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,619	1,108	31%	340,152	113,043	33%
Progressive	2,232	880	39%	230,584	90,512	39%
Tipperary	113	49	43%	10,440	4,326	41%
Total	5,964	2,037	34%	581,176	207,881	36%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15-17/06/15	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16-17/06/16	2016 vs 2015 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	347,530	340,152	-2.1%
Progressive	233,920	230,584	-1.4%
Tipperary	10,714	10,440	-2.6%
Total	592,164	581,176	-1.9%

7 Sheep Ireland

Collection of CPT 100 Day Weights

- ✚ This week we started organising and collecting the CPT 100 day weights, two flocks were completed this week with the remaining three flocks being recorded next week. This information will be flowing into the genetic evaluations over the next few weeks and will be having a positive effect on the accuracy of the bloodlines for the rams involved. It is important to remember that these weights are also feeding back to all rams that were ever in the CPT, as the majority of ewes that lambed down this year are now bred by CPT sires. These weights will also be telling us how the ewes performed and this will be fed back into the replacement index of their Sires.

Ultrasound Scanning

- ✚ We continue to visit flocks that have put forward their flocks for ultrasound scanning. Lambs must have an official NSIS recorded on the Sheep Ireland database and actually be tagged before a flock can be set up for scanning. In the last week we have visited 17 flocks and we hope to increase this number once the CPT 100 day weights have been completed. We would ask flocks that are not scanning this year to record a weight on any lambs still on the farm between 121 and 180 days of age.



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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 08-JUN-2016 To 17-JUN-2016

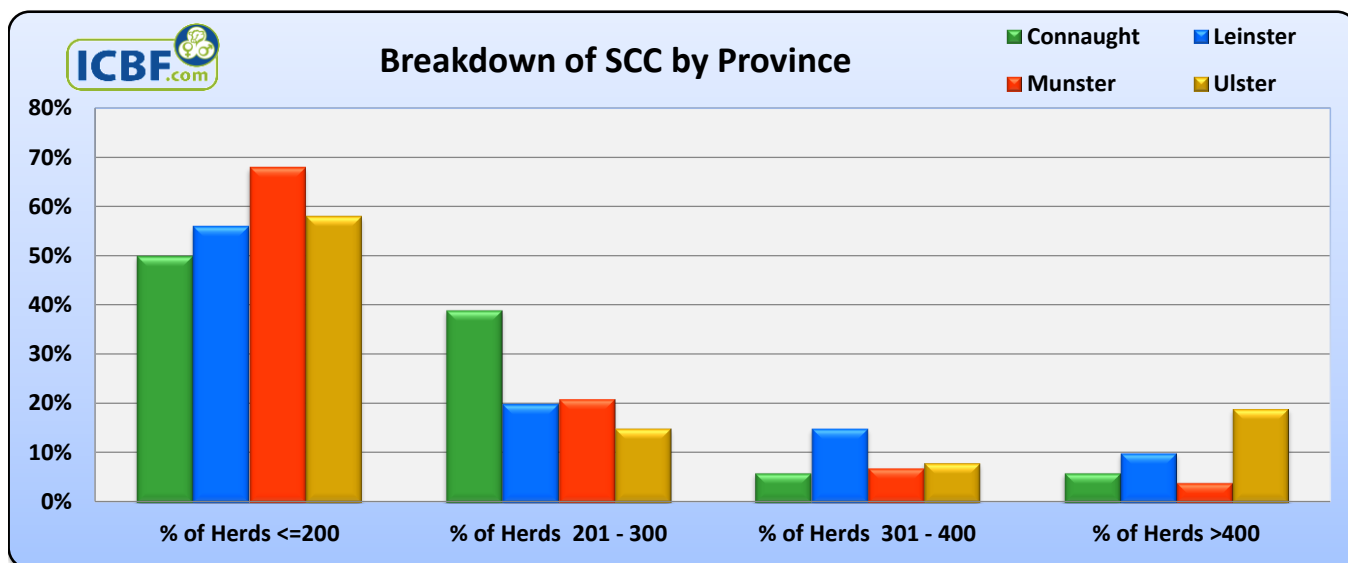
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	18	1,285	71	28.4	3.81	3.33	2.02	174
Leinster	124	12,667	102	25.1	3.72	3.37	1.78	187
Munster	493	44,955	91	25.4	3.76	3.40	1.81	157
Ulster	26	1,785	69	26.6	3.62	3.36	1.85	185
National Statistics	661	60,692	92	25.4	3.75	3.39	1.81	164

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 08-JUN-2016 To 17-JUN-2016

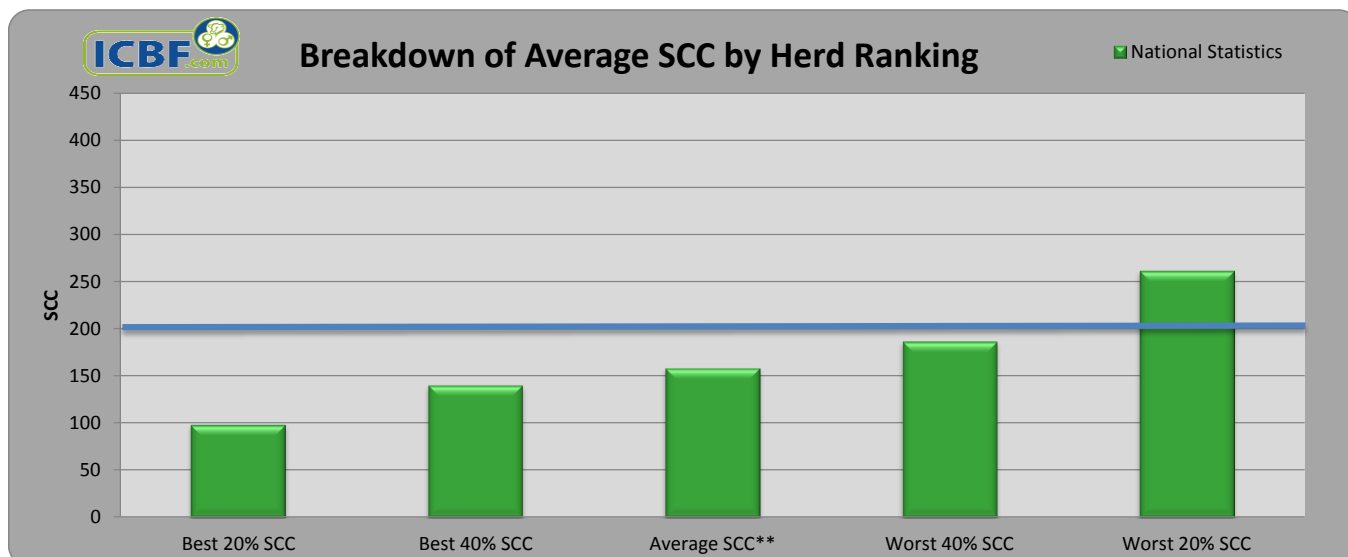
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	% of Herds <=200	% of Herds 201 - 300	% of Herds 301 - 400	% of Herds >400	Average SCC*
Connaught	18	1,285	71	50%	39%	6%	6%	174
Leinster	124	12,667	102	56%	20%	15%	10%	187
Munster	493	44,955	91	68%	21%	7%	4%	157
Ulster	26	1,785	69	58%	15%	8%	19%	185
National Statistics	661	60,692	92	65%	21%	8%	6%	164

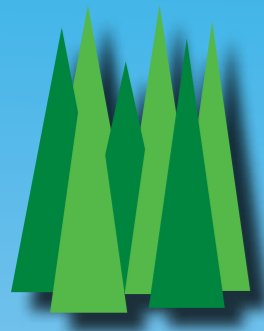
* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 08-JUN-2016 To 17-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	18	1,285	71	99	132	194	210	243
Leinster	124	12,667	102	103	153	178	218	328
Munster	493	44,955	91	97	135	153	177	242
Ulster	26	1,785	69	97	179	190	214	358
National Statistics	661	60,692	92	98	140	158	186	261

** 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

