

ICBF Weekly Update 19th July 2013

1 Important Dates

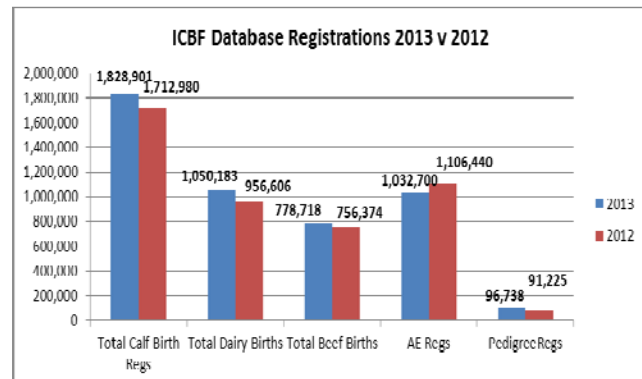
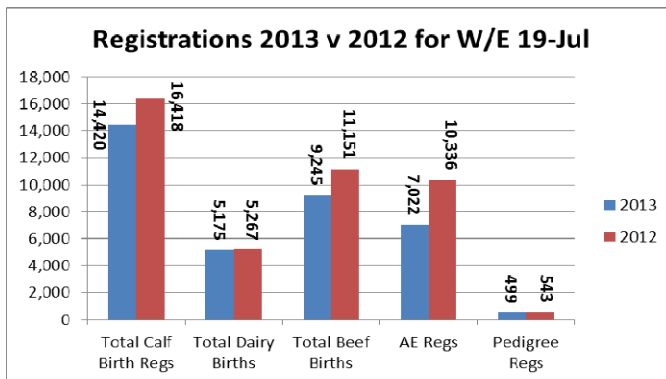
- ✚ **ICBF Industry Consultation Meeting** – Thursday 1st August, 10:00 to 16:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 12th September, 10:30 to 14:00, Highfield House, Bandon.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 12th September, 14:00 to 16:30, Highfield House, Bandon.

2 ICBF Board Meeting 11th July

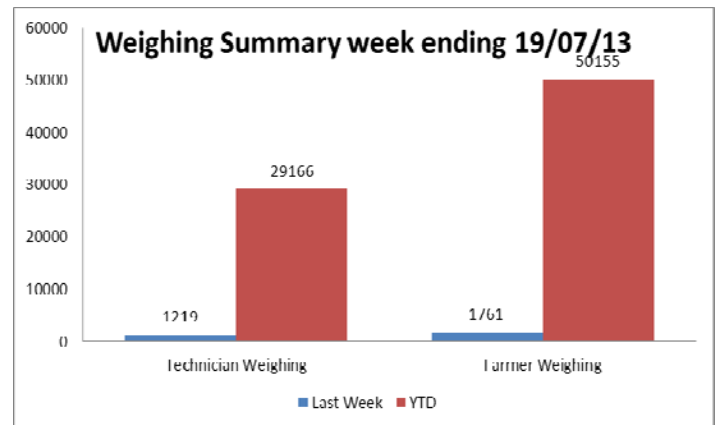
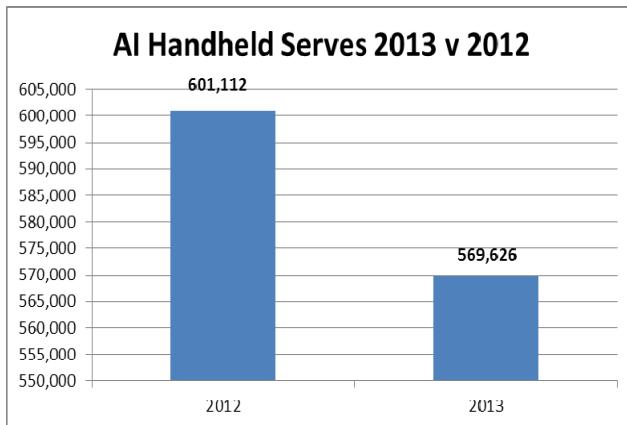
Some of the key items from last week's board meeting included:

- ✚ An update on the interim results of the Sexed Semen project. Pregnancy scanning is on-going.
- ✚ Approval of the 2014 NDP application.
- ✚ The latest statistics on the BVD scheme which ICBF is providing the back-end information systems.
- ✚ An update on the Genotyping/Parentage process for the Herdbooks. The process has not been as smooth as we would have liked, and backlogs are being actively worked on.
- ✚ An outline of two new projects around Genotyping and Health and Disease which are in the initial scoping phases.
- ✚ The development 2014 Strategic Plan is beginning and this process will include consultation with stakeholders.

3 Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFM AIM systems.
- ✚ In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2012 born calves with meal introduced is 644,792 with the number of animals weaned at 580,237.
- ✚ BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. There have been 1,834,000 results received since January 1st, of which 14,500 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 2.33 million results have now been received.
- ✚ The graph below shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2013 compared with 2012.
- ✚ This week there were 1219 weights received through the technician service and 1761 weights recorded by farmers.
- ✚ The graph below shows the week and year to date totals.



4 HerdPlus®

- ✚ Non-Breeding beef HerdPlus® customers received their Drystock Performance Report this week.
- ✚ The first batches of the 2013 Beef HerdPlus Journal have also been posted to farmers this week.
- ✚ Updated beef discussion group calving and Euro-Star reports will soon be available to advisors through their ICBF logins.
- ✚ Herd visits for the Maternal Bull Breeder Programme are on-going.
- ✚ There are now 165 herds signed up to the programme with a total of 5,410 breeding females across all breeds.
- ✚ Breed numbers are broken down in the table below:

| Angus | Aubrac | Blue | Saler | Char | Her | Limo | Par | Blonde | Shorn | Sim |
|-------|--------|------|-------|------|-----|------|-----|--------|-------|-----|
| 999 | 119 | 71 | 375 | 898 | 413 | 1694 | 127 | 120 | 64 | 529 |

- ✚ Co-Op Performance reports for the second quarter of 2013 are currently being generated and printed.
- ✚ Farmers should be receiving these reports next week.
- ✚ Letters have been sent to herds that participated in the sexed semen trial reminding them to ensure that all serves have been recorded and that any scanning data should also be recorded.
- ✚ If farmers require any assistance with this they should contact the HerdPlus office on **1850 600 900**.

5 Sheep Ireland

- ✚ The Teagasc Better Farm/CPT (Central Progeny Test) open farm event on Andrew Maloney's farm takes place next Wednesday 24th July from 11.00am. This should be a very worthwhile event to attend for anyone involved in the sheep industry. The event is free to attend and also qualifies as a national STAP event. There will be a number of different topics covered on the day from breeding to grassland management with a strong emphasis on health issues that face the sector at present. Those in attendance will also see the important role that Andrew is playing as a CPT flock and what this CPT is contributing to the national breed improvement programme.

- Andrew's farm is located just outside Edenderry town; the event will take place between 11.00am and 2.00pm. All sheep enthusiasts are invited to attend to witness how Andrew has set his farm up to maximise output and minimise complication within his very profitable sheep enterprise.

6 Genetic Evaluations

Routine genetic evaluations are underway. Files were submitted today to Interbull for the dairy traits. The official publication of proofs will take place on the 20th August.

7 Milk Recording

| National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 19/07/13 | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Milk Recording Organisation | Total Herds Recorded YTD 19/07/13 | No. EDIY Herds YTD 19/07/13 | % Herds EDIY | Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 19/07/13 | No. EDIY Cows YTD 19/07/13 | % Cows EDIY |
| Munster | 3,664 | 1,054 | 29% | 304,686 | 94,145 | 31% |
| Progressive | 2,403 | 968 | 40% | 224,797 | 93,365 | 42% |
| Tipperary | 112 | 39 | 35% | 9,700 | 3,526 | 36% |
| Total | 6,179 | 2,061 | 33% | 539,183 | 191,036 | 35% |

| Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison | | | |
|--|--|--|---|
| Milk Recording Organisation | YTD 2012 Cows Recorded 01/01/12 - 19/07/12 | YTD 2013 Cows Recorded 01/01/13 - 19/07/13 | 2013 vs. 2012 Year on Year Difference (%) |
| Munster | 300,246 | 304,686 | 1.5% |
| Progressive | 215,346 | 224,797 | 4.2% |
| Tipperary | 9,826 | 9,700 | -1.3% |
| Total | 525,418 | 539,183 | 2.6% |

Please see milk recording stats attached

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 10-JUL-2013 To 19-JUL-2013

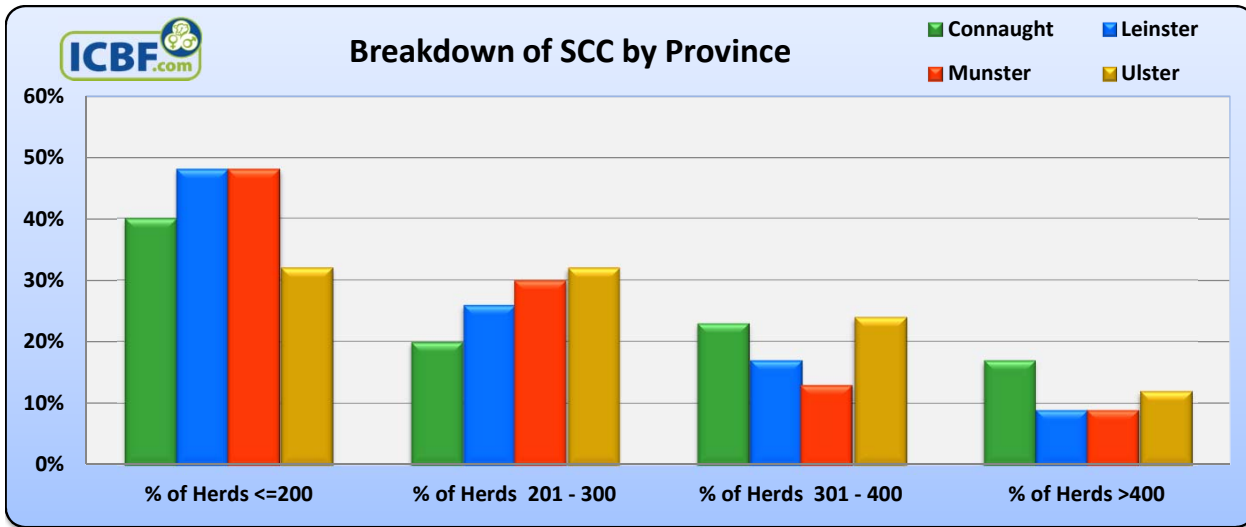
| No. Herds Recorded | No. Cows Recorded | Avg Herd Size | Avg Milk kg/Cow | Average Fat % | Average Protein % | Average F+P kg | Average SCC* |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Connaught | 30 | 2,061 | 69 | 24.0 | 3.59 | 3.19 | 236 |
| Leinster | 172 | 15,730 | 91 | 22.2 | 3.68 | 3.35 | 200 |
| Munster | 515 | 42,757 | 83 | 23.0 | 3.67 | 3.33 | 203 |
| Ulster | 34 | 2,676 | 79 | 22.7 | 3.55 | 3.19 | 236 |
| National Statistics | 751 | 63,224 | 84 | 22.9 | 3.67 | 3.32 | 205 |

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 10-JUL-2013 To 19-JUL-2013

| 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 | 30 | 2,061 | 40% | 20% | 23% | 17% | 236 |
| Leinster | 172 | 15,730 | 48% | 26% | 17% | 9% | 200 |
| Munster | 515 | 42,757 | 48% | 30% | 13% | 9% | 203 |
| Ulster | 34 | 2,676 | 32% | 32% | 24% | 12% | 236 |
| National Statistics | 751 | 63,224 | 47% | 29% | 15% | 10% | 205 |

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



| % Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 10-JUL-2013 To 19-JUL-2013 | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| No. Herds Recorded | No. Cows Recorded | Avg Herd Size | Best 20% SCC | Best 40% SCC | Average SCC** | Worst 40% SCC | Worst 20% SCC | |
| Connaught | 30 | 2,061 | 69 | 146 | 200 | 237 | 296 | 376 |
| Leinster | 172 | 15,730 | 91 | 123 | 175 | 216 | 241 | 321 |
| Munster | 515 | 42,757 | 83 | 133 | 179 | 204 | 235 | 316 |
| Ulster | 34 | 2,676 | 79 | 167 | 250 | 267 | 289 | 335 |
| National Statistics | 751 | 63,224 | 84 | 132 | 181 | 211 | 241 | 322 |

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

