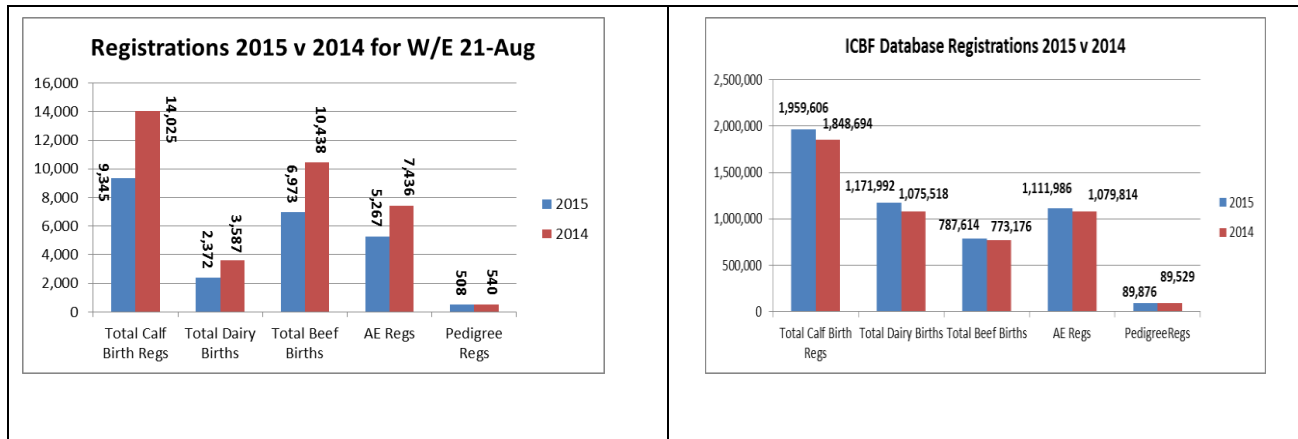


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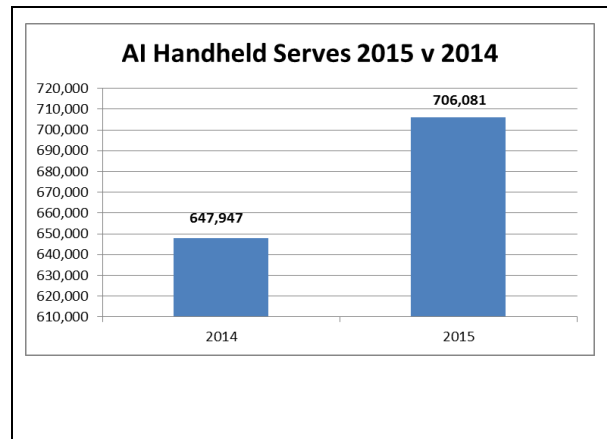
1 Important Dates

- ✚ **Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 10th September 2015 at 14:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Audit & Finance Sub Committee Meeting** – Friday 11th September 2015 at 10:30, Horse & Jockey.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Friday 18th September 2015 at 10:30, 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 2.05 million results received since January 1st, of which 13800 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 7.01 million results have now been received.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2014 compared with 2015.

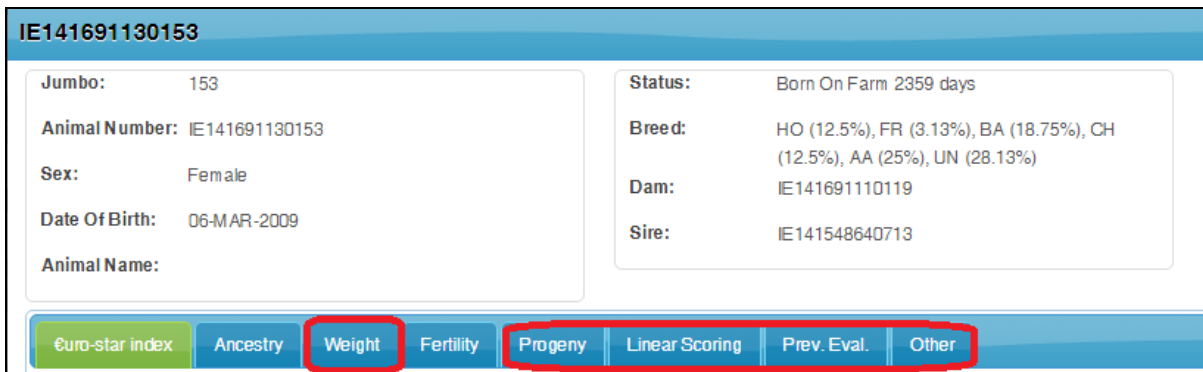


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- ✚ 923 Pedigree animals were scored in July. This is down by 67 animals from July 2014.
- ✚ 1256 Pedigrees were weighed in July. This is down by 195 animals from July 2014.
- ✚ These totals do not include animals scored as part of the Gene Ireland Maternal Bull Breeding visit.

4 Euro-Star & EBI Profile – New Tabs

- This week we updated the tabs available in the Euro-Star and EBI Profiles.
- When you click on an animal's tag number in these profiles a pop box with more detailed information (similar to the bull search) will open. We have added five new tabs to this screen see image 1. Screenshots for each of the five new tabs can be found in images 2-6.



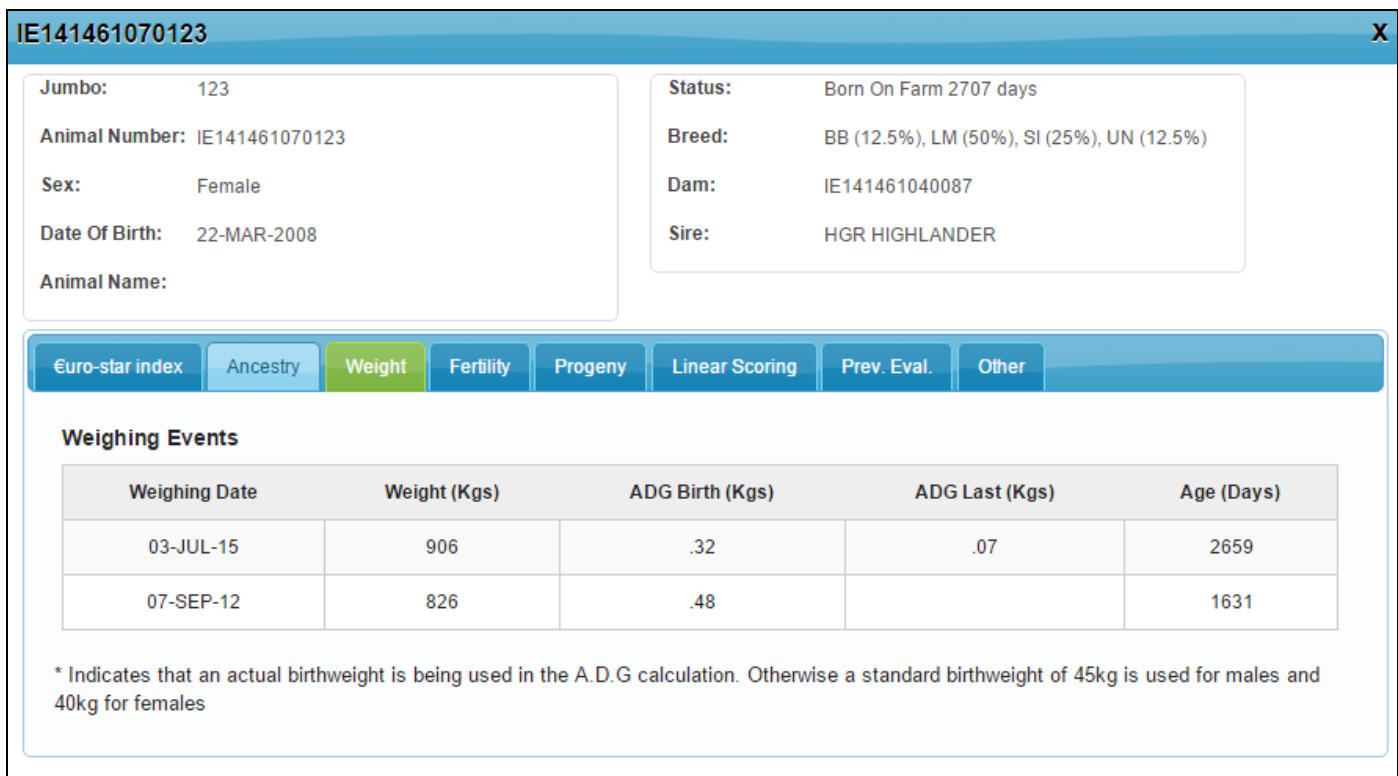
IE141691130153

Jumbo: 153
Animal Number: IE141691130153
Sex: Female
Date Of Birth: 06-MAR-2009
Animal Name:

Status: Born On Farm 2359 days
Breed: HO (12.5%), FR (3.13%), BA (18.75%), CH (12.5%), AA (25%), UN (28.13%)
Dam: IE141691110119
Sire: IE141548640713

€uro-star index Ancestry **Weight** Fertility Progeny Linear Scoring Prev. Eval. Other

Image 1. Five new tabs added to the pop-up for beef animal jumbo 153



IE141461070123

Jumbo: 123
Animal Number: IE141461070123
Sex: Female
Date Of Birth: 22-MAR-2008
Animal Name:

Status: Born On Farm 2707 days
Breed: BB (12.5%), LM (50%), SI (25%), UN (12.5%)
Dam: IE141461040087
Sire: HGR HIGHLANDER

€uro-star index Ancestry **Weight** Fertility Progeny Linear Scoring Prev. Eval. Other

Weighing Events

Weighing Date	Weight (Kgs)	ADG Birth (Kgs)	ADG Last (Kgs)	Age (Days)
03-JUL-15	906	.32	.07	2659
07-SEP-12	826	.48		1631

* Indicates that an actual birthweight is being used in the A.D.G calculation. Otherwise a standard birthweight of 45kg is used for males and 40kg for females

Image 2. The weight tab displays any weights recorded on the animal (the animal itself, not progeny).

Euro-star index													
Ancestry		Weight		Fertility		Progeny		Linear Scoring		Prev. Eval.		Other	
Birth Data													
	Birth Date	Calf Tag	Sex	Calf Breed (blue card)	Sire	Calving Survey	Birth Weight (kg)	Chest Girth (cm)	Height Shoulder (cm)	Birth Size	Calf Vigour	Mal-presentation	Birth Defect
1	16-AUG-10	IE141461040161	M	SIX	LAL	1							
2	01-DEC-11	IE141461090182	F	SIX	SEV	1							
3	17-DEC-12	IE141461090199	F	SIX	APZ	1	35						
4	06-FEB-14	IE141461030227	M	CHX	LGL	1	45	83	80	M	Vigorous	No	
5	10-JAN-15	IE141461060238	M	CHX	LGL	1	49	82	78	L	Vigorous	No	
Weight & Carcass Data													
	Birth Date	Calf Tag	Sex	Current Status	Weight Data			Weaning Data		Slaughter Data			
					Age (days)	Weight (kg)	ADG (kg)	Calf Quality	Calf Docility	Age Slaughter (months)	Carcass Weight (kgs)	Carcass Conf. & Fat	
1	16-AUG-10	IE141461040161	M	DEPARTED				VG	VG				
2	01-DEC-11	IE141461090182	F	IN HERD	282	415	1.33	G	VG				
3	17-DEC-12	IE141461090199	F	IN HERD	196	283	1.27*	G	G				
4	06-FEB-14	IE141461030227	M	DEPARTED	240	425	1.58*	VG	G				
5	10-JAN-15	IE141461060238	M	IN HERD	174	313	1.52*						

* Indicates that an actual birthweight is being used in the A.D.G calculation. Otherwise a standard birthweight of 45kg is used for males and 40kg for females.

Image 3. The Progeny tab lists any progeny born and gives some information on their performance. We do not yet have the weight and carcass data section for dairy animals. For beef farmers, this screen is similar to the suckler cow report progeny section.

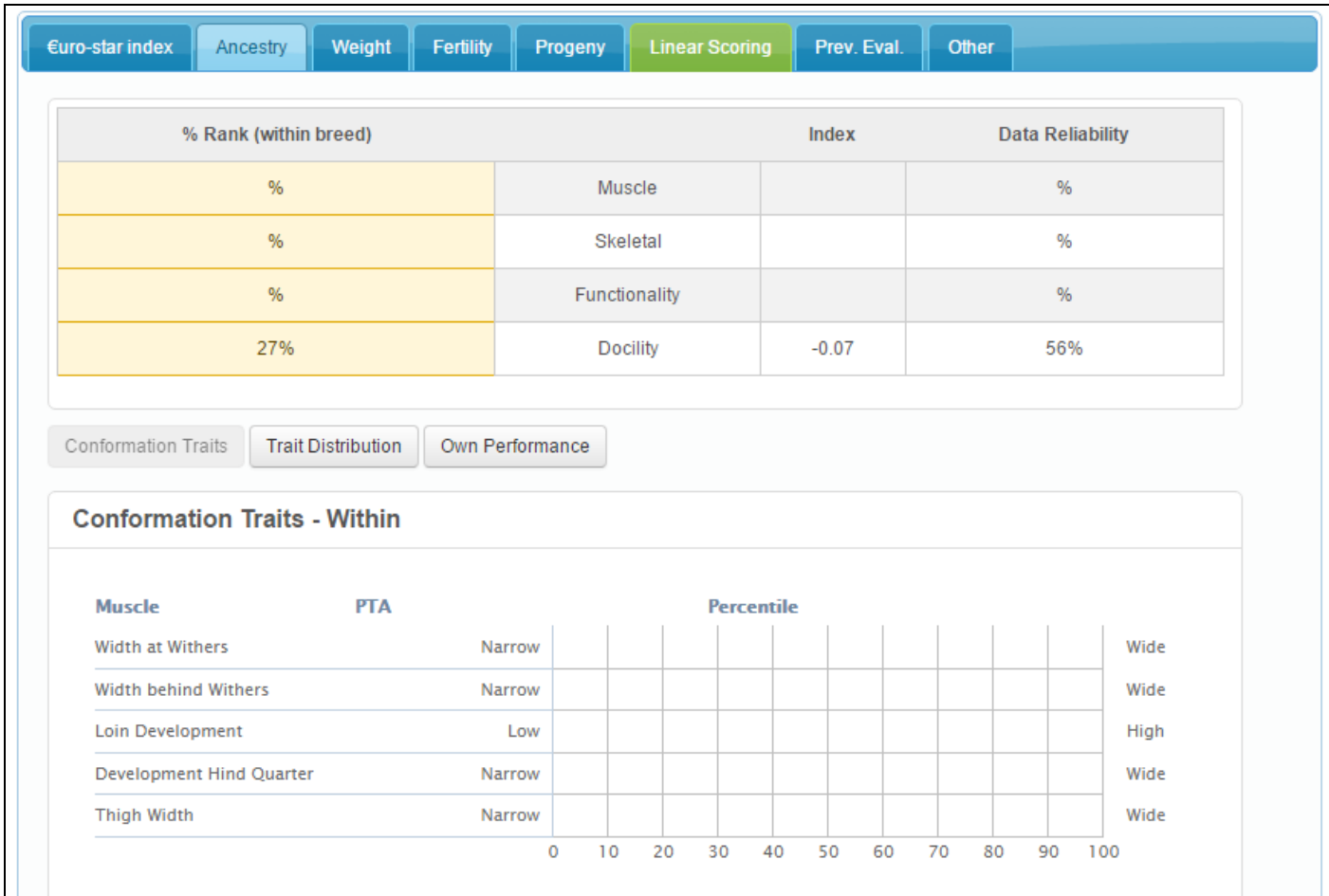


Image 4. Linear Scoring or type can be viewed.

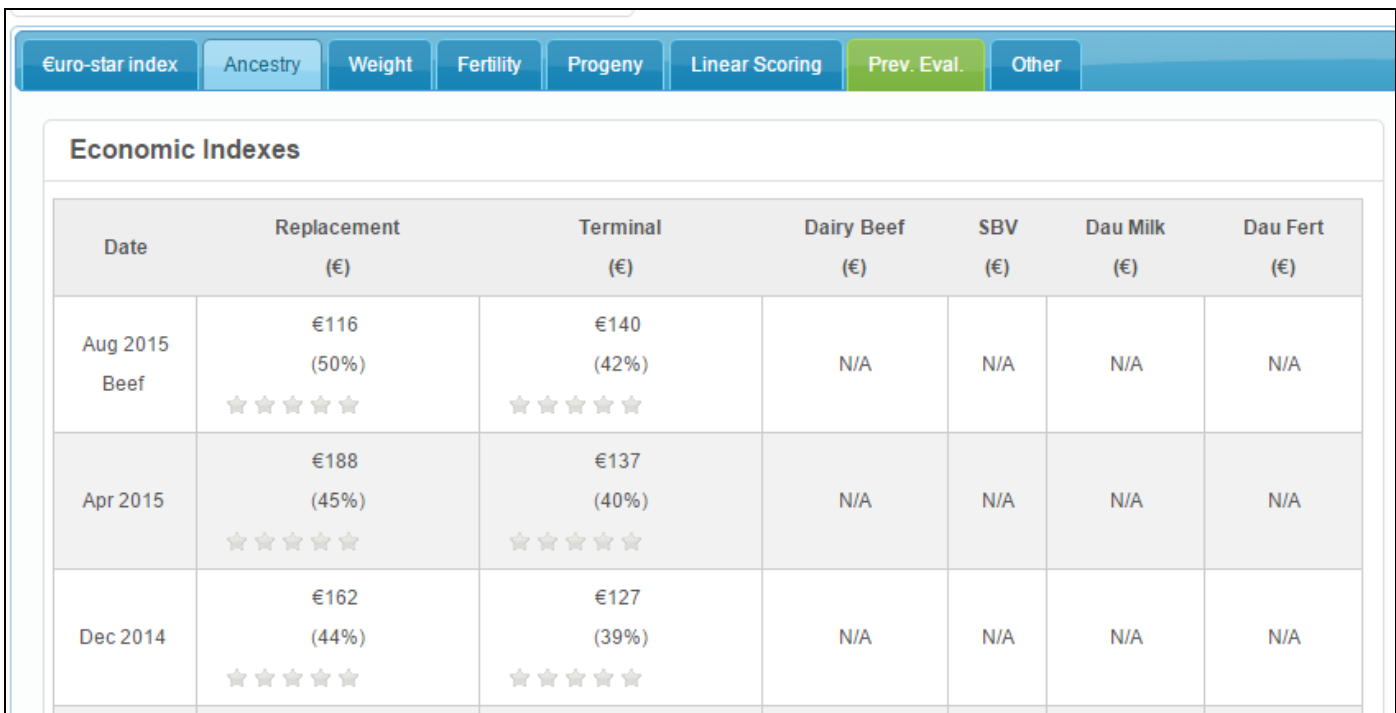


Image 5. Prev Eval tracks how an animal's index has changed through evaluations.

Euro-star index Ancestry Weight Fertility Progeny Linear Scoring Prev. Eval. **Other**

Birth Data

Measurement	Value
Calving Survey	Normal Calving
Birth Weight (cm)	
Chest Girth (cm)	
Height Shoulder (cm)	

Measurement	Value
Birth Size	
Calf Vigour	
Malpresentation	
Birth Defect	

Weanling Data

Measurement	Value
Calf Quality	G
Calf Docility	VG

Measurement	Value
Scour	
Pneumonia	

Additional Data

Cow Milk Score	
2011	A
2012	VG
2014	VG

Cow Docility	
2011	A
2012	A
2014	A

Image 6. The other tab displays any birth data, weanling data and any scheme cow data recorded on the animal itself.

Dairy Co-op Performance Reports

✚ Dairy Co-op Performance Reports have arrived on farms for Barryroe, Centenary Thurles, Glanbia, Lakeland, Lisavaired, Town of Monaghan, Tipperary Co-op and Drinagh suppliers, reports are also available online. Dairygold, Arrabawn and Bandon suppliers will receive their reports early next week. Aurivo and Herds that are supplying milk to more than one co-op or that have changed supplier within 2014 or 2015 will receive their reports next week. Kerry suppliers will have access to their reports online next week also.

5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 21/08/15						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 21/08/15	No. EDIY Herds YTD 21/08/15	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 21/08/15	No. EDIY Cows YTD 21/08/15	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,979	1,271	32%	362,364	124,785	34%
Progressive	2,473	1,052	43%	250,682	108,511	43%
Tipperary	125	53	42%	11,704	5,214	45%
Total	6,577	2,376	36%	624,750	238,510	38%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2014 Cows Recorded 01/01/14 - 21/08/14	YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15 - 21/08/15	2015 vs 2014 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	326,541	362,364	11.0%
Progressive	237,232	250,682	5.7%
Tipperary	9,957	11,704	17.5%
Total	573,730	624,750	8.9%

6 Sheep Ireland

The LambPlus Multi-Breed ram sale

- Preparations are well under way for our sale tomorrow (Saturday 22nd August); breeders are asked to start showing up from 9:00am with the sale kicking off at 12:30pm. See www.sheep.ie for the catalogue and more details on breeds and numbers. Hope to see some of you there!!



STAP 2015

- Sheep Ireland is once again involved in STAP Task 1 & 2. This provides a great opportunity for Sheep Ireland to help inform both farmers and breeders the long-term benefits of using the Euro-Stars to help maximise flock performance.

Task 1

Task 1 (The Ram Task) is worth two tasks this year for the flocks that successfully complete it. In order to complete the task Sheep Ireland must receive a Ram Query form with an eligible ram and a photocopy of his dispatch docket before the 2nd October 2015. Rams **must** be at least 3 stars or higher on the Replacement or Terminal index on the day of purchase. All rams can be checked and found on the Sheep Ireland Online Ram Search prior to submission in order to identify any potential issues with rams as soon as possible. It is also possible to check if a ram was already claimed for STAP in 2013/2014 on the ram search. The number of ram queries per week is starting to build which is great to see.

Task 2

Option A: Weight recording must be submitted by either the STAP participant or the STAP facilitator via their Sheep Ireland account before the deadline. Half the lambs in the flock should be weighed twice up to a max of 100 lambs. It is advised to have a minimum of 2/3 weeks between the weights in order to get the most from the task.

Option B: Maternal flock recording is a mandatory task for any STAP participant that completed the 2014 Option C task, parentage recording. A minimum of 20 ewes should be recorded along with their lambs including 2 weights. This must be completed by either the STAP participant or the STAP facilitator via their Sheep Ireland account before the deadline.

OVIGEN Flock Visits

- There has been very few OVIGEN flock visits in the past number of weeks as we concentrated on getting all the requested flocks scanned for Muscle and Fat depth before the premier sales so the information could be included in the evaluations. The vast majority of the scanning has now been done with the exception of some late lambing flocks. With this in mind we will start to contact flocks to arrange more flock visits in order to collect their DNA. We are aware that this will not suit the majority of flocks at the moment as ewes are being mated, however for some late lambing flocks there may still be a window to have the flock visited in advance of mating. So if any flock is in a position to have their OVIGEN flock visit complete in the next few weeks they should contact us on **023 882 0154**.

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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 12-AUG-2015 To 21-AUG-2015

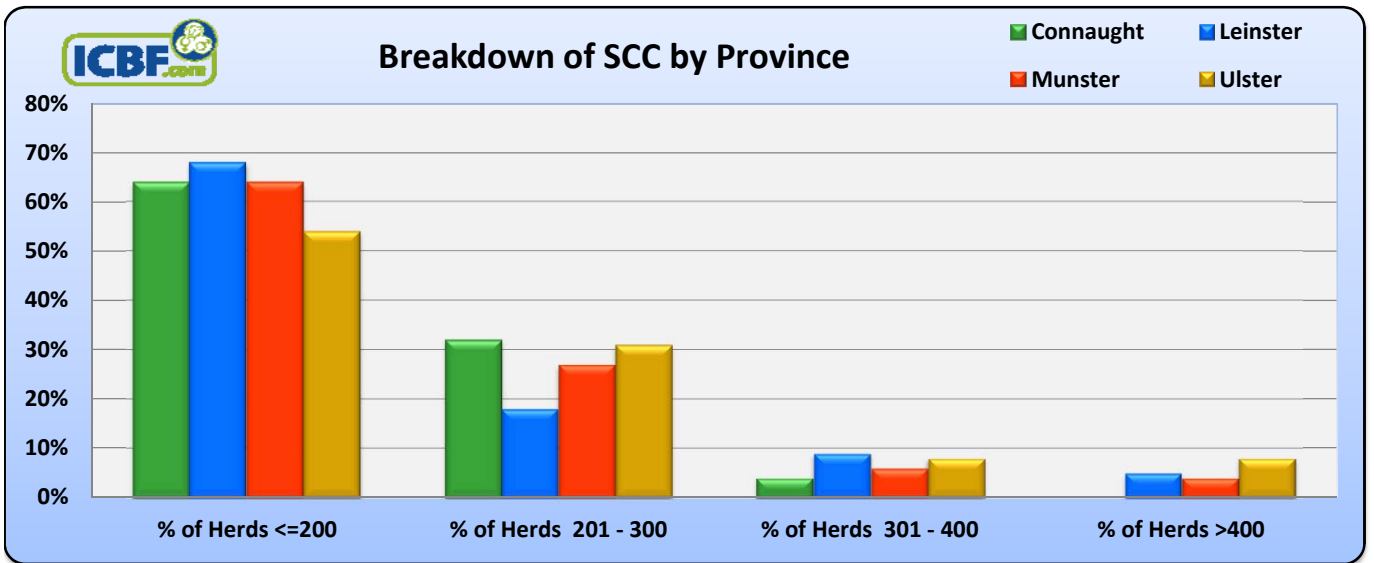
ICBF	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	25	1,724	69	22.8	3.83	3.48	1.66	147
Leinster	141	13,431	95	22.0	3.87	3.53	1.62	158
Munster	684	60,371	88	21.2	3.99	3.56	1.60	175
Ulster	13	817	63	23.7	3.75	3.41	1.70	197
National Statistics	863	76,343	88	21.4	3.96	3.55	1.60	171

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 12-AUG-2015 To 21-AUG-2015

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	25	1,724	69	64%	32%	4%	0%	147
Leinster	141	13,431	95	68%	18%	9%	5%	158
Munster	684	60,371	88	64%	27%	6%	4%	175
Ulster	13	817	63	54%	31%	8%	8%	197
National Statistics	863	76,343	88	64%	26%	6%	4%	171

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 12-AUG-2015 To 21-AUG-2015								
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	25	1,724	69	99	122	135	194	230
Leinster	141	13,431	95	103	138	152	181	244
Munster	684	60,371	88	122	157	170	191	250
Ulster	13	817	63	116	151	187	216	285
National Statistics	863	76,343	88	117	152	169	190	247

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

