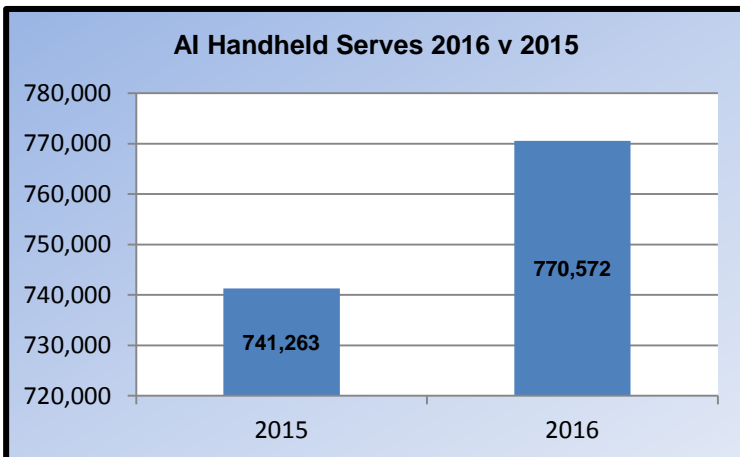
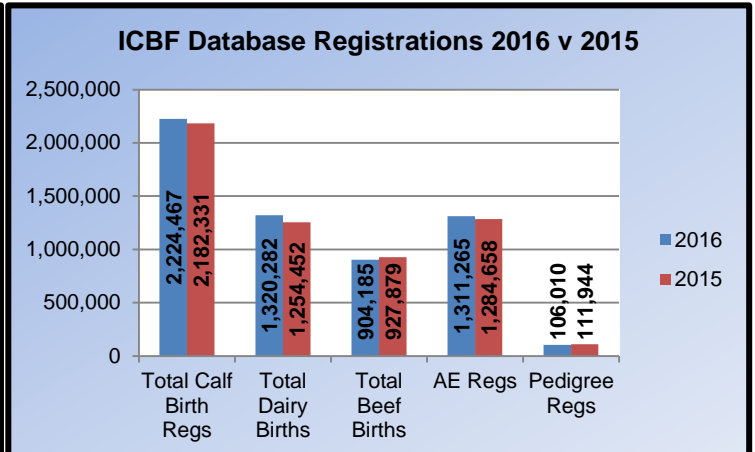
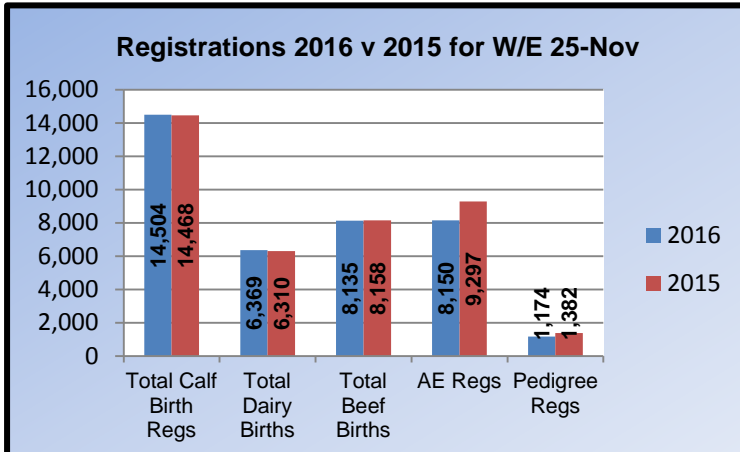


## ICBF Weekly Update 25th November 2016

### 1 Important Dates.

- ✚ **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 at 09:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 at 11:00, 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 3,500,710 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 58,769 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 10,829,145 results have now been received.
- ✚ The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2016 compared with 2015.

### 3 ICBF Board Meeting

#### Topics covered at the ICBF Board meeting on yesterday included:

- ✚ A report from the Audit & Finance Sub Committee.
- ✚ An update from the meeting with the AI organisations.
- ✚ A progress report on the Beef Data and Genomics Scheme and the Genomic Evaluations.
- ✚ A discussion on Whole Herd Performance Recording within Beef Herds.
- ✚ An update on the actions arising out of the recent meeting with the Herdbooks.

### 4 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.

## 5 GENE IRELAND® Beef

- ✚ Sign Ups are continuing for the Gene Ireland Beef programme.
- ✚ 167 herds taking a total of 2425 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	435
PI2157	Kilree Leo	PI	€128	495
HE2359	Arlinstown Special 13th	HE	€123	210
SH2360	Doon Giorgio	SH	€123	335
SA2366	Carrentubber Pinocchio	SA	€120	180
BA2357	Terelton Isaac	BA	€102	230
AA4086	Marianhill L Papa	AA	€107	20
PT2356	Macgowan Herd Juno	PT	€98	240
CH4068	Glenville Jasper	CH	€93	450
SI2367	Barnattin George 2	SI	€92	240
CH2363	Dolland Jefferson	CH	€83	365

## 6 Herd Plus®

- ✚ 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'
- ✚ All new animal events books have now been sent out to herd owners to cater for the new tagging system.
- ✚ The latest stats on Phenotypic (cow's actual performance) Trends for Fat and Protein have now been released. These figures show the trends for kgs of fat and protein and percentage fat and protein. [Click here](#) for further information.
- ✚ The Tully Progeny Test Centre is to feature in RTE's "10 Things to Know About..." airing on next Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November on RTE One at 8.30pm. This program will cover all there is to know about "Steak". This will give a good insight into the work ICBF is doing at Tully in relation to meat eating quality for consumers.
- ✚ 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'

## 7 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 25/11/16						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 25/11/16	No. EDIY Herds YTD 25/11/16	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 25/11/16	No. EDIY Cows YTD 25/11/16	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,739	1,155	31%	366,562	123,417	34%
Progressive	2,337	956	41%	258,190	105,447	41%
Tipperary	118	54	46%	11,445	5,088	44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,194</b>	<b>2,165</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>636,197</b>	<b>233,952</b>	<b>37%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15-25/11/15	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16-25/11/16	2016 vs 2015 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	368,624	366,562	-0.6%
Progressive	262,458	258,190	-1.6%
Tipperary	11,887	11,445	-3.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>642,969</b>	<b>636,197</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>

## 8 Sheep Ireland

### Sheep Ireland Board Meeting

A meeting of the Sheep Ireland Board of representatives took place yesterday (Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>). At this meeting a number of topics were discussed including;

- ✚ LambPlus membership for 2017.
- ✚ Future plans for the Sheep Ireland Indexes.
- ✚ Across breed evaluation update.
- ✚ Genomic evaluation update.
- ✚ Update on CPT progress.
- ✚ Update on OVIGEN progress.
- ✚ For a full list of Sheep Ireland Board members and the groups that they represent, please click [here](#).

### Deadline for entry to LambPlus 2017

- ✚ Next Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> December) marks the deadline for entry to our LambPlus performance recording service for 2017. Sign-up forms are coming into the office in high numbers daily and we will be sending reminder texts to all breeders in the coming days. We also ask all breed society representative to send a reminder text to all their breeders to ensure that no breeder misses out.

### Career Opportunity

- ✚ We are currently hiring for the position of Technical Support. If you are interested in sheep breeding, genomics, big data and making a real impact on the industry then you should check this out. Closing date is 5<sup>th</sup> December.
- ✚ For more details click [here](#).



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## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 16-NOV-2016 To 25-NOV-2016

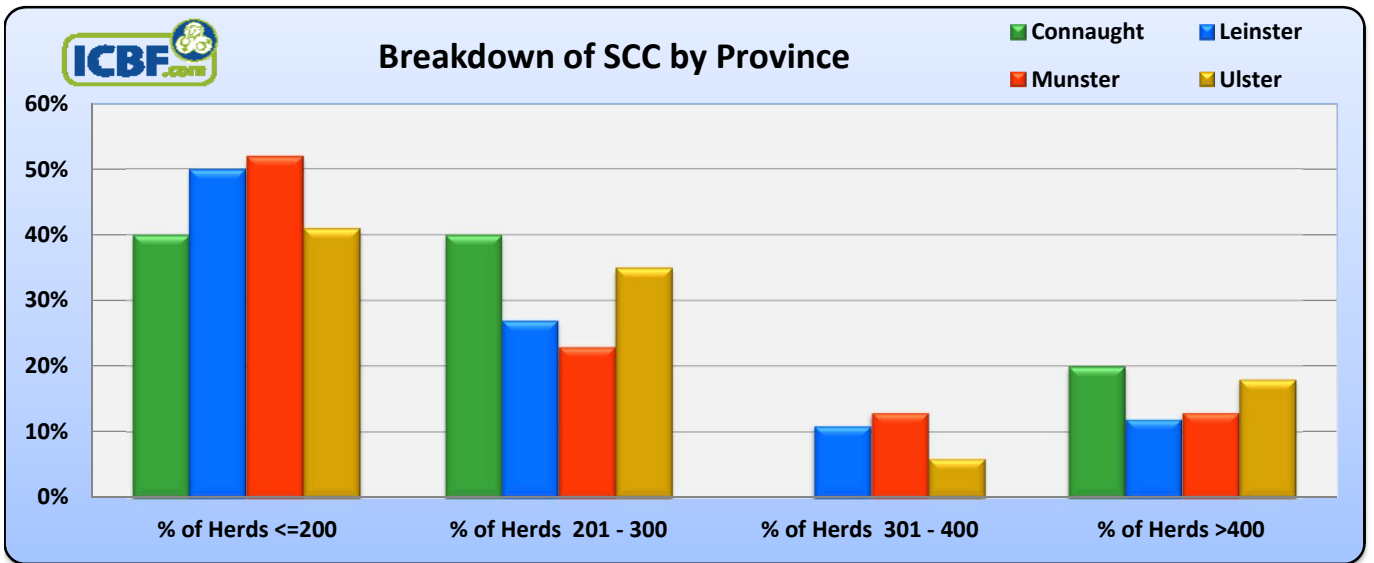
ICBF	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	10	540	54	15.1	4.25	3.51	1.16	176
Leinster	82	7,336	89	16.4	4.55	3.65	1.34	207
Munster	277	20,706	75	14.1	4.81	3.86	1.21	211
Ulster	17	832	49	14.8	4.35	3.45	1.14	202
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>29,414</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>4.72</b>	<b>3.79</b>	<b>1.23</b>	<b>209</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 16-NOV-2016 To 25-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	10	540	54	40%	40%	0%	20%	176
Leinster	82	7,336	89	50%	27%	11%	12%	207
Munster	277	20,706	75	52%	23%	13%	13%	211
Ulster	17	832	49	41%	35%	6%	18%	202
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>29,414</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>209</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 16-NOV-2016 To 25-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	10	540	54	99	203	225	242	327
Leinster	82	7,336	89	127	180	200	226	325
Munster	277	20,706	75	134	175	192	232	328
Ulster	17	832	49	139	183	219	228	315
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>29,414</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>328</b>

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

