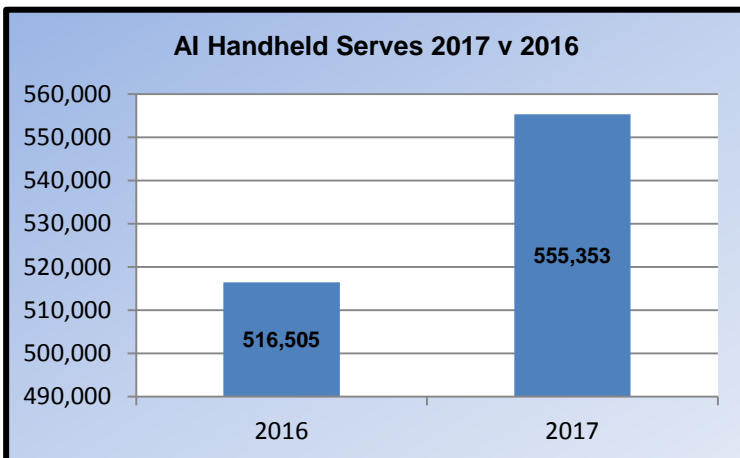
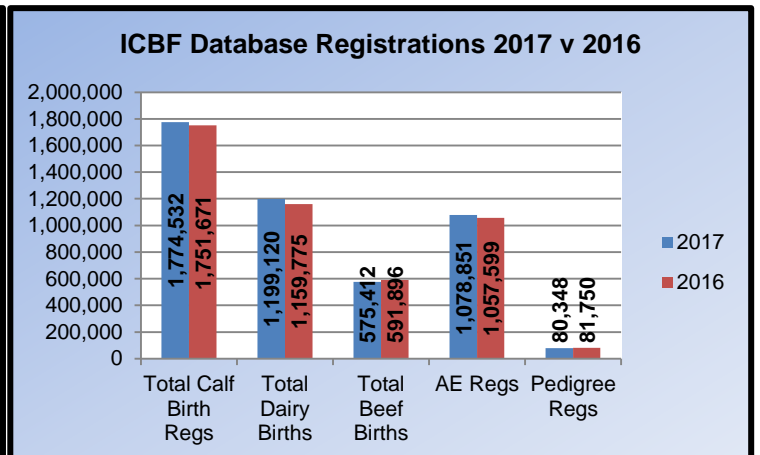
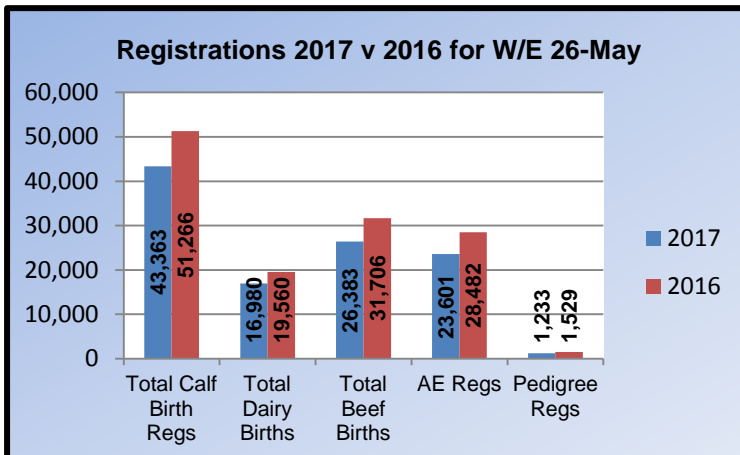


## ICBF Weekly Update 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### 1 Important Dates

- Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 at 10:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 at 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 1,806,702 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 56,768 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 11,336,944 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2017 compared with 2016.

### 3 Herd Plus®

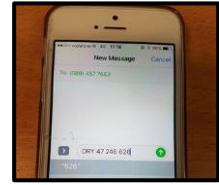
- Video - Stephen Conroy Manager at the Tully Test Centre outlines to Darren Carty that five-star are the best performing bulls. Click [here](#) for more details.



- The latest HerdPlus Euro-Star reports have been generated and are now available online. They will be dispatched by post to postal customers within the coming week. Click [here](#) for more details.



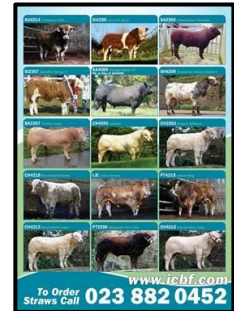
- Lameness is the latest health event that herd owners can now record through text message. It is also possible to save data to and retrieve data from the ICBF database using text messaging for many other events. Click [here](#) for further details.



- Last Friday, ICBF invited industry representatives and GENE IRELAND committee members to Tully progeny Test Centre, Kildare Town, Co. Kildare to discuss and review the objectives of the GENE IRELAND Beef Program. Click [here](#) for more details.



- Straws from the Beef Gene Ireland Spring 2017 bulls are now available for purchase (€5 per straw) by calling **023-8820452**. Click [here](#) for more details.



- The first calves from the Spring 2016 Gene Ireland beef bulls are currently being born on farms. If you have any photos of Gene Ireland progeny that you would like to share with us, please email them to [query@icbf.com](mailto:query@icbf.com)

#### 4 GENE IRELAND® Beef

- Sign-ups are continuing for the GI beef programme
- 303 herds taking a total of 4270 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 in table.

| Code   | Name of Bull                | Breed | Replacement Index | Across Breed Stars | Total Straws Ordered |
|--------|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| AU4214 | Johnstown Keith             | AU    | €174              | 5                  | 115                  |
| SI4250 | Lis na Ri Gucci             | SI    | €156              | 5                  | 45                   |
| SA2366 | Carrentubber Pinocchio      | SA    | €136              | 5                  | 300                  |
| SI2367 | Barnattin George 2          | SI    | €130              | 5                  | 410                  |
| AA4089 | Intelagri Matteo ET         | AA    | €122              | 5                  | 85                   |
| SH4209 | Stoneyroyd Halcyon Matrix P | SH    | €112              | 5                  | 130                  |
| BA2357 | Terelton Isaac              | BA    | €110              | 5                  | 345                  |
| CH4090 | Jalabert                    | CH    | €102              | 5                  | 360                  |
| CH2363 | Dolland Jefferson           | CH    | €92               | 4                  | 135                  |
| CH4218 | Woodhead Meldrew            | CH    | €91               | 4                  | 5                    |
| LJE    | Lislea Hermes               | BA    | €90               | 4                  | 320                  |
| PT4215 | Leacan King                 | PT    | €85               | 4                  | 10                   |
| CH4213 | Blanchefield Lester         | CH    | €83               | 4                  | 15                   |
| PT2356 | Macgowan Herd Juno          | PT    | €82               | 4                  | 320                  |
| CH4216 | Knockmahon Lucky            | CH    | €76               | 4                  | 15                   |

## 5 Milk Recording

| National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 26/05/17 |                                   |                             |              |                                      |                            |             |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Milk Recording Organisation                                      | Total Herds Recorded YTD 26/05/17 | No. EDIY Herds YTD 26/05/17 | % Herds EDIY | Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 26/05/17 | No. EDIY Cows YTD 26/05/17 | % Cows EDIY |
| Munster  | 3,776                             | 1,232                       | 33%          | 356,503                              | 125,749                    | 35%         |
| Progressive  | 2,170                             | 884                         | 41%          | 230,184                              | 94,262                     | 41%         |
| Tipperary  | 107                               | 45                          | 42%          | 10,397                               | 4,276                      | 41%         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>6,053</b>                      | <b>2,161</b>                | <b>36%</b>   | <b>597,084</b>                       | <b>224,287</b>             | <b>38%</b>  |

| Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Milk Recording Organisation  | YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16 - 26/05/16 | YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 26/05/17 | 2017 vs 2016 Year on Year Difference (%) |
| Munster  | 321,166                                    | 356,503                                    | 11.0%                                    |
| Progressive  | 214,728                                    | 230,184                                    | 7.2%                                     |
| Tipperary  | 10,073                                     | 10,397                                     | 3.2%                                     |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>545,967</b>                             | <b>597,084</b>                             | <b>9.4%</b>                              |

## 6 Sheep Ireland

### Lleyn Sheep Society Open Day

Sheep Ireland will be in attendance at the upcoming Lleyn Sheep Society Open Day. This will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May, at 1pm on the farm of Clifford Richardson.

Key times:

- 1:00pm - Start of Open Day.
- 2:30pm - Talk by Simon Brown.
- 3:00pm - Farm Walk with Clifford Richardson.

Click [here](#) for more details.

### Ultrasound Scanning (Muscle and BackFat) 2017

Scanning is after getting off to a good start this week with over 20 flocks being scanned. If you have a preference for when you would like to have your flock scanned please contact the office so we can schedule you in for a date.



- ✚ The date to apply for scanning has now passed. If you still wish to have your flock scanned and haven't notified us please telephone the Sheep Ireland office and we can take your details. Please note that we will not be able to guarantee scanning for flocks who didn't contact us before the deadline.

## Weighing

- ✚ All lambs born on the 1<sup>st</sup> February should have their weaning weight recorded before the 1<sup>st</sup> June. If lambs are older than 120 days, this weight will count as a scan weight.
- ✚ For people who aren't scanning, they should still take another weight when the lambs are between 121 and 180 days of age. This will help raise the accuracies of the lamb's stars. This will also help raise your DQI. Please click here for key dates for weights and scanning.

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## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 17-MAY-2017 To 26-MAY-2017

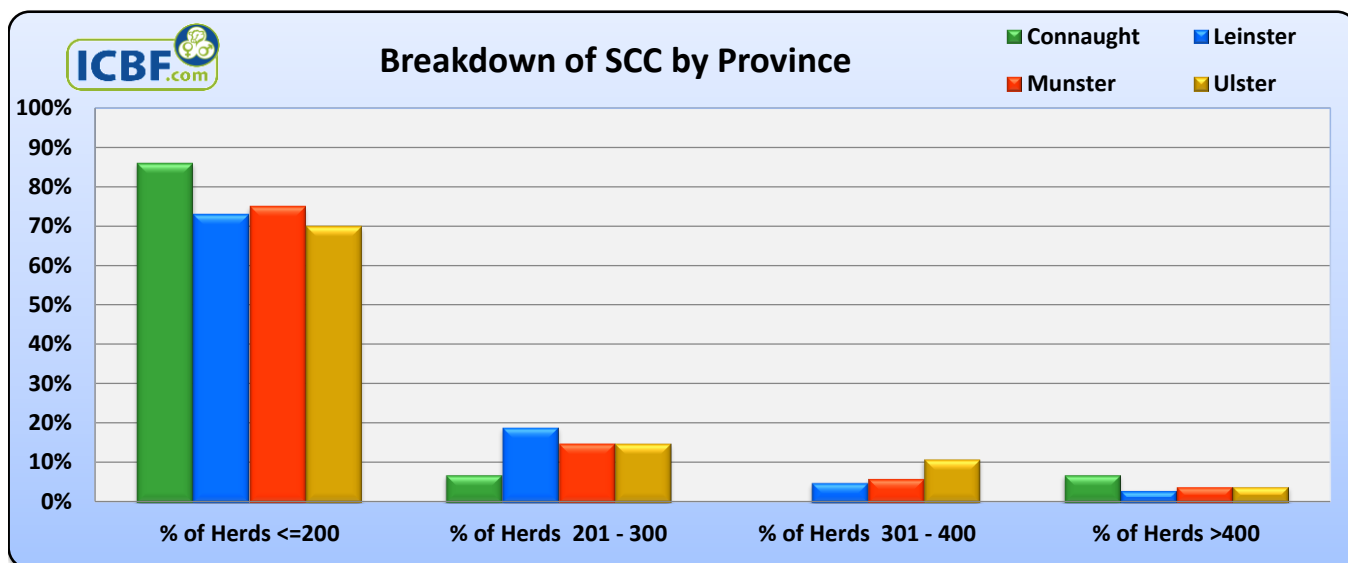
| ICBF.com                   | No. Herds Recorded | No. Cows Recorded | Avg Herd Size | Avg Milk kg/Cow | Average Fat % | Average Protein % | Average F+P kg | Average SCC* |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Connaught                  | 14                 | 972               | 69            | 29.5            | 3.57          | 3.43              | 2.06           | 103          |
| Leinster                   | 151                | 17,310            | 115           | 27.1            | 3.83          | 3.45              | 1.97           | 141          |
| Munster                    | 529                | 48,719            | 92            | 28.3            | 3.78          | 3.45              | 2.04           | 139          |
| Ulster                     | 27                 | 2,368             | 88            | 28.3            | 3.63          | 3.38              | 1.98           | 152          |
| <b>National Statistics</b> | <b>722</b>         | <b>69,510</b>     | <b>96</b>     | <b>28.1</b>     | <b>3.78</b>   | <b>3.45</b>       | <b>2.02</b>    | <b>139</b>   |

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 17-MAY-2017 To 26-MAY-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                  | 14                 | 972               | 69            | 86%              | 7%                   | 0%                   | 7%              | 103          |
| Leinster                   | 151                | 17,310            | 115           | 73%              | 19%                  | 5%                   | 3%              | 141          |
| Munster                    | 529                | 48,719            | 92            | 75%              | 15%                  | 6%                   | 4%              | 139          |
| Ulster                     | 27                 | 2,368             | 88            | 70%              | 15%                  | 11%                  | 4%              | 152          |
| <b>National Statistics</b> | <b>722</b>         | <b>69,510</b>     | <b>96</b>     | <b>75%</b>       | <b>16%</b>           | <b>6%</b>            | <b>4%</b>       | <b>139</b>   |

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



| % Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 17-MAY-2017 To 26-MAY-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  | 14                 | 972               | 69            | 70           | 95           | 107           | 115           | 130           |
| Leinster   | 151                | 17,310            | 115           | 87           | 122          | 147           | 164           | 229           |
| Munster  | 529                | 48,719            | 92            | 85           | 120          | 138           | 162           | 222           |
| Ulster   | 27                 | 2,368             | 88            | 100          | 137          | 153           | 171           | 251           |
| <b>National Statistics</b>   | <b>722</b>         | <b>69,510</b>     | <b>96</b>     | <b>86</b>    | <b>120</b>   | <b>140</b>    | <b>162</b>    | <b>226</b>    |

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

