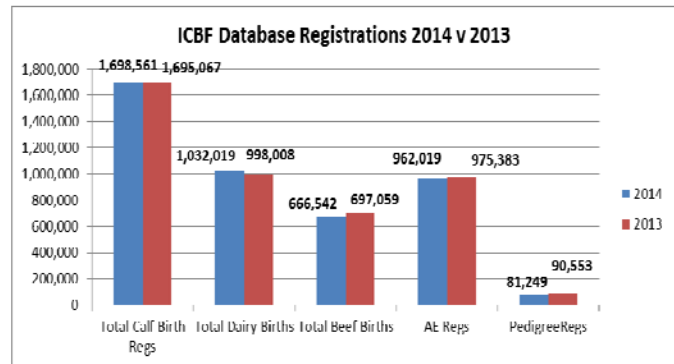
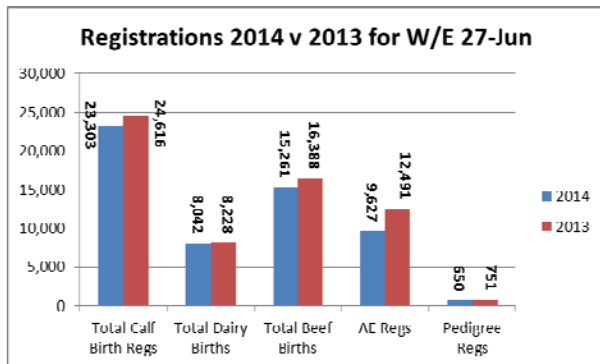


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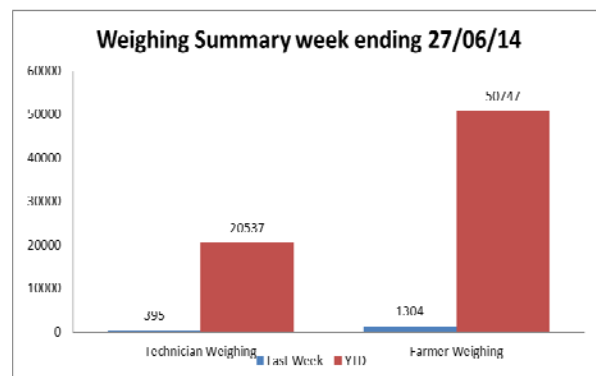
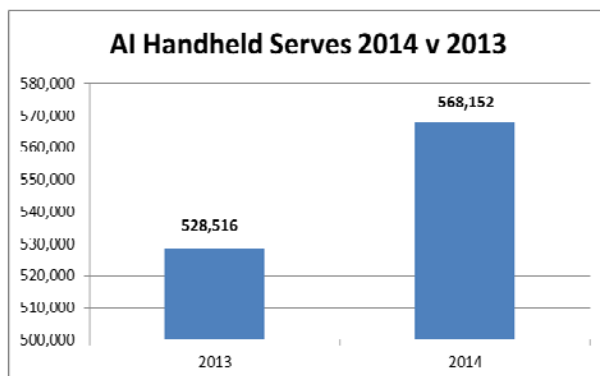
### 1 Important Dates

- Audit & Finance Sub Committee Meeting** –Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014, 10:00 to 10:30, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise
- ICBF Board Meeting** – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014, 10:30am to 13:30pm, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014, 14:00 to 16:30, 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 1,792,000 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 23,000 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 4.45 million results have now been received.
- The graph below shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2013 compared with 2014.
- This week there were 395 weights received through the technician service and 1304 weights recorded by farmers. The graph shows the week and year to date totals.



### 3 Herd Plus®

- Dairy farmers are reminded to generate their final fertility reports once breeding has finished. All serves need to be recorded for this report to work properly. Any stock bull serves can also be recorded in the record heat/serve screen. Prior to generating a report, ensure that you have marked for culling any animals which you intentionally did not breed. It is important to do this to ensure that your submission rates are accurate. See details on how to record serves in graphic below:

## Recording Heats & Serves on ICBF.com

Use our new user friendly screens to record heats and serves

Jumbo	Animal Number	Lact	Calving Date	Last Heat / Serve	Last Bull	Num Serves	Date	Bull Used	Treatment
1	IE151313341001	3	18-FEB-14	01-MAY-14	P52	3			Select Treatment

### To Record a Heat

1. Find the cow you wish to record.
2. Click in the date column. The calendar will appear. Select the date the cow was in heat.
3. Click Save. A heat event for the cow has been created!



### To Record a Serve

1. Find the cow you wish to record.
2. Click in the date column. The calendar will appear. Select the date the cow was in heat.
3. Click in the bull used column. Enter an AI code or tag number (stock bull). The sire check column will confirm the bull code/tag is valid.
4. Click in the treatment column. A treatment must be selected.

Note: For stock bull serves and conventional straws (non sexed) the treatment selected will always be Non Sexed.

The majority of sexed straws available will be sexed 90% female. Check with your AI company if you are in doubt.

5. Click Save. A serve event for the cow has been created!



If you make a mistake don't worry, click on the cow tag in blue font to delete any mistakes or to view further details.

Remember: Heats and serves can also be recorded via farm software. If you are on the AI technician service & your AI technician has a handheld, AI information will be sent to ICBF automatically.

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- As the breeding season is now either finished or coming to a close on many beef and dairy farms, farmers will be turning their attention to pregnancy scanning. The results can be recorded on the ICBF website through the record pregnancy diagnosis screen. This is important data for expected calving details next spring. See details on how to record scanning results in the graphic below:

## Recording Pregnancy Scanning ICBF.com

Record pregnancy scanning results for cows & heifers

FB Jumbo	Animal Number	Lact Number	Last Calved Date	Last Served Date	Last Served Bull	Num Serves	Status	Date Of Last Scan	Preg Checked	No. Days Pregnant
1	IE151313341001	3	18-FEB-14	15-MAY-14	P51	2	SERVED			

Please Enter Scan Date Here:




Save Data



Save Data

### To Record a Pregnancy Diagnosis

1. Click into the green box & select the date the cows & heifers were scanned.
2. Select from the drop down menu the result of the pregnancy diagnosis:  
In calf, Empty or In calf with Twins
3. If in calf; record the number of days in calf if known. Where serves are recorded, the number of days will fill automatically.
4. If the number of days differs from the scanning results, insert the correct number of days. A pop-up box will appear to record the sire of the serve. Press save when complete.
5. When all results have been recorded, scroll to the bottom of the page and press SAVE!

If you make a mistake don't worry, click on the Jumbo in blue font to delete any mistakes or to view further details.

Every Herd Owner has access to online services with their username and password.  
If you don't know your password text the word PASS to 089 4577663 or call 1850 600 900

BTAP  
Approved Task

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- Beef farmers participating in the beef data programme are reminded to record any outstanding data on 2013 born calves before 30<sup>th</sup> June. This data can be recorded on postal forms, on the ICBF website or through your farm software package.

- ICBF has launched a new initiative around health and disease recording. Follow this link to find out more [http://www.icbf.com/?page\\_id=2170](http://www.icbf.com/?page_id=2170)

## 4 Genetic Evaluations

- The monthly beef evaluation update for animals linear scored (16<sup>th</sup> May to 15<sup>th</sup> June) has commenced and ebvs will be updated next week on the database.
- Extracts for the August routine evaluation run have now been completed and genetic evaluations have commenced.

## 5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 27/06/14						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 27/06/14	No. EDIY Herds YTD 27/06/14	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 27/06/14	No. EDIY Cows YTD 27/06/14	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,817	1,133	30%	318,296	100,325	32%
Progressive	2,460	1,044	42%	226,483	96,145	42%
Tipperary	115	44	38%	9,752	3,759	39%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,392</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>554,531</b>	<b>200,229</b>	<b>36%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2013 Cows Recorded 01/01/13 - 27/06/13	YTD 2014 Cows Recorded 01/01/14 - 27/06/14	2014 vs. 2013 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	299,694	318,296	5.8%
Progressive	218,537	226,483	3.5%
Tipperary	9,533	9,752	2.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>518,231</b>	<b>554,531</b>	<b>6.5%</b>

## 6 Sheep Ireland

### Public events

- There were a number of public events taking place this week at which Sheep Ireland were in attendance. On Monday we attended two STAP farm walks in the Wicklow area. Both groups showed a great level of awareness around the Euro-Stars which illustrates the hugely beneficial role that STAP has had in terms of spreading the message of genetic improvement.
- There was also a third event which took place in Donegal Town Mart on Tuesday evening which included both several STAP groups and the newly formed Donegal Town Producer Group members. It is vitally important that these producers are aware of the benefits of using 5 star rams versus 1 star rams. If they use the stars as one of the components when selecting their ram for breeding it will enable them to produce a much more consistent high quality lamb that is required for a producer group.
- There are a number of very important public events at which Sheep Ireland will be present in the coming weeks and we encourage all LambPlus breeders to attend at least one if possible. In the coming week on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, there will be another large STAP taking place in Carnaross mart, Co. Meath organised by Teagasc advisor Edward Egan. The following week on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> July there will be a National STAP event taking place on the farm of John Doyle in Co. Wexford. For further details on this farm walk, visit the Teagasc website and click 'Events'.

## LambPlus

- ✚ We are now in the middle of our busiest period of the recording year. The Euro-Star evaluations for all 2014 lambs are available to all LambPlus breeders via each breeders Sheep Ireland account. All breeders with access to a computer can find the Euro-Star ratings for all their lambs through their personal Sheep Ireland accounts. Paper recording breeders have been receiving their Euro-Star evaluations up to last week upon request from our office. Yesterday we posted evaluations to all paper recording breeders of the following breeds - Vendeen, Belclare and Charollais. We will be posting evaluations to all other paper recording breeders next week.
- ✚ At this point not all breeders have yet been Ultrasound scanned. This means that there is still potential for lamb evaluations to update and change slightly as more scanning data for all the various breeds and bloodlines continues to flow in. The reason we circulated genetic evaluations at this early stage is to allow breeders to use these 'early evaluations' in considering what sheep to enter in the upcoming Premier ram sales. However breeders need to be aware that these evaluations may yet change slightly, although at this point of the year the vast majority of data has been submitted.



*A view from the STAP farm of Ben Mooney, Dunbur Farm, outside Wicklow Town*



*An excellent attendance at the STAP group meeting organised by Donegal Town Mart which Sheep Ireland is attended on Tuesday evening*

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## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 18-JUN-2014 To 27-JUN-2014

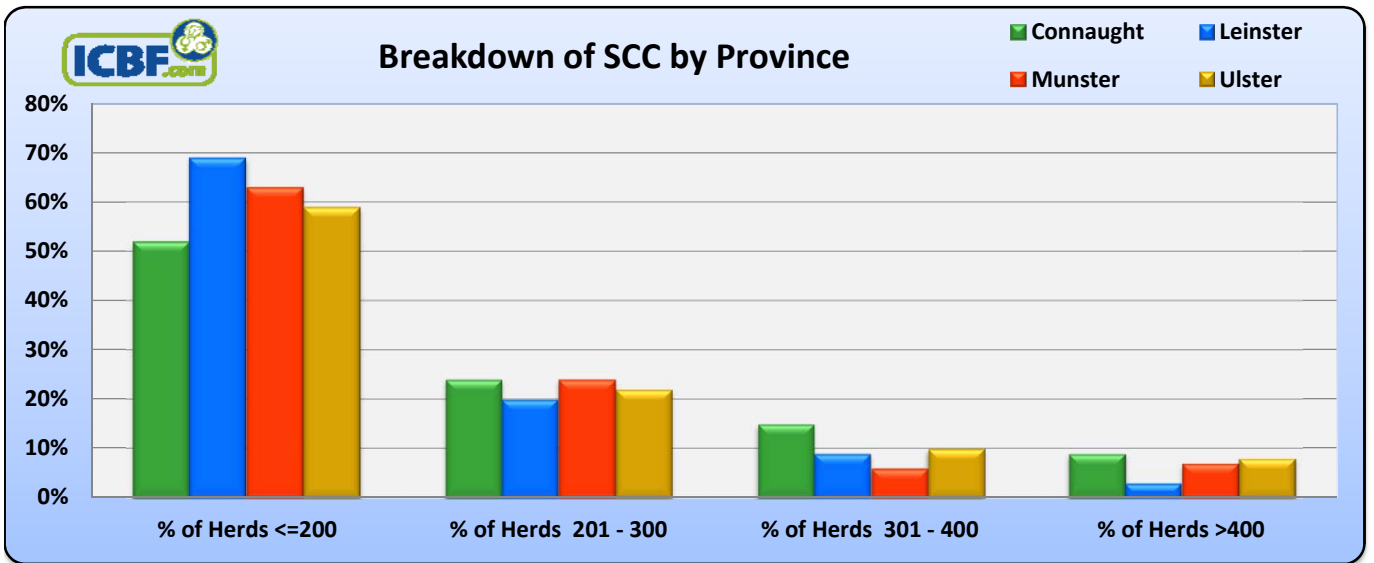
ICBF	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	33	1,887	57	24.7	3.55	3.27	1.68	202
Leinster	158	14,272	90	23.7	3.63	3.37	1.66	148
Munster	639	52,780	83	24.5	3.71	3.38	1.73	170
Ulster	49	3,448	70	25.7	3.54	3.25	1.74	170
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>72,387</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>3.68</b>	<b>3.37</b>	<b>1.72</b>	<b>167</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 18-JUN-2014 To 27-JUN-2014

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	33	1,887	57	52%	24%	15%	9%	202
Leinster	158	14,272	90	69%	20%	9%	3%	148
Munster	639	52,780	83	63%	24%	6%	7%	170
Ulster	49	3,448	70	59%	22%	10%	8%	170
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>72,387</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>167</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 18-JUN-2014 To 27-JUN-2014								
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	33	1,887	57	122	175	194	236	320
Leinster	158	14,272	90	94	129	150	171	251
Munster	639	52,780	83	105	145	168	193	263
Ulster	49	3,448	70	97	144	163	205	297
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>72,387</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>267</b>

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

