



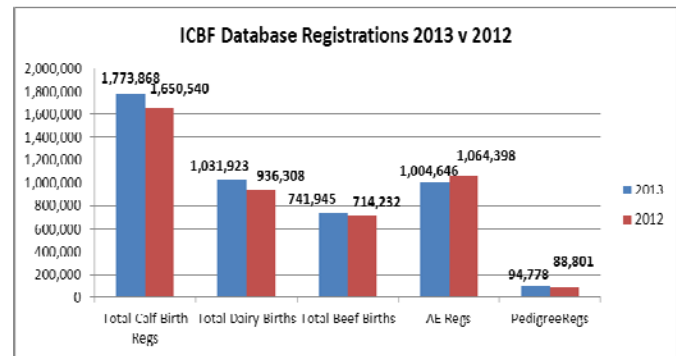
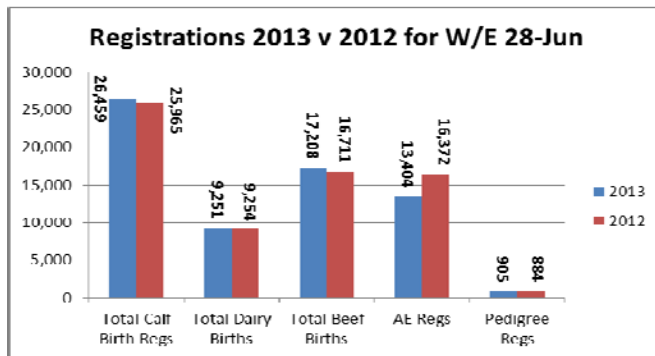








## ICBF Weekly Update 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013

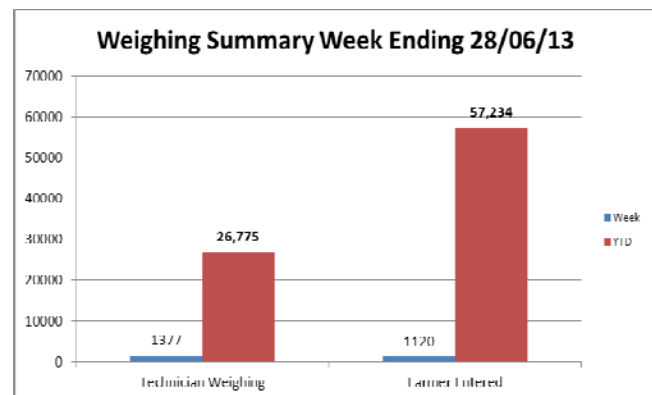
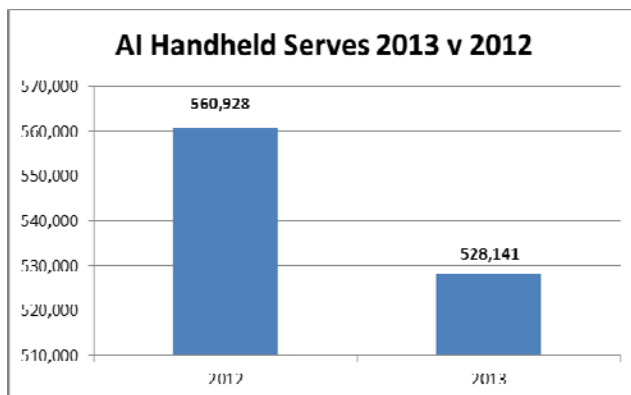
### 1 Important Dates

-  **Audit & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 10:00 - 10:30, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
-  **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 10:30 to 14:00, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
-  **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 14:00 to 16:30, Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
-  **ICBF Industry Consultation Meeting** – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 10:00 to 16:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.

### 2 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 640,450 with the number of animals weaned at 573,372.
-  BVD test results continue to be received at ICBF and are being processed accordingly. There have been 1,778,000 results received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, of which 25,000 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 2.27 million results have now been received.
-  The graph below shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2013 compared with 2012.
-  This week there were 1377 weights received through the technician service and 1120 weights recorded by farmers.
-  The graph below shows the week and year to date totals.



### 3 HerdPlus®

- ✚ The new Drystock Report is currently being generated and should be posted to farmers in the next few weeks.
- ✚ This report will give farmers a comprehensive insight into the genetic merit of their dry stock animals (non-breeding beef animals).
- ✚ The HerdPlus journal will also be posted to all beef HerdPlus farmers over the coming weeks.
- ✚ A BTAP approved suckler event will take place on next Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July on the farm of Billy Nicholson, Crosshaven, Co. Cork, from 3-6pm.
- ✚ This event is being organised by Teagasc in conjunction with ICBF and should be an informative and enjoyable evening.
- ✚ The Moorepark open day will take place on next Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 10am – 5pm.
- ✚ ICBF will have a stand at this event so make sure to come and say hello.

### 4 Sheep Ireland

- ✚ This week Sheep Ireland was present at the Teagasc Better farm event on the farm of David McLaughlin in Donegal. There was a very good crowd in attendance and some good discussion among farmers on the day. This was an STAP eligible event and highlighted again the major benefit of this discussion group programme. Sheep farmers have immediately recognised the benefit of attending these events and picking up tips in relation to how they can improve their own enterprise.
- ✚ We were also in attendance at some individual farm STAP meetings. Although the numbers of farmers at these events are much smaller than the national events, we will be making every effort to visit as many groups around the country as possible.
- ✚ The visits to our on-line ram search are increasing by the day – we hope that this facility will become the ‘go to place’ to locate a breeding ram into the future. Feedback from breeders and farmers up to now has been extremely positive.
- ✚ There are a number of important events coming up in the coming weeks and months, it’s going to be a busy summer! – Some of the main events for all LambPlus breeders and sheep farmers are listed below. There will be other smaller events popping up throughout the summer and we will include these in future updates.
  - Better Farm event on the farm of John Kelly – Co. Wicklow (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July)
  - Better Farm event on the farm of Brendan O’Sullivan – Co. Kerry (Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July)
  - Irish Grassland Association sheep conference and farm walk – Conference in Hudson Bay Hotel Athlone, followed by farm walk on the farm of PJ Finnerty, Brideswell, Roscommon (Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July)
  - Vendeen Premier ram Sale – Co. Roscommon (Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July)
  - Better Farm event on the farm of Andrew Moloney – Co. Offaly (Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July)
  - Charollais Premier Ram Sale – Tullow, Co. Clare (Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July)
  - Suffolk Premier Ram sale – Roscrea (Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August)
  - Belclare Premier Ram sale – Kilkenny (Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August)
  - Texel Premier Ram sale – Blessington (Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August)
  - Sheep Ireland Euro-Star ram sale – Tullamore Mart (Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August)
  - NSBA STAP ram sale – Roscrea (Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August)
  - Better Farm event on the farm of Brian Nicholson – Kilkenny (Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August)
  - Better Farm event on the farm of Colm O’Donnell – Co. Sligo (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September)
  - NSBA STAP ram sale – Blessington (Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September)

## 5 Genetic Evaluations

- Extraction of data files for the next routine evaluations are currently underway. Evaluations will be done as extracts become available. The official publication date for the next proof run is August 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 6 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 28/06/13						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 28/06/13	No. EDIY Herds YTD 28/06/13	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 28/06/13	No. EDIY Cows YTD 28/06/13	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,641	1,045	29%	299,218	92,275	31%
Progressive	2,378	951	40%	218,555	89,476	41%
Tipperary	111	38	34%	9,533	3,411	36%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,130</b>	<b>2,034</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>527,306</b>	<b>185,162</b>	<b>35%</b>

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2012 Cows Recorded 01/01/12 - 28/06/12	YTD 2013 Cows Recorded 01/01/13 - 28/06/13	2013 vs. 2012 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	295,235	299,218	1.3%
Progressive	209,081	218,555	4.3%
Tipperary	9,727	9,533	-2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>514,043</b>	<b>527,306</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

*Please see milk recording stats attached*

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## National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 19-JUN-2013 To 28-JUN-2013

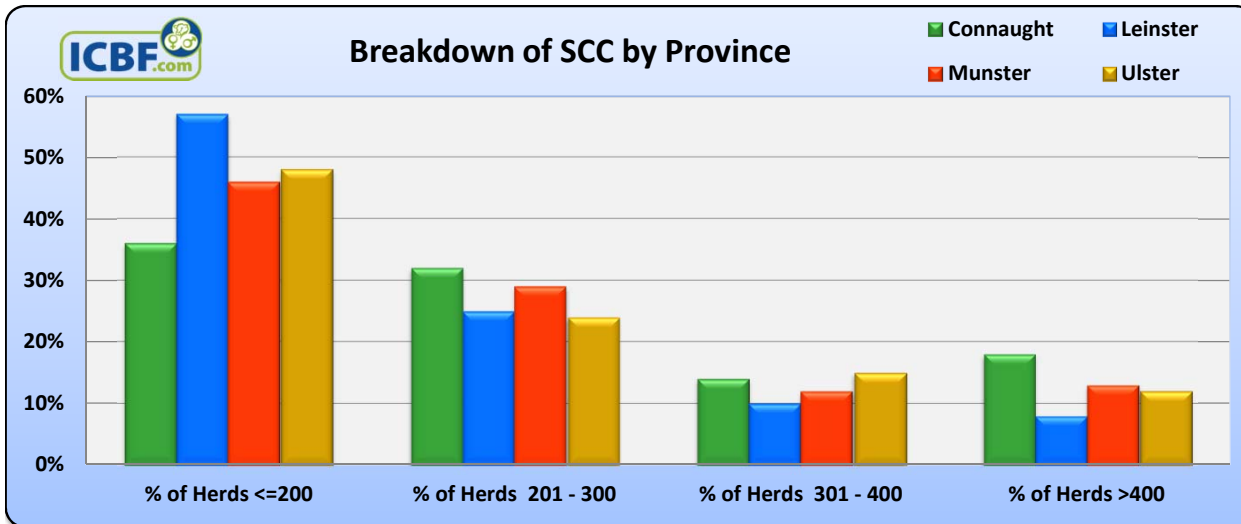
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	28	1,758	63	25.3	3.64	3.33	1.77	240
Leinster	166	14,231	86	23.5	3.69	3.41	1.66	182
Munster	541	42,914	79	24.7	3.76	3.40	1.76	212
Ulster	33	2,048	62	26.8	3.62	3.25	1.84	204
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>60,951</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>3.73</b>	<b>3.40</b>	<b>1.74</b>	<b>205</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

## SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 19-JUN-2013 To 28-JUN-2013

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	28	1,758	63	36%	32%	14%	18%	240
Leinster	166	14,231	86	57%	25%	10%	8%	182
Munster	541	42,914	79	46%	29%	12%	13%	212
Ulster	33	2,048	62	48%	24%	15%	12%	204
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>60,951</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>205</b>

\* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



## % Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 19-JUN-2013 To 28-JUN-2013

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	28	1,758	63	157	209	241	296	345
Leinster	166	14,231	86	121	160	186	206	287
Munster	541	42,914	79	129	184	213	247	338
Ulster	33	2,048	62	123	158	207	259	344
<b>National Statistics</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>60,951</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>332</b>

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

