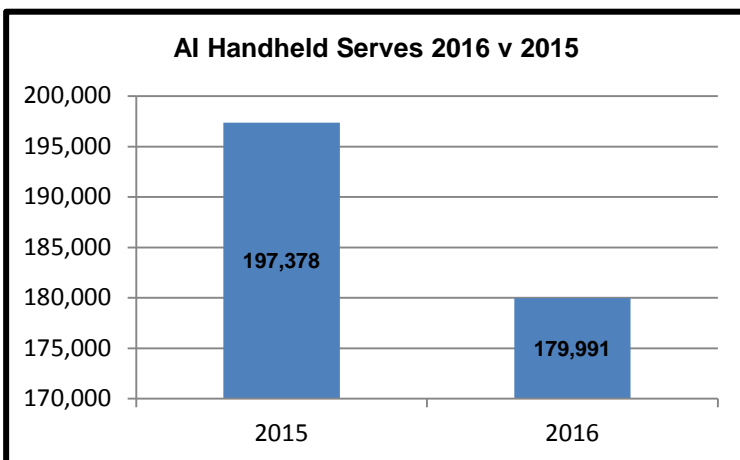
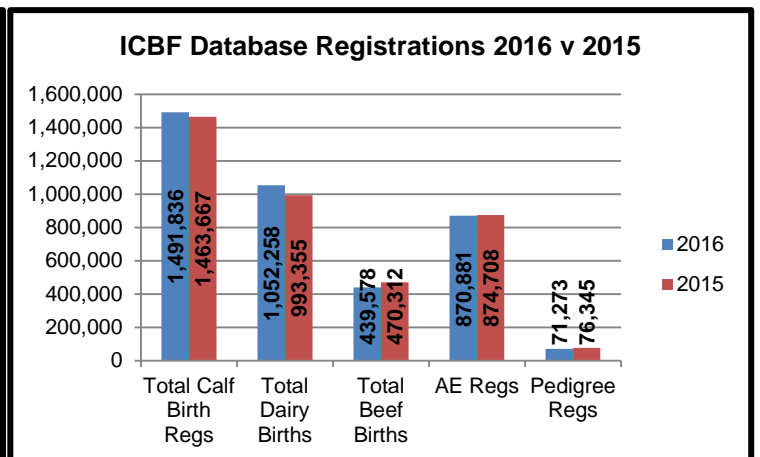
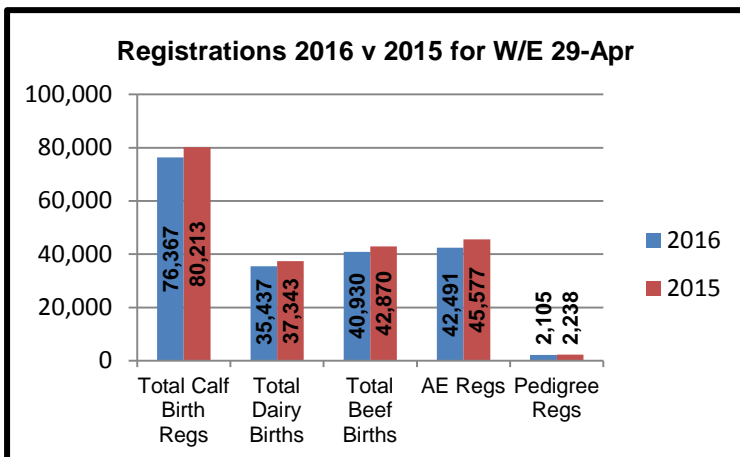


ICBF Weekly Update 29th April 2016

1 Important Dates

- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 5th May 2016 at 09:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise,
- ICBF AGM Meeting** – Thursday 5th May at 12:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep Ireland AGM Meeting** – Thursday 5th May 2016 at 14:00, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- Sheep Board Meeting** – Thursday 5th May 2016 at 14:30, 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 1,535,613 results received since January 1st, of which 84,108 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 8.86 million results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2016 compared with 2015.

3 GROW[®]

- 770 Pedigree animals were scored in March. This is up by 25 animals from March 2015.
- 1253 Pedigrees were weighed in March. This is down by 150 animals from March 2015.
- These totals do not include animals scored as part of the initial Gene Ireland Maternal Bull Breeding visit.

4 Herd Plus[®]

- The roll-out of beef genomic evaluations by ICBF and Teagasc has been deferred until August. This decision was taken at an ICBF Beef Industry Meeting which took place on Monday 25th April 2016. The reason for the deferral is due to a desire from the wider beef breeding industry (AI companies, herdbooks

and suckler farmers) to have genomics for female fertility included as part of the change. This work will not be available until August.

- ✚ All applications are now updated with April 2016 Dairy proofs. They are now live on the ‘Active Bull List’, ‘Bull Search’, ‘Dairy Sire Advice’ and all user herd profiles. The evaluations can also be viewed in excel format in the ‘genetic evaluations section’ of the website.
- ✚ Farmers 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.
- ✚ With breeding season underway, if your AI technician does not have a handheld or you are doing DIY AI please remember to record AI serves on your HerdPlus account. This will be used to generate an expected calving list for the 2017 calving season.
- ✚ Please remember to record sires when registering calves so that genetic indexes (EBI/Eurostar) can be generated for your calves.

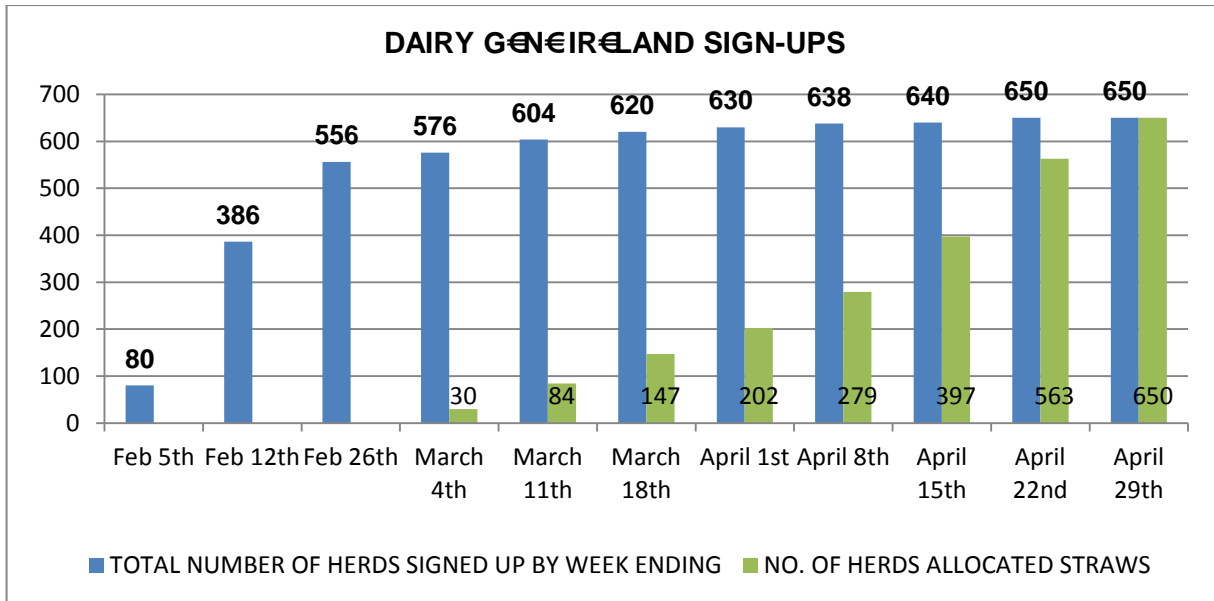
5 GENEIRELAND® Beef

- ✚ Sign Ups are continuing for the Gene Ireland Beef programme.
- ✚ 336 herds taking a total of 4275 straws have joined so far.
- ✚ The average order is 13 straws per herd.
- ✚ 4 new bulls (CH2363,SH2361,SI2367 and SI2362) have become available this week.
- ✚ The catalogue is available to view at the link below
- ✚ https://issuu.com/herdplus/docs/2016_spring_brochure
- ✚ To learn more or to order straws please phone **023 8820452**.
- ✚ Approximate total straws ordered to date for the remaining bulls are detailed above.

Code	Name of Bull	Breed	Straws Ordered
AA2063	Mogeely Evitas	AA	480
CH2154	Polar Joe 2	CH	220
CH2221	Jarret	CH	260
CH2363	Dolland Jefferson	CH	0
LM2242	Edakkya	LM	370
ZKY	Kyle Herd Ivan	PT	450
PI2157	Kilree Leo	PI	185
ZBZ	Breffni Muzz	SA	355
SH2181	Coolvin Dominator	SH	100
SH2361	Doon Gladiator	SH	0
SI2367	Barnattin George 2	SI	0
SI2362	Dermotstown Gigantosaurus	SI	0
ETP	Curaheen Evolution P	SI	450

6 GENEIRELAND® DAIRY

- ✚ Breed packs have been assigned to all current participants. The final orders are currently being packed by Munster AI.
- ✚ 650 herds signed up, taking a total of 26,700 straws.
- ✚ Participants have received inbreeding reports and details of bulls assigned to them.
- ✚ It is vital to record insemination details and use the straws in the current season.



7 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 29/04/16						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 29/04/16	No. EDIY Herds YTD 29/04/16	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 29/04/16	No. EDIY Cows YTD 29/04/16	% Cows EDIY
Munster	2,951	782	26%	245,645	70,459	29%
Progressive	1,779	606	34%	164,637	56,075	34%
Tipperary	66	20	30%	5,674	1,632	29%
Total	4,796	1,408	29%	415,956	128,166	31%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2015 Cows Recorded 01/01/15- 29/04/15	YTD 2016 Cows Recorded 01/01/16- 29/04/16	2016 vs 2015 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	265,179	245,645	-7.4%
Progressive	174,471	164,637	-5.6%
Tipperary	7,626	5,674	-25.6%
Total	447,276	415,956	-7.0%

8 Sheep Ireland

LambPlus Deadline (30th April)

Tomorrow (Saturday) is the cut-off point - after this date any lamb entered on the database will not receive Euro-Star evaluations for the year, this has resulted in a very busy week in the office as breeders are calling with queries on how to enter the information. The vast majority of breeders seem to have a positive experience regardless of former experience on a computer, and for people who were not confident using the screens for the first time we have talked them through it. The quality of data appears to be increasing year after year as breeders become more familiar with the program, which in turn will result in more evaluations for everyone.

We would like to remind breeders that every ewe in the flock should have something recorded against her for the year (ie, Lamed / Barren / Aborted / Not mated), this can all be done through the lambing page. For ewes that have been sold/died throughout the year these should be recorded as so. This can be done by finding the ewe on the flock inventory, click on the ewe and click on the ownership tab. This keeps flock details tidy and easier to manage.

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

CPT (40 day weights)

We are currently in the process of collecting the 40 day weights from the CPT flocks. All ewes and lambs are being weighed and scored for body condition, lameness, dagginess and mastitis. All this information is hugely valuable in generating more accurate evaluations for the bloodlines involved. It is also important to note that these ewes' sires would have been in the CPT between 2010 and 2014, so we are still generating a lot of data for those bloodlines years after the rams were used to mate with ewes. It is this data that is most useful for the Replacement index.



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National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 20-APR-2016 To 29-APR-2016

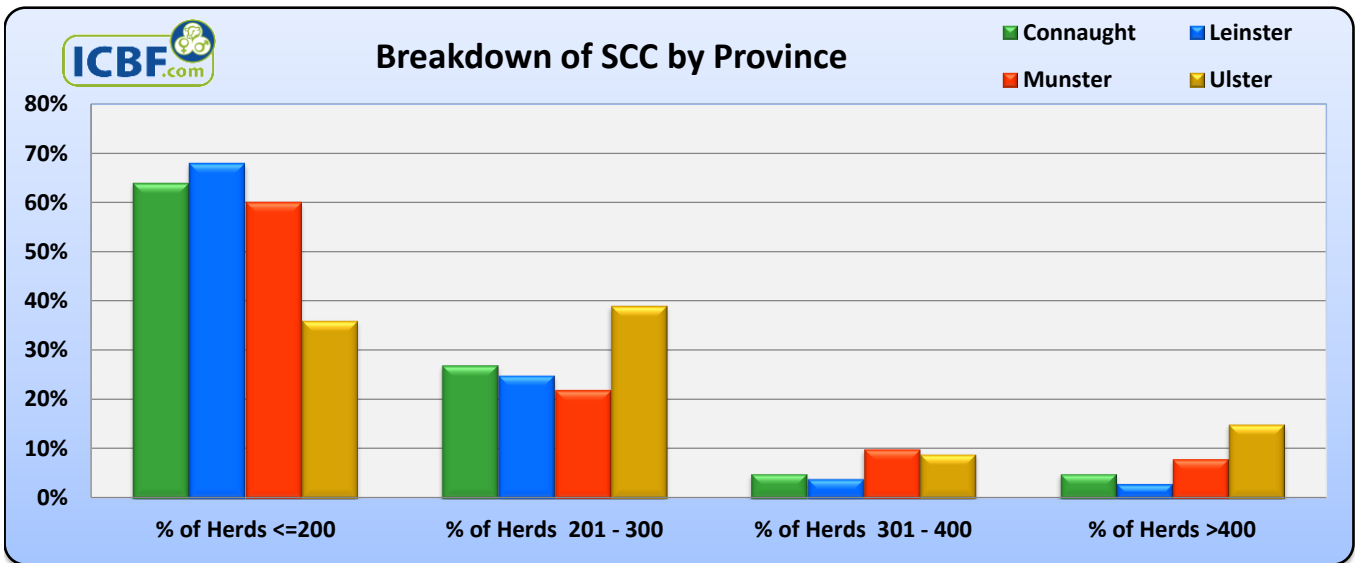
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	22	1,929	88	26.7	3.95	3.27	1.92	170
Leinster	157	17,273	110	27.2	3.84	3.37	1.96	145
Munster	590	50,769	86	27.4	3.82	3.34	1.96	176
Ulster	33	2,285	69	27.3	3.97	3.24	1.97	220
National Statistics	802	72,256	90	27.3	3.83	3.34	1.96	171

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 20-APR-2016 To 29-APR-2016

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	22	1,929	88	64%	27%	5%	5%	170
Leinster	157	17,273	110	68%	25%	4%	3%	145
Munster	590	50,769	86	60%	22%	10%	8%	176
Ulster	33	2,285	69	36%	39%	9%	15%	220
National Statistics	802	72,256	90	61%	24%	8%	7%	171

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 20-APR-2016 To 29-APR-2016								
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	22	1,929	88	103	148	171	186	231
Leinster	157	17,273	110	87	132	159	185	236
Munster	590	50,769	86	110	150	171	199	283
Ulster	33	2,285	69	158	208	217	240	334
National Statistics	802	72,256	90	107	150	171	198	267

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

