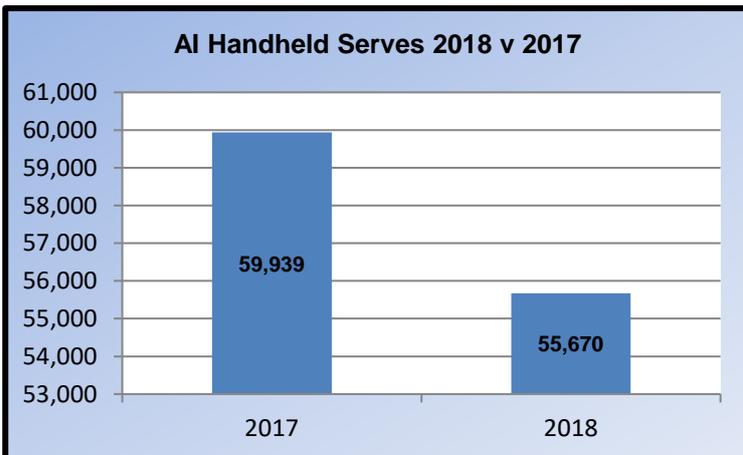
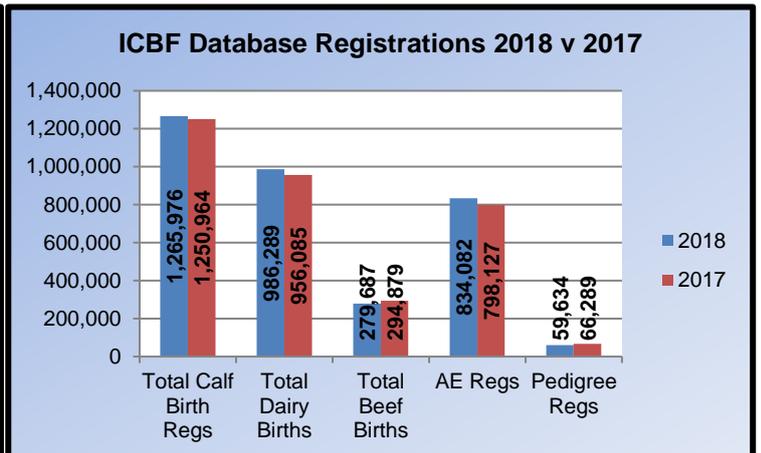
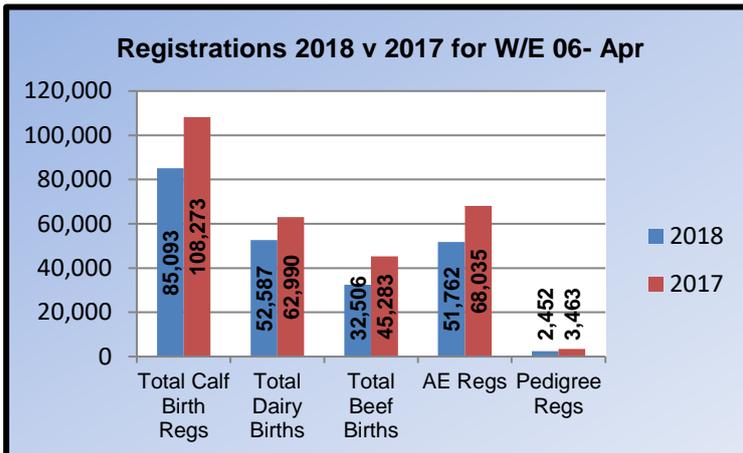


ICBF Weekly Update 6th April 2018

1 Important Dates

- ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 3rd May at 10:00am, Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ICBF AGM Meeting** – Thursday 3rd May at 12:30pm, 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 1,245,133 results received since January 1st, of which 83,167 have come in the last 7 days. Since the beginning of the voluntary phase in 2012, 13,166,642 results have now been received.
- The chart shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2018 compared with 2017.

3 Herd Plus®

HE2359 was progeny tested as part of the 2017 Gene Ireland Dairy Beef program. Dairy farmers in the program are very impressed with the progeny this spring. Click [here](#) for more details.



The deadline for the submission of HerdPlus Dairy Sire Advice for inclusion in the HerdPlus Breeding Chart has been extended until Monday 9th April. Click [here](#) for more details.



✚ Breeding 2018 – Should I use Daughter Proven or Genomic Sires? Click [here](#) for further details.



✚ The future looks bright for Co. Laois Limousin Breeder. Click [here](#) for more details.



✚ Gene Ireland Focus – Ballygarvan Stud Ike (LM2151). Click [here](#) for more details.



4 GENE IRELAND® Dairy

- ✚ Orders continue to be received for this programme and allocations are on-going.
- ✚ Bull details and inbreeding reports are currently being sent to participants.
- ✚ The panel consists of 60 Holstein Friesians, 7 Pure Friesians, 5 Jerseys, 4 Crossbreds and 2 Norwegian Reds.

BREED PACKS AND AVERAGE EBI'S

- Holstein-Friesian: €285
- Pure Friesian: €91
- Multi Breed: €202

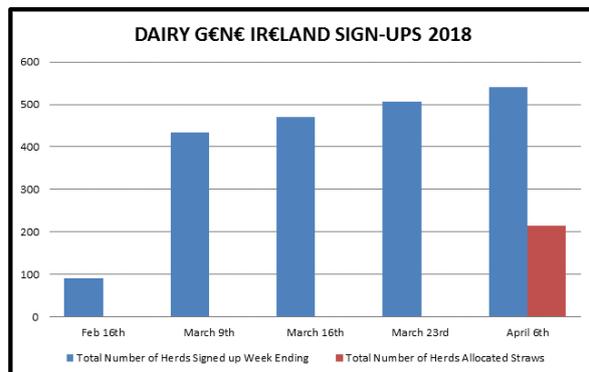
✚ Multi-breed pack may contain Holstein, Friesian, Norwegian Red, Jersey and Crossbred bulls.

✚ Should a farmer wish to know what straws have been allocated in advance of running the Sire Advice or to order straws please contact **023 8820452**.

✚ [Click Here](#) to view an explanation video on the role of Dairy GENE Programme and the benefits of the programme nationally.

[Click here for potential Holstein/Friesian Dairy list](#)

[Click here for potential Pure Friesian, Norwegian Red, Jersey and Jersey Crossbred list](#)



5 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 06/04/18

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 06/04/18	No. EDIY Herds YTD 06/04/18	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 06/04/18	No. EDIY Cows YTD 06/04/18	% Cows EDIY
Munster	1,919	386	20%	159,235	38,759	24%
Progressive	1,084	282	26%	100,444	27,350	27%
Tipperary	24	9	38%	2,362	829	35%
Total	3,027	677	22%	262,041	66,938	26%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2017 Cows Recorded 01/01/17 - 06/04/17	YTD 2018 Cows Recorded 01/01/18 - 06/04/18	2018 vs 2017 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	167,755	159,235	-5.1%
Progressive	119,329	100,444	-15.8%
Tipperary	2,345	2,362	0.7%
Total	289,429	262,041	-9.5%

6 Sheep Ireland

LambPlus Deadline

- The deadline for pedigree ram breeders to enter lambing information onto the database is fast approaching. After the 30th April any lambs entered onto the Sheep Ireland database will not receive Euro-Stars for 2018 but they will be published in 2019. Breeders will receive regular reminders over the coming weeks.



Sheep Ireland Industry Meeting

- This meeting takes place on Wednesday 18th April at 10.45am at the Teagasc Sheep Research Campus in Athenry, Co. Galway. Please note that attendance is by prior notification only. See [here](#) for more information regarding the event.



First Genetic Evaluation Run of 2018

- The first Genetic Evaluation of 2018 will be published next Wednesday 11th April. For any breeders that are anxious to cull surplus pedigree lambs based on Euro-Star figures we advise you to record any outstanding lambing information by Tuesday so that it will be included in this run. Breeders must be aware that a lot of lambing information has yet to be entered onto the database and so the Euro-Star figures may fluctuate at this early stage as a result.

National Milk Recording Results for the 10 day period, 28-MAR-2018 To 06-APR-2018

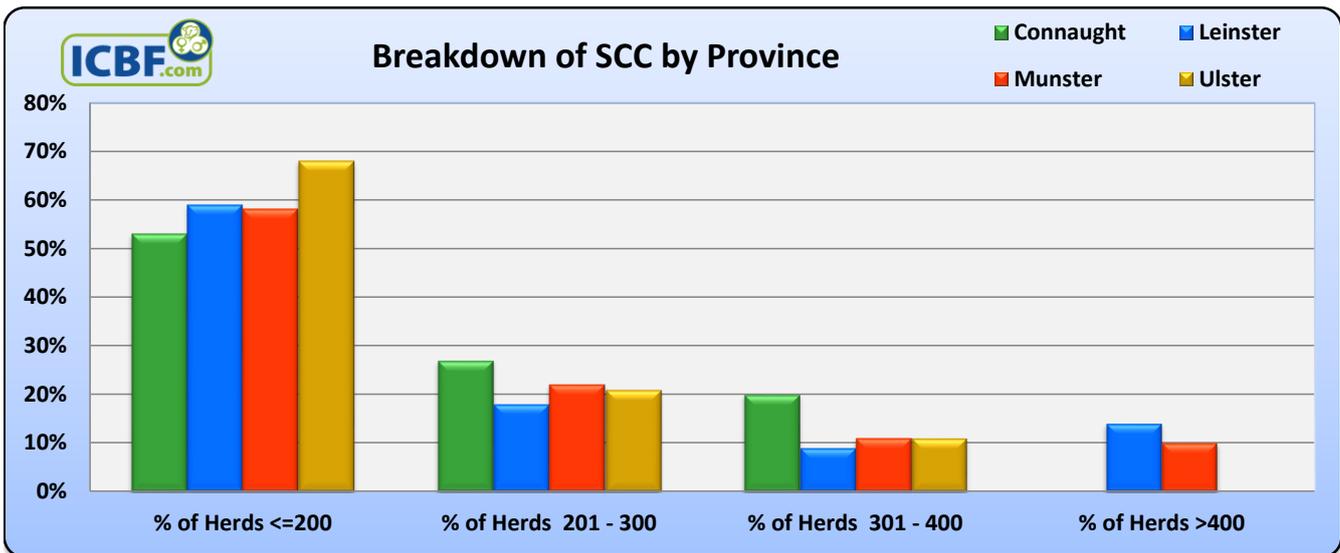
ICBF.com	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Avg Herd Size	Avg Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F+P kg	Average SCC*
Connaught	15	1,209	81	24.2	4.26	3.20	1.80	189
Leinster	105	10,987	105	24.7	4.22	3.32	1.86	182
Munster	466	43,175	93	25.6	4.13	3.23	1.89	172
Ulster	19	1,029	54	25.8	4.32	3.23	1.94	120
National Statistics	610	57,131	94	25.4	4.16	3.24	1.88	173

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC

SCC Distribution for the 10 day period, 28-MAR-2018 To 06-APR-2018

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	15	1,209	81	53%	27%	20%	0%	189
Leinster	105	10,987	105	59%	18%	9%	14%	182
Munster	466	43,175	93	58%	22%	11%	10%	172
Ulster	19	1,029	54	68%	21%	11%	0%	120
National Statistics	610	57,131	94	58%	21%	11%	10%	173

* Geometric Mean Herd SCC



% Herd Breakdown for the 10 day period, 28-MAR-2018 To 06-APR-2018

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	15	1,209	81	124	198	200	247	274
Leinster	105	10,987	105	107	152	172	203	342
Munster	466	43,175	93	95	147	175	208	308
Ulster	19	1,029	54	68	107	132	174	217
National Statistics	610	57,131	94	97	148	176	206	308

** Percentile Herd SCC Rank (Median SCC)

