



GROW

Genetic Recording Of Weanlings

5th March 2008





2007 Statistics

Breed	Scored	Weighed	Scored in a group of 5	150-300 Days old	In WWT Evaluation	%
AA	187	58	157	50	27	14%
AU	217	99	192	40	28	13%
BA	103	42	93	58	35	34%
BB	131	13	66	34	4	3%
CH	3362	1400	2551	856	392	12%
CO	3772	3479	3719	2680	2563	68%
HE	301	99	260	60	33	11%
LM	4446	1426	3395	1062	430	10%
PI	63	-	44	19	-	-
PT	47	23	44	15	12	26%
SA	147	86	128	36	27	18%
SH	23	7	17	7	4	17%
SI	1259	790	1020	389	237	19%

1. 15% of Pedigree cattle scored made it into Wean Wt Evaluation
2. Problem with the Quality of the Score & Weight data being recorded



New Scoring & Weighing Rules

From 1st July 2008

▪ **All eligible animals must be Scored AND Weighed**

▪ **Eligible Animals:**

1. 150 – 300 days old
2. Min group of 5 – can include different Ped Breeds
3. Preferably by 2 different Sires
4. Commercials with known Sires may be included
5. Max of 3 visits/Breeder/Year
6. Only sick/injured animals may be excluded at discretion of Scorer

▪ **If above rules are not complied with:**

Scores & Weights will NOT be used in your BLUP's & Euro-Stars



Why are these Rules necessary?

- 1. Ensure you receive accurate BLUP & €uro – Star figures**
- 2. To comply with best practise in other Countries**
 - France, UK, Australia etc**

Bottom Line

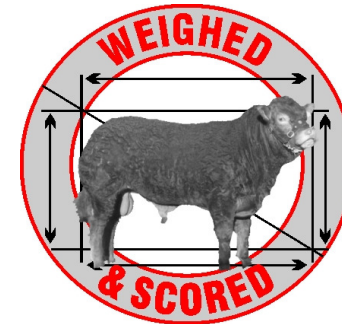
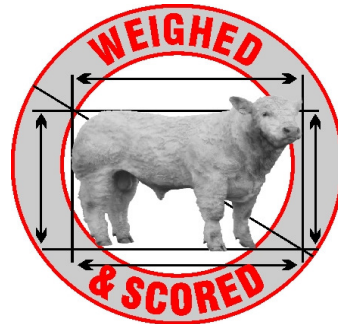
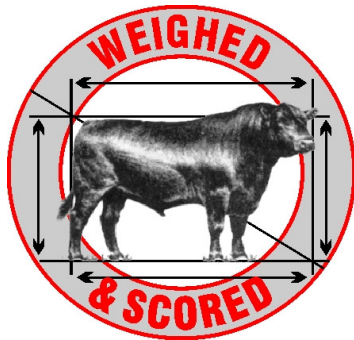
Too many cattle are being scored over 300 days old, in small group sizes, without being weighed.

This is leading to inaccurate BLUP & €uro-Star figures.



Why should you Linear Score & Weight Record?

1. **Get more accurate Euro-Star & BLUP figures for your herd.**
2. **Ensure your Top Bulls are identified for Tully & AI Centres.**
3. **Ensure your females qualify for Breed Society female qualification schemes.**
4. **Ensure your cattle have evaluations in the new On-Line Herdbook.**
5. **Get that edge at Society Sales – Performance Test Stamp**
6. **Examples:**





What will Scoring & Weighing affect?

€uro - Stars

		Weanling Export	Beef Carcass	Reliability%	Milk & Fertility	Calf Value	
Breed		Suckler Beef Value (Reliability %)			Replacement Value		
Group	No.	Calving Traits (Rel %)	Weanling Export (Rel %)	Beef Carcass (Rel %)	↓	Milk & Fert (Rel %)	Calf Value (Rel %)
		Within Breed Across Breed	Within Across	Within Across	Within Across	Within Across	Within Across
New Bull	1	-€ 4 (32%) ***** ***	€ 55 (37%) *** *	€ 81 (35%) **** ****	€ 128 (38%) ***** ****	€ 113 (25%) ***** ****	€ 205 (36%) **** *****

BLUP's

- **Muscle Skeletal Function Docility Reliability%**

Progress to-date - 2008

1. **Scorers trained, examined & passed test set by French Master Scorer.**
2. **% of Pedigree cattle Scored & Weighed has improved.**

2007	January 2008	February 2008
35%	57%	67%

3. **Weighing Scales plastic coated for ease of use.**
4. **Rules document almost ready for Herdbooks to distribute.**
5. **New Herd Scheduling system in place. Scorers have web screens that allow them:**
 - **View up-to-date profile of herds.**
 - **Alert Farmer about eligible cattle by text**
 - **Correct invalid tag numbers on-line**
 - **Add new Herds to Handheld**

Scorer Herd Scheduling Tool

ICBF - Web Application - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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TAURUS LOGOUT

Herd Profile

Participant	BTE	Name	Address	0-100	101-130	131-150	151-280	281-300	Total
IE2113552	J1950179	WILLIE JOHN KEHOE	CLIFDEN KILKENNY	9	3	7	<u>12</u>	0	31
IE2113555	J1950209	JOHN MEANEY	RATHCASH CLIFDEN	1	0	0	<u>1</u>	0	2
IE2113688	J1980779	OLIVER J BYRNE	BALLYQUIRKE GOWRAN	6	2	0	<u>0</u>	0	8
IE2113715	J1990219	EAMONN SHEEHAN	BAWNLUSK CUFFESGRANGE	22	11	11	<u>7</u>	1	52
IE2113923	J2030464	WILLIAM LAHART	CALLAN ROAD KILKENNY	0	0	0	<u>0</u>	0	0
IE2114498	J2040443	NOEL BRENNAN	GARRYDUFF GOWRAN	7	0	2	<u>5</u>	0	14
IE2114036	J2070016	SEAMUS NEARY	TROYWOOD CO KILKENNY	0	0	0	<u>0</u>	0	0
IE2114051	J2070253	JOHN DELEHANTY	KEATINGSTOWN KILKENNY	5	3	3	<u>19</u>	0	30
IE2114088	J2080402	ANDREW O'CARROLL	RATHCASH CLIFDEN	0	0	0	<u>0</u>	0	0
IE2114118	J2090050	JOHN BAMBRICK	BAURNAFEA CASTLEWARREN	6	3	2	<u>3</u>	0	14
IE2114135	J209027X	MAURICE TREACY	BALLYVALDEN CASTLEWARREN	7	3	0	<u>1</u>	0	11
IE2114176	J2100098	JEREMIAH & PAT DOHENY	UPPER TULLAROAN TULLAROAN KILKENNY	0	0	0	<u>1</u>	0	1
Herd Total				154					

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ICBF Commercial Suckler Herd Project - 2008

- 1. Herds that would be ideal G€N€ Ireland Herds.**
- 2. Willing to Score & Weigh their Weanlings.**
- 3. Preferably:**
 - In Discussion Groups.**
 - Using AI.**
 - At least 15-20 Suckler Cows.**
 - Good level of Sire Recording through Animal Events**
- 4. Yard & Crush facilities available.**
- 5. Farmer will receive full ICBF report on the scores & weights.**
- 6. ICBF will cover the full cost of the visit.**

