

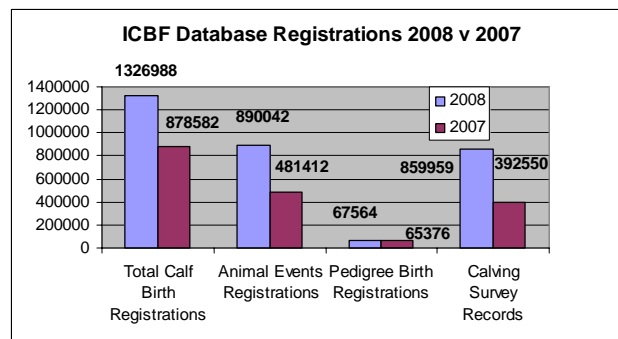
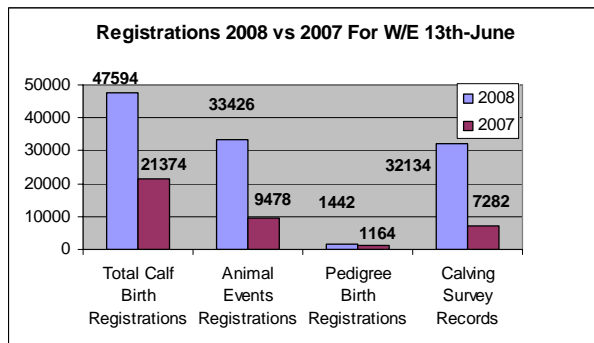


UPDATE – for period 7th - 13th June 2008

1 Important Dates

- + **16th to 20th June** – ICAR and Interbull meetings, Niagara Falls, USA.
- + **20th June** - Farmfest '08, Teagasc Major Event of the Year, Athenry.
- + **17th July, 10:30am** – ICBF Board Meeting, Comfort Inn Portlaoise.
- + **9th to 11th October** – World Holstein Friesian Conference hosted by Ireland at Killarney & Millstreet. For details see www.ihfa.ie.
- + **11th and 12th October** – International Beef Expo being hosted in Ireland at Kilkenny Mart.

2 Database Update



- + 370,465 inseminations have been received so far in 2008, compared with 258,130 in 2007 for the same period. Indications thus far are that the technician service usage is up at least 5%, across the country, 2008 to date.
- + Over 430,000 birth registrations from new Animal Events users have been received as part of the Suckler Scheme.
- + Further batches of Sire Errors and Pre-weaning forms have been issued to Suckler Scheme participants this week.
- + The on-line herdbook functionality is live on the Limousin Society website, and the Charolais site should be live next week.
- + Work on enhancing the EBI profiles for HerdPlus users is on-going. Testing will begin next week.
- + A re-designed linear scoring and weight recording report is under development and will be completed over the next couple of weeks.

3 Genetic Evaluations

- + ICBF staff prepared a series of papers and presentations for the INTERBULL and ICAR meeting in Niagara Falls, U.S. next week.
- + The topics being presented by ICBF staff include:
 - Developments in national and international beef evaluations,
 - Genetic Parameters for beef carcass yield in Ireland,
 - Use of insemination data in cattle breeding,
 - The impact of new technologies on performance recording and genetic evaluation of dairy and beef cattle in Ireland.



4 Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 13/06/08						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 13/06/08	No. EDIY Herds YTD 13/06/08	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 13/06/08	No. EDIY Cows YTD 13/06/08	% Cows EDIY
Progressive	2,190	865	39%	164,097	61,685	38%
Dairygold	1,558	516	33%	106,788	36,566	34%
Kerry	1,150	244	21%	73,543	15,026	20%
SWS	902	126	14%	57,088	8,134	14%
Tipperary	166	68	41%	11,644	4,970	43%
Arrabawn	164	136	83%	11,680	9,812	84%
Connacht	133	43	32%	7,651	2,215	29%
Donegal	38	38	100%	3,179	3,179	100%
Total	6,301	2,036	32%	435,670	141,587	32%

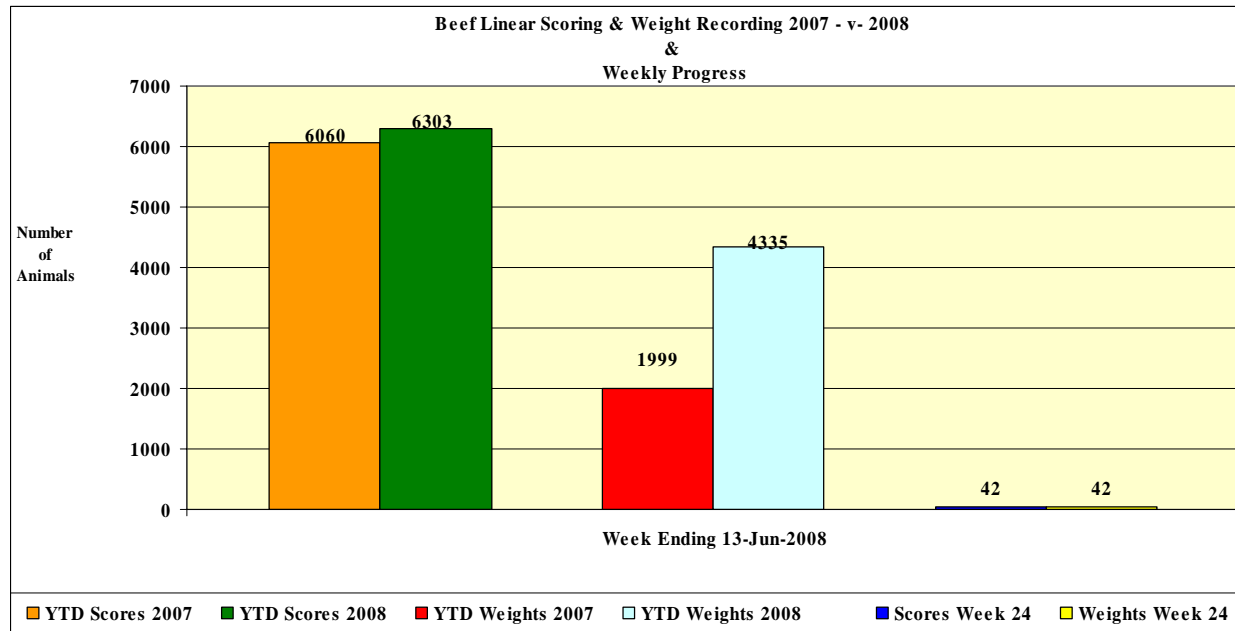
Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison				
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2006 Cows Recorded 01/01/06 - 13/06/06	YTD 2007 Cows Recorded 01/01/07 - 13/06/07	YTD 2008 Cows Recorded 01/01/08 - 13/06/08	2008 vs 2007 Year on Year Difference (%)
Progressive	141,918	151,447	164,097	7.7%
Dairygold	93,935	100,306	106,788	6.1%
Kerry	65,355	66,464	73,543	9.6%
SWS	54,849	56,176	57,088	1.6%
Tipperary	10,791	11,235	11,644	3.5%
Arrabawn	10,030	10,894	11,680	6.7%
Connacht	7,139	8,546	7,651	-11.7%
Donegal	4,376	3,182	3,179	-0.1%
Total	388,393	408,250	435,670	6.3%

5 Tully

- ✚ The final list of bulls that have passed visual and Nass DVO was sent out to breed societies on the 10-6-08.
- ✚ Blood samples are returning to Tully and an up dated list of bulls tested will be sent out to breed societies on the 19-6-08.
- ✚ Power washing and disinfection of the pre entry isolation units is continuing.



6 GROW – Linear Scoring & Weight Recording



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