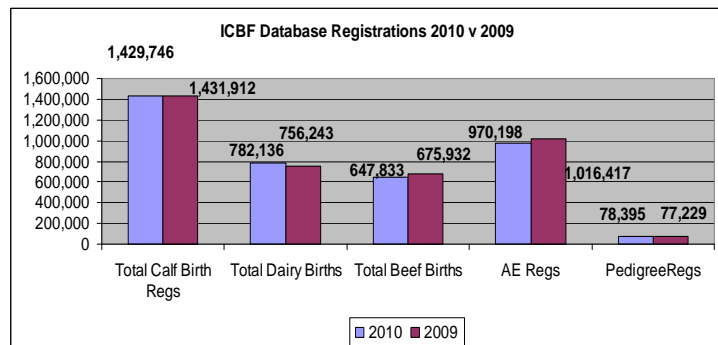
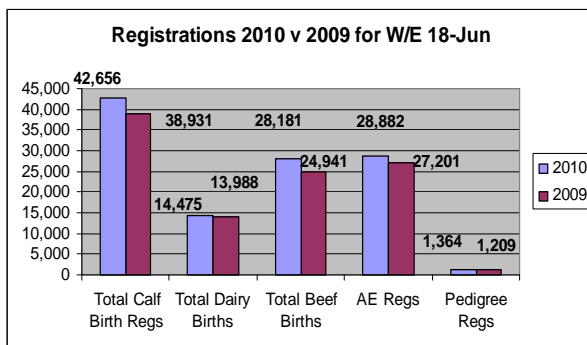


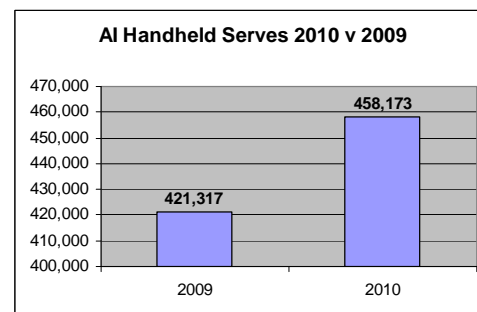
1. Important Dates

- ✚ **Sheep 2010, Lyons Estate, UCD** – Saturday 26th June. This is a major day for the Irish Sheep industry. We look forward to seeing lots of people there next Saturday. Sheep Ireland is playing a prominent role as this is a great opportunity to demonstrate to sheep farmers how sheep breeding is developing in Ireland.
- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 15th July, 10:30 to 14:00 – Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 15th July, 14:00 to 16:30 – Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Dairy Industry Consultation Meeting** – Wed. 21st July, 10:00 to 13:00 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Beef Industry Consultation Meeting** – Wed. 21st July, 14:00 to 17:00 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise

2. Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFF AIM systems.
- ✚ In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2009 born calves with meal introduced is 641,529 with the number of animals weaned at 575,563.
- ✚ A significant update to the suckler scheme screens is being designed and developed at the moment to help make the process more efficient.
- ✚ Vets wishing to begin interacting with the AHI/ICBF system can register at <http://www.animalhealthireland.ie/registerpage.php>.
- ✚ The new call logging system for herd-books continued this week, and will help provide improved transparency on the status of requests from herdbooks.
- ✚ Design work continued this week which will allow those involved in the Embryo transfer process to view/input data. The aim is that this will facilitate better recording of data, and more accurate fertility evaluations for donor cows.
- ✚ Work is ongoing on the window server infrastructure, involving a move to a more resilient infrastructure for email, and file servers.
- ✚ A new infrastructure for communicating with marts is currently being designed, with a view to getting the data flows on a more efficient and effective basis.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2010 compared with 2009.



3. Grow

- ✚ For the second month in a row the total number of animals scored exceeds the corresponding month in 2009.
- ✚ The overall percentage of beef animals scored and weighed in the month of May was 96%.
- ✚ 94% of Pedigrees and 100% of Commercials were weighed and scored.
- ✚ This compares to 84% of Pedigrees and 92% of Commercials in May 2009.
- ✚ A referencing session for the Scorers has been organised for the Dovea Farm next week.

4. Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ Extracts are underway for the monthly beef evaluation update for linear scored animals.
- ✚ ICBF staff Pat Donnellan and Ross Evans had a stand on Tuesday at the Grange open day for farmer queries. Later that evening they attended the South Eastern Charolais club meeting in Abbeyleix where they discussed various aspects of the new sales catalogue and linear scoring with breeders.

5. Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 08/06/10 to 18/06/10

	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Average Herd Size	Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F + P kg	Average SCC
CARLOW	12	844	70	24.9	3.63	3.47	1.77	262
CAVAN	27	1,627	60	27.1	3.79	3.34	1.93	416
CLARE	22	1,120	51	29.4	3.48	3.32	2.00	354
CORK STH	318	21,453	67	26.1	3.77	3.40	1.87	265
CORK NTH	274	19,488	71	26.5	3.67	3.42	1.88	252
DONEGAL	3	513	171	25.1	3.97	3.33	1.83	471
DUBLIN	6	294	49	29.3	3.35	3.54	2.02	311
GALWAY	27	2,036	75	25.9	3.77	3.37	1.85	392
KERRY	132	9,244	70	28.5	3.59	3.34	1.98	318
KILDARE	15	1,202	80	27.8	3.97	3.44	2.06	604
KILKENNY	35	2,899	83	25.5	3.51	3.23	1.72	245
LAOIS	28	2,281	81	24.5	3.52	3.35	1.68	334
LEITRIM	3	95	32	30.6	3.65	3.29	2.12	258
LIMERICK	142	10,477	74	26.5	3.57	3.35	1.83	289
LONGFORD	5	218	44	29.3	3.88	3.32	2.11	215
LOUTH	11	1,013	92	25.0	3.47	3.34	1.70	328
MAYO	17	803	47	28.9	3.42	3.55	2.01	282
MEATH	49	4,868	99	25.2	3.55	3.36	1.74	368
MONAGHAN	26	1,398	54	28.4	3.77	3.32	2.01	353
OFFALY	23	1,836	80	26.9	3.69	3.27	1.87	411
ROSCOMMON	2	80	40	30.3	3.22	3.29	1.97	401
SLIGO	12	546	46	30.9	3.10	3.47	2.03	225
TIPPERARY NTH	27	2,514	93	25.0	3.91	3.39	1.83	288
TIPPERARY STH	47	4,053	86	25.5	3.88	3.42	1.86	241
WATERFORD	54	4,810	89	24.8	3.95	3.45	1.84	272
WESTMEATH	14	1,089	78	25.3	3.87	3.37	1.83	323
WEXFORD	60	4,491	75	24.9	3.53	3.43	1.73	320
WICKLOW E	17	1,498	88	25.9	3.25	3.30	1.70	311
WICKLOW W	5	369	74	29.9	3.38	3.31	2.00	336

	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Average Herd Size	Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F + P kg	Average SCC
National	1,413	103,159	73	27.0	3.62	3.37	1.89	326

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 08/06/10 to 18/06/10

Provincial	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Average Herd Size	Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F + P kg	Average SCC
Munster	1016	73,159	72	26.5	3.73	3.39	1.89	285
Leinster	280	22,902	82	26.5	3.60	3.36	1.84	336
Connacht	61	3,560	58	29.3	3.43	3.39	2.00	312
Ulster	56	3,538	63	26.9	3.84	3.33	1.93	413

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 18/06/10

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 18/06/10	No. EDIY Herds YTD 18/06/10	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 18/06/10	No. EDIY Cows YTD 18/06/10	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,517	873	25%	259,062	78,174	30%
Progressive	1,957	729	37%	161,197	58,147	36%
Tipperary	130	55	42%	10,812	5,014	46%
Connacht	141	53	38%	8,895	3,207	36%
Total	5,745	1,710	30%	439,966	144,542	33%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2009 Cows Recorded 01/01/09 - 18/06/09	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 18/06/10	2010 vs. 2009 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	237,964	259,062	8.1%
Progressive	162,119	161,197	-0.6%
Tipperary	10,312	10,812	4.6%
Connacht	7,694	8,895	13.5%
Total	418,089	439,966	5.0%

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