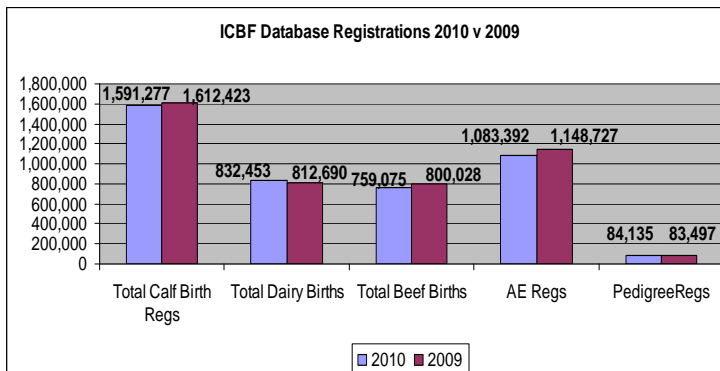
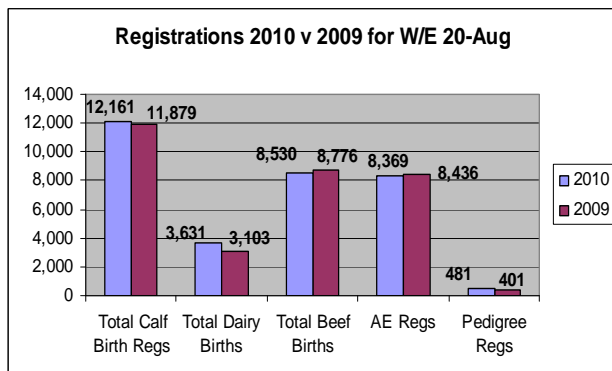


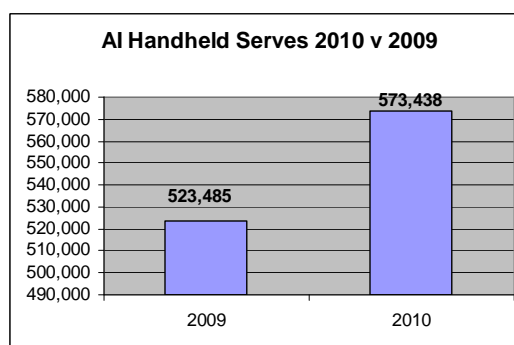
1. Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 16th September, 10:30 to 14:00 – Highfield House, Bandon.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 16th September, 14:00 to 16:30 – Highfield House, Bandon.
- ✚ **Tully Bull High Health Status Sale** Friday 8th October, ICBF Tully Central Performance Test Centre.

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 664,630 with the number of animals weaned at 606,503.
- ✚ Batches of Suckler pre-wean forms for 2010 continue to go out this week.
- ✚ Work is continuing on the design of the new catalogue service for both beef and dairy animals.
- ✚ Vets wishing to begin interacting with the AHI/ICBF system can register at <http://www.animalhealthireland.ie/registerpage.php>.
- ✚ Work on a new Dairy Replacements discussion group report is nearing completion.
- ✚ Work on the web tool to help manage the storing of samples used in the genomics process at ICBF is nearing completion.
- ✚ Updates to the Beef Calving Report are ongoing.
- ✚ Work is nearly complete on the window server infrastructure, involving a move to a more resilient infrastructure for email, file servers, etc.
- ✚ Work on a new infrastructure for communicating with marts is on-going, 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. Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ The evaluations are currently being tested and uploaded to the database.
- ✚ A new genomic run is also underway.
- ✚ Expected release of proofs is Monday 23rd August at 4pm.

4. Tully

- The third of five live-weights was obtained on all bulls at Tully on 12-08-2010 (Table 1). Bulls gained an impressive 2.1 kg across breed over the last 21 days.

Table 1. Live-weight and average daily gain (21 day period) of bulls, averaged by breed

Breed	AA (n = 5)	BA (n = 3)	BB (n = 2)	CH (n = 3)	LM (n = 32)	PT (n = 1)	SH (n = 2)	SI (n = 1)	SP (n = 2)
Average Live-weight (kg)	536	635	523	556	574	480	551	544	531
Average daily gain (kg)	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.1	1.8	2.4	2.3	2.1

- Bull owners and breed societies have received letters and e-mails, respectively, updating them on the performance of bulls to date. Also, AI companies have received the latest performance figures of bulls, along with all other relevant information.
- This week, bulls were washed with a product called OrIDen, which helps maintain and promote hair growth. Also, bulls are being halter trained each week up until the end of their performance test.
- Preparations are on-going for the up-coming High Health status sale, which will take place for the current crop of bulls in Tully on Friday, 8th of October.
- Owners of bulls at Tully have received entry forms for the sale and these are to be sent back to Tully, no later than the Tuesday, 31st of August 2010.
- Details about the sale can be found by clicking on the Tully page, which is on the ICBF website i.e. <http://www.icbf.com/services/tully/index.php>. Michael Taaffe of Taaffe auctions in Drogheda will be the auctioneer.
- Basil Bothwell (Linear scorer) will visually assess all the bulls for muscle, skeletal and functionality traits in early September, as part of the process for selecting the Champion bull from each breed. The visual assessment along with the final performance test, Ultrasonic scanned measurements and new Euro-Star evaluation figures will form the bases for identifying the Champion bull, which will be known by mid-September.
- Breeders that own bulls at Tully have being notified of the different procedures that will take place on the day of sale to minimise disease risk to their animals i.e. refrain from bringing power-washers etc.
- The list of bulls for the next intake, which will see bulls enter isolation at Tully in mid November will be put together, once the new Euro-Stars are available early next week.

5. Sheep Ireland

- Production Sale of Eammon Duffy's flock will be held in Carnaross Mart, on the 7th of September. All Lambs will have Euro – Star figures.
- The Male Champion at the Texel Premier Show and Sale was bred by LambPlus breeder Arthur and Patrick O'Keeffe. This lamb also won the LambPlus class on the day. MALP farmers were present at the sale with one MALP farmer taking home 6 LambPlus recorded rams.
- Final DNA results for the MALP lambs & rams are being received. When these results are loaded the evaluations will be distributed.
- The recruitment of CPT rams for this year's program is underway. Good interest is being shown by Breeders in putting Rams forward for testing. Breeders who have not returned their declaration of interest forms are urged to do so straight away.

6. Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 10/08/10 to 20/08/10

	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	9	552	61	20.1	3.81	3.50	1.47	312
CAVAN	25	1,386	55	23.6	3.72	3.35	1.67	400
CLARE	42	2,478	59	21.5	3.72	3.42	1.54	331
CORK STH	287	19,863	69	20.9	3.86	3.44	1.53	274
CORK NTH	251	17,961	72	21.3	3.92	3.46	1.57	272
DONEGAL	7	593	85	21.4	3.85	3.34	1.54	335
DUBLIN	6	272	45	25.2	3.55	3.40	1.75	394
GALWAY	24	2,069	86	19.7	3.99	3.43	1.46	290
KERRY	146	9,172	63	22.6	3.74	3.39	1.61	330
KILDARE	20	1,267	63	23.8	3.71	3.25	1.66	501
KILKENNY	30	2,500	83	21.1	3.81	3.43	1.53	290
LAOIS	26	1,869	72	23.6	3.70	3.45	1.69	364
LEITRIM	3	198	66	17.5	3.75	3.32	1.24	496
LIMERICK	143	9,988	70	21.3	3.77	3.39	1.53	271
LONGFORD	5	279	56	21.3	3.93	3.34	1.55	437
LOUTH	14	1,251	89	22.5	3.45	3.40	1.54	537
MAYO	22	1,267	58	24.2	3.60	3.49	1.72	335
MEATH	38	3,076	81	21.3	3.60	3.30	1.47	468
MONAGHAN	17	1,133	67	21.4	3.65	3.16	1.46	411
OFFALY	21	1,408	67	22.7	3.82	3.42	1.64	468
ROSCOMMON	2	137	69	22.2	3.90	3.54	1.65	433
SLIGO	9	419	47	23.7	4.04	3.44	1.77	392
TIPPERARY NTH	24	1,927	80	23.6	3.65	3.40	1.66	275
TIPPERARY STH	63	5,205	83	19.9	4.05	3.45	1.49	290
WATERFORD	53	4,371	82	19.0	4.02	3.50	1.43	286
WESTMEATH	8	561	70	23.1	3.89	3.40	1.68	380
WEXFORD	42	2,974	71	20.8	3.76	3.44	1.50	447
WICKLOW E	19	1,211	64	20.7	3.37	3.28	1.38	394
WICKLOW W	7	575	82	19.5	3.96	3.45	1.44	589
	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	1,363	95,962	69	21.7	3.78	3.40	1.56	379

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 10/08/10 to 20/08/10

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	1009	70,965	70	21.3	3.84	3.43	1.55	291
Leinster	245	17,795	73	22.0	3.72	3.39	1.56	429
Connacht	60	4,090	68	21.5	3.86	3.44	1.57	389
Ulster	49	3,112	64	22.1	3.74	3.28	1.55	382

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 20/08/10						
Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 20/08/10	No. EDIY Herds YTD 20/08/10	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 20/08/10	No. EDIY Cows YTD 20/08/10	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,553	996	28%	273,815	84,727	31%
Progressive	1,994	759	38%	172,815	65,142	38%
Tipperary	132	56	42%	11,804	5,657	48%
Connacht	150	59	39%	9,857	3,708	38%
Total	5,829	1,870	32%	468,291	159,234	34%

Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison			
Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2009 Cows Recorded 01/01/09 - 20/08/09	YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 20/08/10	2010 vs. 2009 Year on Year Difference (%)
Munster	254,157	273,815	7.2%
Progressive	173,521	172,815	-0.4%
Tipperary	11,067	11,804	6.2%
Connacht	9,316	9,857	5.5%
Total	448,061	468,291	4.3%

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