



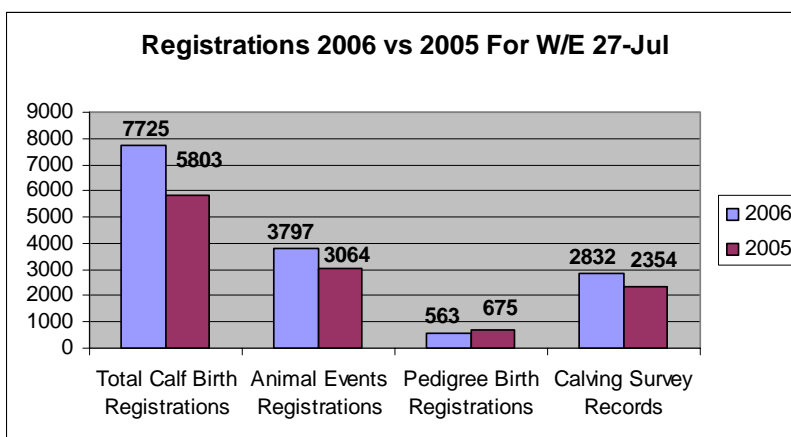
Update for period 22nd – 28th July 2006

1 Important Dates

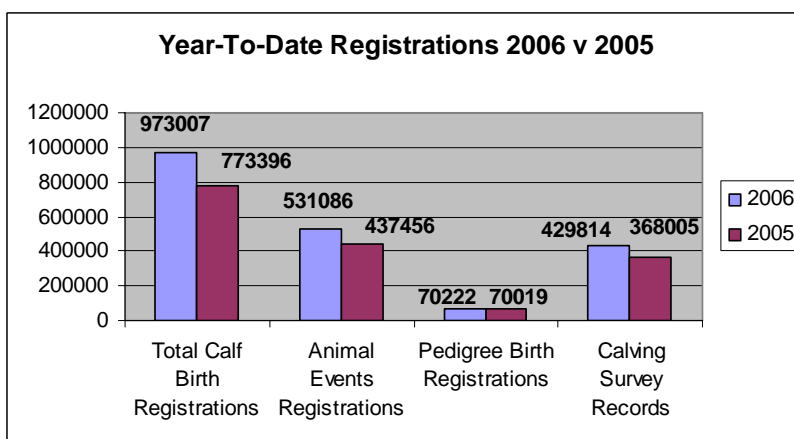
- ✚ **Tuesday 1st August**, 10.30- 16.00, **Beef Genetic Evaluation Consultation Meeting**, Abbeyleix Manor Hotel. Agenda includes presentation of a proposal for a new linear scoring and weight recording service.
- ✚ **Wednesday 13th September** – EBI €100 Open Day – near Birr.
- ✚ **September 27th to 30th. Ploughing.** The new breeding information service will be the main focus of the ICBF stand.

2 Database Update

- ✚ 23 new herds added to the database last week.
- ✚ The 135,000 inseminations mark has now been broken by those technicians using handhelds.
- ✚ Dairygold have taken further technicians live with the AI Handeld this week, and this process will continue over the coming months.



- ✚ Extracts were done this week to provide the basis for the planned commercial beef weanling scoring project.
- ✚ Work to update the ICBF.com website continued this week. It is intended that an updated look to the site will be applied next week.



- ✚ Web development work continues with a focus continuing on building the authorisations around the new breeding information service.

- ✚ The redesign of a number of the current reports (EBI, Calving, Expected Calving) is underway and these changes will be incorporated into the reports before they are released again.

- ✚ Next week will see the finalisation of the design of the application to support the dairy and beef breeding schemes.

3 Tully

- ✚ A total of 950 application forms for the next intake (September 2006) have been sent out. Closing date for receipt of applications is 11th August 2006. The entry date is before 29th September 2006.
- ✚ A catalogue of the May intake of bulls will be up on the ICBF Web site on 1st August 2006.



✚ A group of farmers from Germany visited Tully on Wednesday 26th July.

4 Milk Recording Update

Milk Recording Herds and Cows Year To date 2006 versus Year to date 2005

Milk Recording Organisation	YTD 2005 Herds Recorded 01/01/05 - 28/07/05	YTD 2006 Herds Recorded 01/01/06 - 28/07/06	Year on Year Herds Difference (%)	YTD 2005 Cows Recorded 01/01/05 - 28/07/05	YTD 2006 Cows Recorded 01/01/06 - 28/07/06	Year on Year Cows Difference (%)
Progressive	2,072	2,080	0%	144,229	150,679	4%
Dairygold	1,520	1,546	2%	94,996	101,147	6%*
Kerry	1,064	1,073	1%	65,974	68,801	4%
SWS	934	957	2%	53,478	57,832	8%
Tipperary	141	168	19%	9,178	11,621	27%*
Arrabawn	108	157	45%	6,930	10,770	55%*
Connacht	110	135	23%	7,124	8,620	21%
Donegal	32	56	75%	3,297	4,959	50%*
Total	5,981	6,172	3%	385,206	414,429	8%

* For these Co-ops increase in cow numbers attributed to EDIY cells

Milk Recording Stats week ending 28/07/06

Milk Recording Organisation	2006 Herds Recorded Week 21/07/06 - 28/07/06
Progressive	323
Kerry	210
Dairygold	182
SWS	164
Arrabawn	29
Tipperary	26
Connacht	25
Donegal	8
Total	967

5 Genetic Evaluations - Beef

Work continues on the development of the Maternal Sub-Index and updates on all aspects of the new beef indexes will be presented at next week's industry meeting.

6 Genetic Evaluations - Dairy

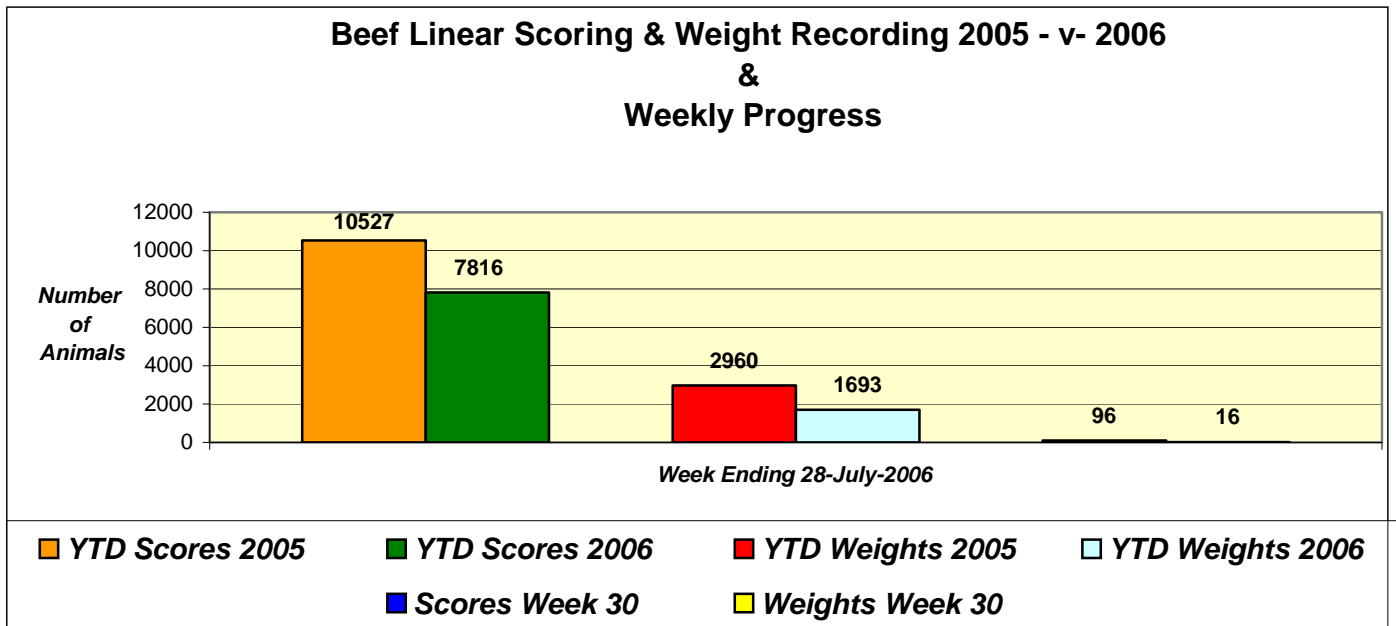
Work on the dairy evaluations is continuing. At this point all relevant files have been sent to Interbull. Work on conversions of fertility data for foreign bulls will be done next week

7 Genetic Evaluations - Calving

A calving performance evaluation has been completed and is currently being processed. An update on these evaluations will be presented at the Beef Industry Meeting next week.



8 Beef Linear Scoring



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