



Data Collection Methods used in the BDGP and the Development of Restful API's for Recording Herd Data.



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Beef Data and Genomics Programme ICBE

- 6 year scheme approved by the European Commission
- Launched by the Department of Agriculture in 2015
- Part of Ireland's 2014 2020 Rural Development Programme
- Goals:
 - 1. Increase the Genetic Merit of the Suckler Herds
 - 2. Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions of the Irish Beef Herds
- Expanded in 2017



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Beef Data and Genomics Programme ICBF

6 Requirements

- 1. Record Calving Details
- 2. Complete Animal Surveys
- 3. Genotyping
- 4. Stock Bull and Female Replacement Strategy
- 5. Carbon Navigator
- 6. Training
- 23500 Participants
 - 33% Online Users





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Information Collected

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Calf

- Calving Ease
- Birth Size
- Vigor

(at 5 months)

- Quality
- Docility
- Scour
- Pneumonia

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Docility

<u>Dam</u>

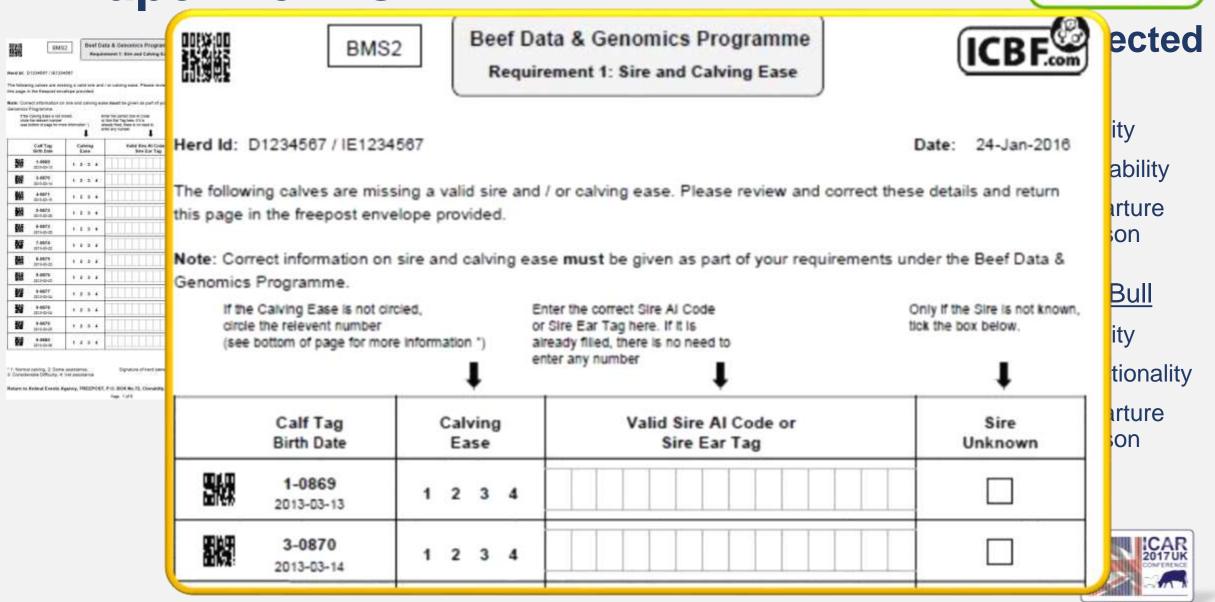
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- Docility
- Functionality
- Departure Reason









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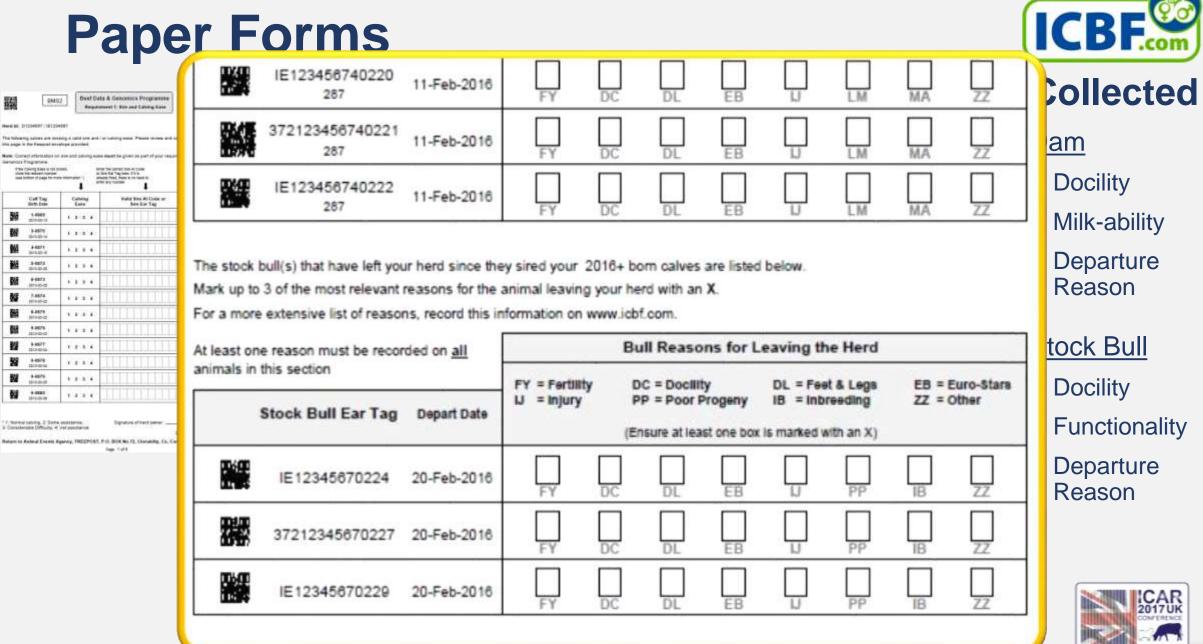
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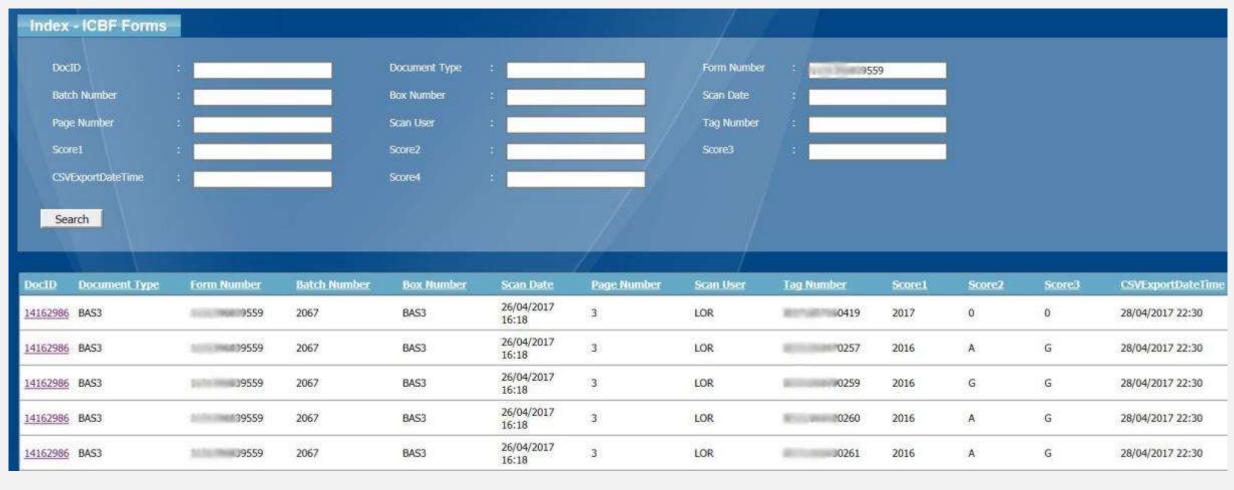
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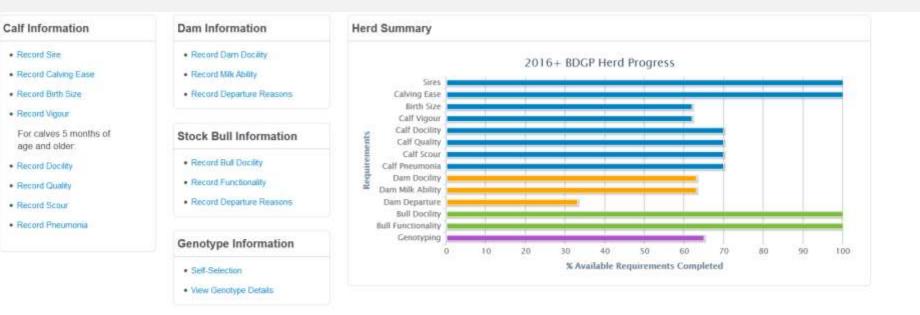




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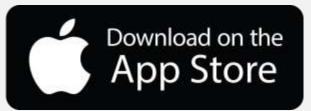
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Data Quality – Calf Docility Heritability



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Genetic correlation of **0.78** between two traits

Technician: 0.22

Farmer has longer to observe the animal?

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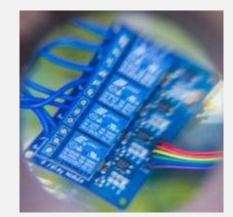
API – Application Programming Interface















- A set of web services available to software and sensor providers to provide data services to farmers.
- REST/JSON
 - Smaller data transfer when compared to SOAP/XML
 - Easy to process (if HAL is used).
 - Flexible authentication using OAuth 2.0
 - Data access is controlled by limiting the scope









Herd API's – GET Insemination Example ICBE

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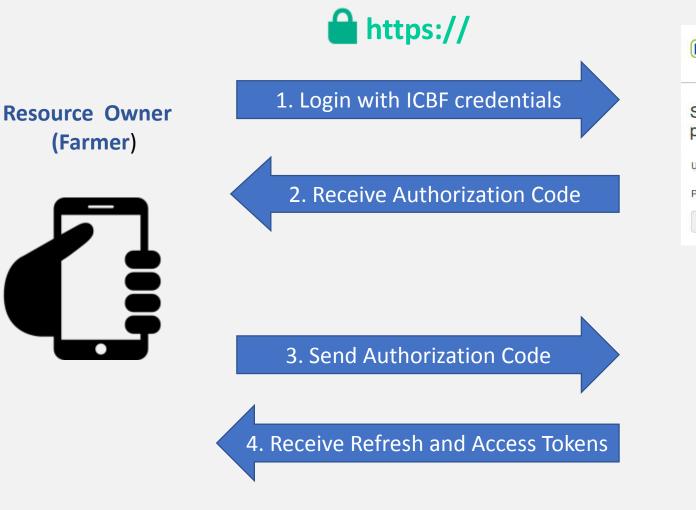
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Herd API Authentication – OAuth 2.0



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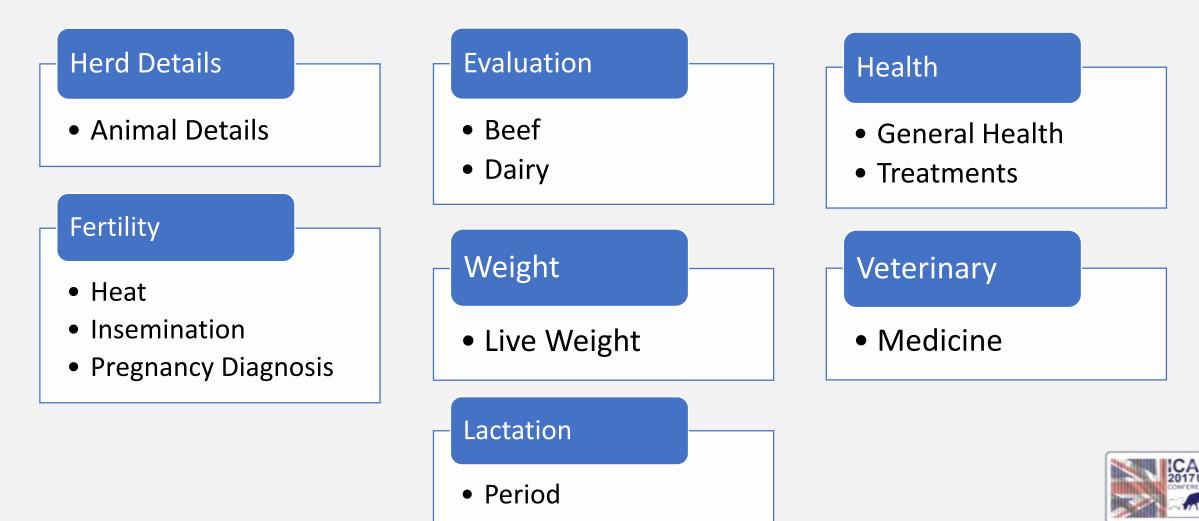




Herd API's – Services Available



Methods Available : GET (read) POST (create) PUT (update) DELETE



Conclusion



Paper	 High volume of data, slowly being replaced with new technology Will remain for the foreseeable future 	
Web	 Volume increasing over time to a point Provides convenience and timeliness in recording 	
Mobile	 Further improvement of convenience and timeliness 	
API	 Facilitates many data sources, e.g. sensors Devices that use the API need to be made available. 	





Questions?

