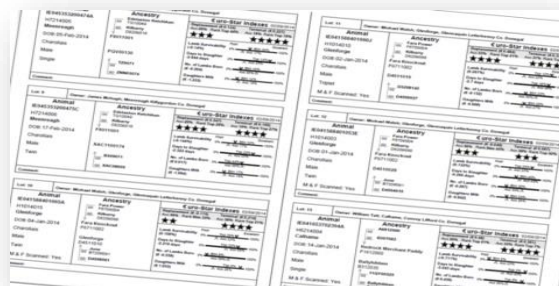
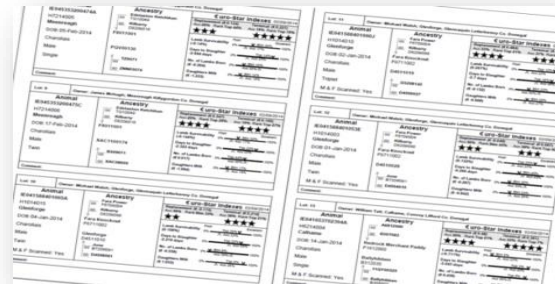


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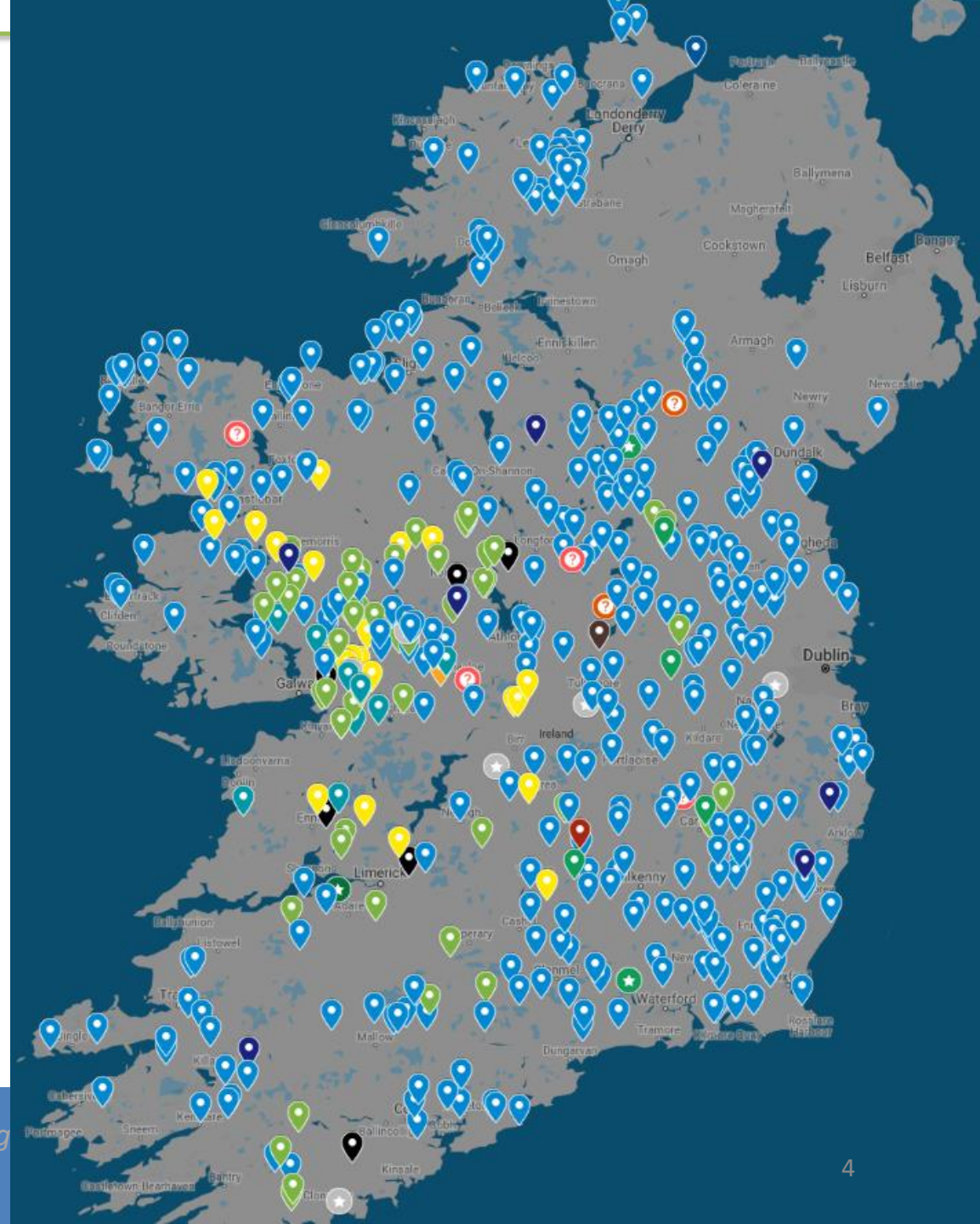
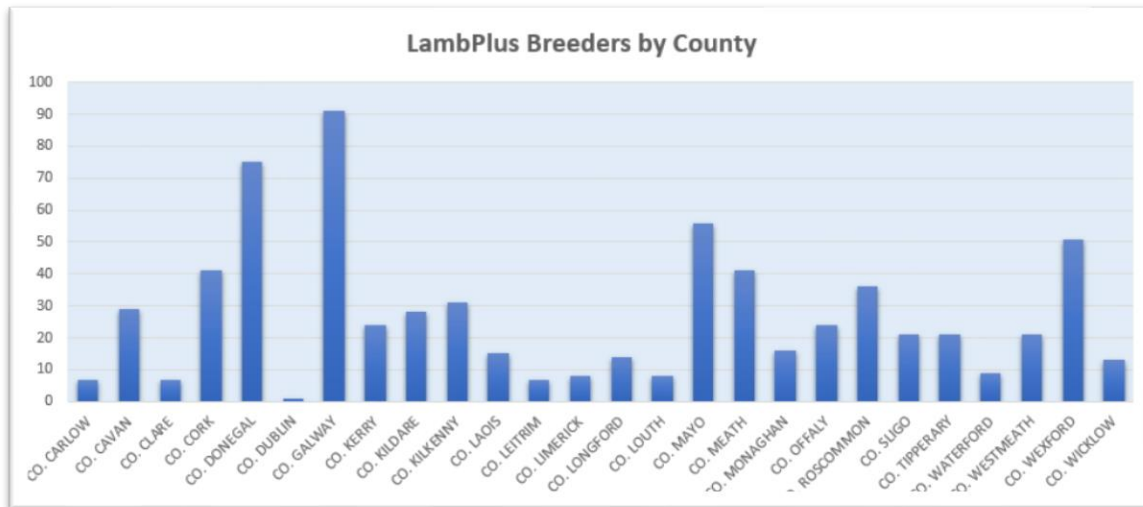


Aim

- One on one support to lambplus breeders
- Collect valuable data
- Confidence in Eurostar data collection

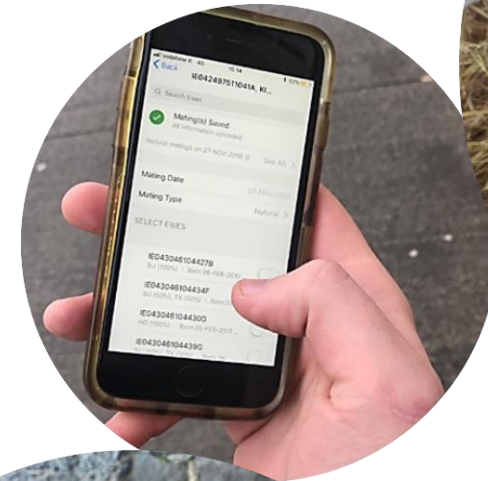
Country wide visits

- Aim to visit all LamPlus flock over the next 2 years

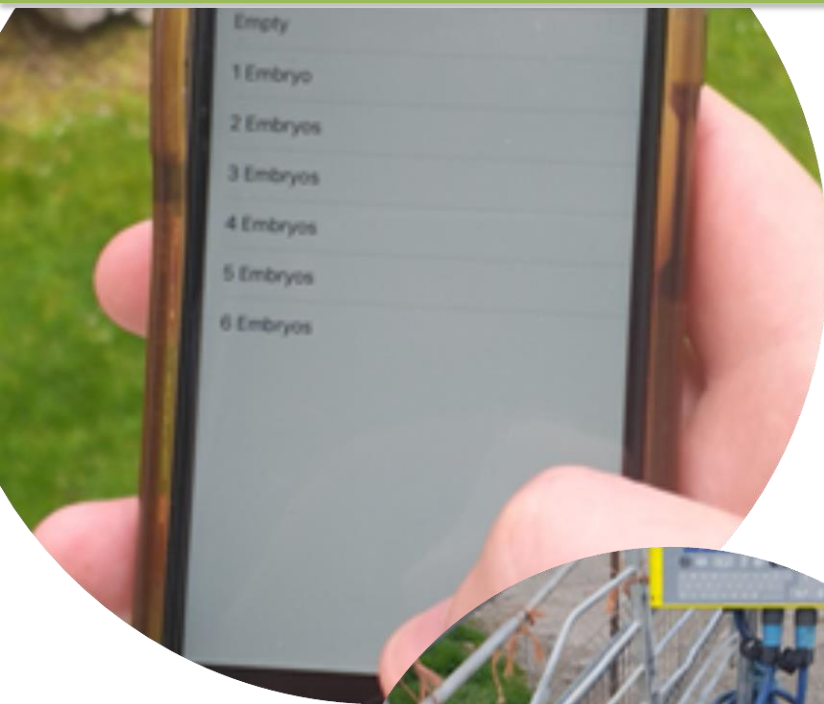


The data collected will depend on the time of year

- Lambing data
- 40 day weights
- Weaning weights
- Muscle and fat scanning



| Sheep ID | Date of Birth | Lambing Difficulty | Lambing Status | Lamb MSID (Tag No.) | Lamb Pelt ID | Sex of Lamb | Birth Weight (kg) | Lambing Class | Group |
|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------|
| 12001 | 2/1 | 2 | A | 0457B | 001 | M | 4.7 | N | |
| 09R76C | 2/1 | 3 | A | 0459F | 003 | F | 5.0 | F | Eye had |
| XYZ1301Z | | | A | 0450H | 004 | F | 5.5 | B | very poor |
| ABC11014 | | | | | | | | | milk |

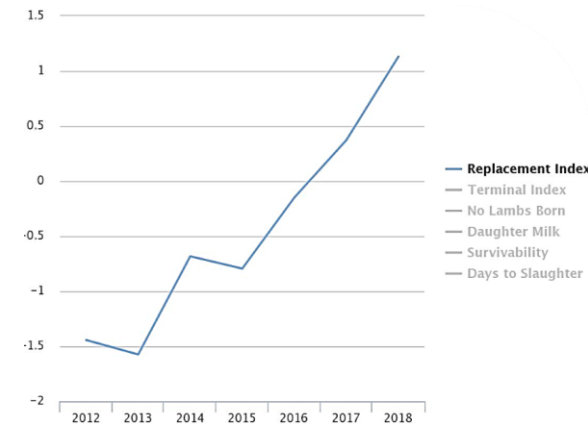
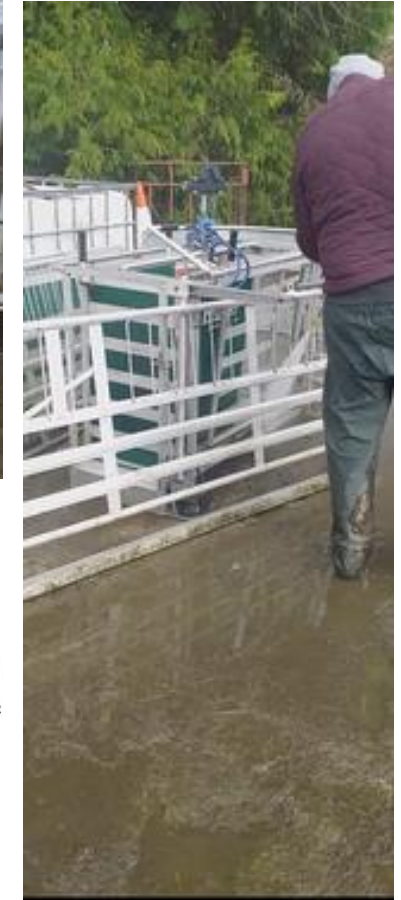


Data to be collected all year round

- Ewe mature weight
- Health inspections
- Mating records
- Pregnancy scanning
- Ram/ewe sales

Valuable service to breeders

- State of the art equipment
- Thorough biosecurity measures
- In depth knowledge of sheep breeding and breeding strategies



What do breeders need available for a flock visit?



- All sheep on the data base available on the day
- Sheep are tagged
- Breeders lambing note book available
- Breeders weighing scales available

What have we been finding?

- Good enthusiasm from LambPlus breeders
- Different ranges of skills & knowledge of recording
- One to one is working well for training people on the app



What have we been finding

- More commercial farmers wanting to sign up
- Knowledge of mating and Pregnancy importance low
- Pregnancy scanning is planned to be added to the DQI next year



Building confidence in EuroStar data collection

- 1,300 mature weights captured
- Lambs weights corresponding breeders' weights
- Breeders keen to learn more & improve the ease & quality of recording

