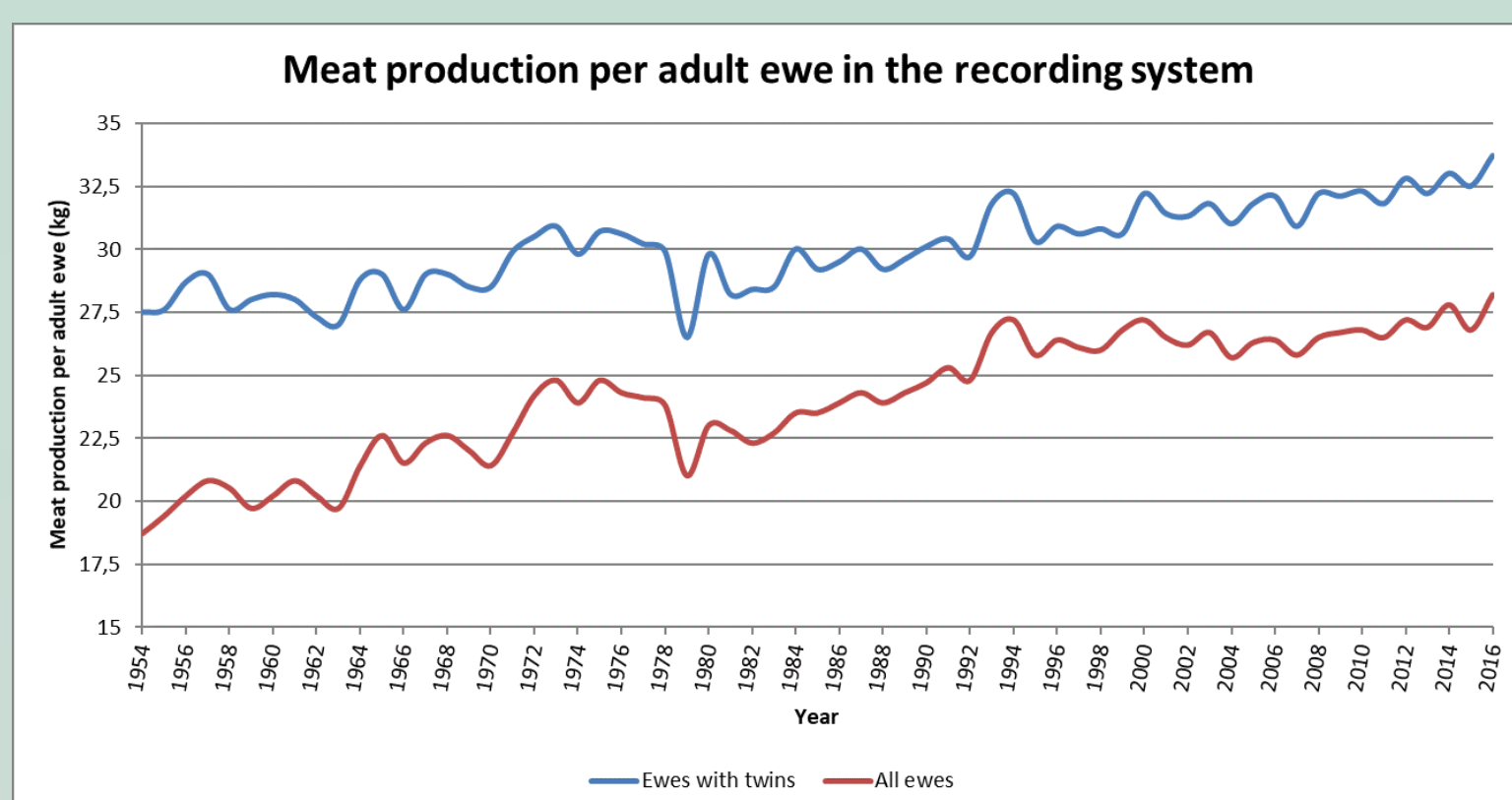
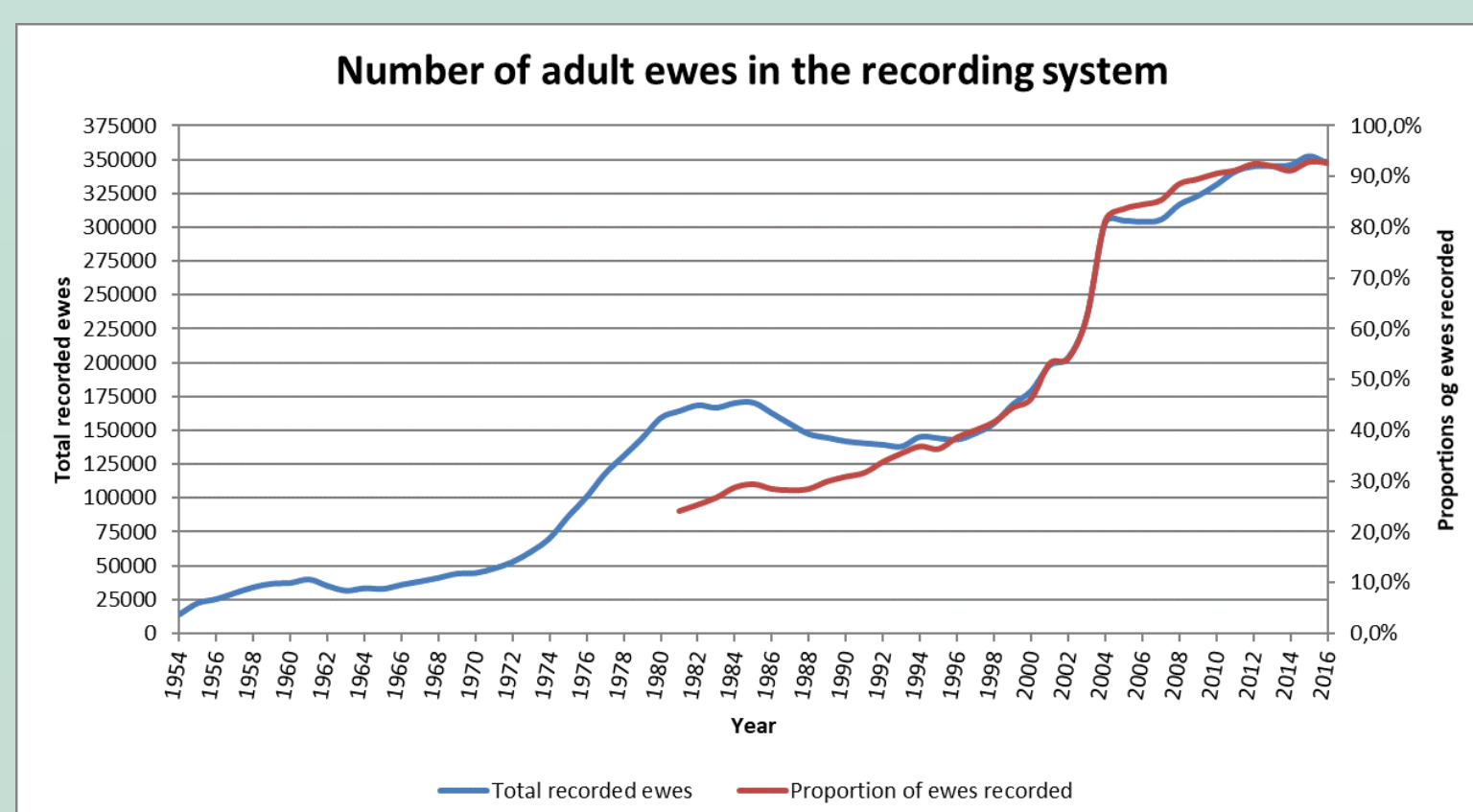
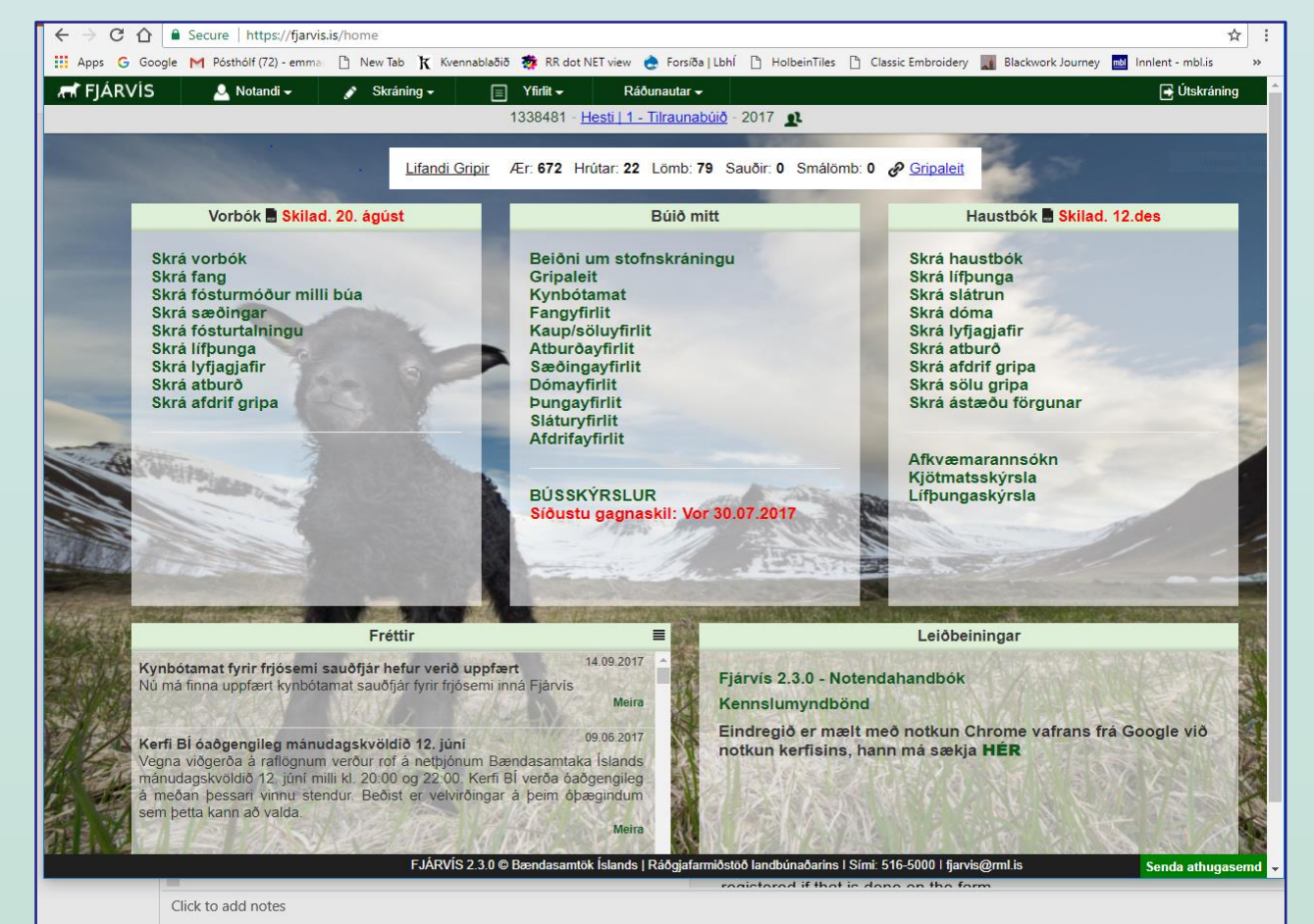


The Sheep Recording System in Iceland has a long tradition and provides an important tool both for farmers and the breeding work. Currently more than 90% of all sheep are recorded. Sheep farmers are obliged to record all their sheep in the system in order to receive subsidies according to the agreement with the government.

The sheep recording system is a web database (www.fjarvis.is) where each farmer has access to record information about animals in his flock. Each farmer can create reports about his flock as well as reports about the most productive farms around Iceland and reports about the progeny of AI rams.



Recorded information:

- Date of birth, litter size, sex and colour
- Dam and sire ID
- Slaughter date, carcass weight, EUROP scores
- Cause of death (slaughter, culling, other losses)

Optional:

- Weaning weight, ewe weight, pregnancy scans
- Ultrasound measurements of muscle and fat of breeding candidates

- All animals have individual ID-numbers based on birth year, sex, flock and number within the flock.
- Sheep that are moved between flocks keep all information.



Use of AI is widespread and provides good data connections between flocks through pedigree records. Approximately 60% of replacement ram lambs and 15% of replacement ewe lambs are sired by AI rams.

