Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

**Roscommon**

### Farm Structure
- Number of Farms – 6,313
- Average Farm Size – 27.1 ha
- Land area farmed – 171,293 ha
- Stock on farm
  - Number of dairy cows – 4,891
  - Number of other (beef) cows – 58,943
  - Number of ewes – 121,801
  - Number of sows – 2,208
  - Number of poultry – 20,575

### Forestry
- Land area under private forestry – 13,485 ha

### Farm Income and Direct Payments
- Farm Income – €76.7m
- Direct Payments - €67m
  - SFP - €40m
  - REPS/AEOS/DAS/SCWS – €24m
  - Forestry Premium – €2.7m

### Value of Output and Exports
- Value of Agricultural Output - €144.0m
- Value of Forestry Output - €3.4m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €198.2m

### Agri-Industry Employment
- Agriculture in Roscommon supports thousands of jobs in the rural economy, both directly in food & drink processing and also in the wider agri-industry, including input suppliers, agricultural contractors, jobs in auctioneering, transport and engineering and in accountancy, legal, veterinary and other advisory services.
- Number of food and drink processing jobs supported by agricultural output of county – 1,018
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (West – Galway, Mayo, Roscommon) – 3,762

Data sources and methodology for estimating figures available at [www.ifa.ie/CrossSectors/Economics.aspx](http://www.ifa.ie/CrossSectors/Economics.aspx)
• Food and Drink processing employers include
  - Kepak
  - Mallons
  - Gilligan Meats
  - Connacht Gold Mill
  - Stewarts
  - Shannonside Co-op
  - Liffey Meats
  - Michael Waldron Meats ltd.
  - ML Gannon and Sons ltd.
  - Oliver Carty ltd.
  - Castlemine Farm Shop

• Other Agri- Employers include
  - Roscommon Mart
  - Elphin Mart
  - Connacht Gold Stores
  - Coffeys Agri Store
  - Glancys Agri Store
  - Farrells Agri Store
  - Tom Tighe Agri Store
  - Eddie Naughton Agri Store
  - FBD Insurance
  - IFAC Accountants
  - Glanbia Fresh Pork ltd.
  - Shannonside Milk Products ltd
  - Burkess Farm Machinery
  - Regan Tractors
  - Clarkes Machinery
  - P&B Ryan Dairy Services ltd