

Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

CARLOW



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 1,806
- Average Farm Size – 39.4 ha
- Land area farmed – 71,142 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 2,353
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows – 11,791
 - Number of other (beef) cows – 17,254
 - Number of ewes – 81,520
 - Number of sows – 3,351
 - Land area under tillage – 16,785 ha
 - Land area under other crops, fruit & horticulture – 3,450 ha
 - Number of poultry – 4,090

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 2,503 ha
- Output from private forestry – 3,937 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €32.6m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment - €23.6m
 - ANCs – €1.5m
 - BDGP - €0.6m
 - Agri-environment payments - €1.2m
 - Forestry Premium – €0.5m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €128m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €188m

Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Carlow 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 – 902
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (South East Region – Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford) – 8,164