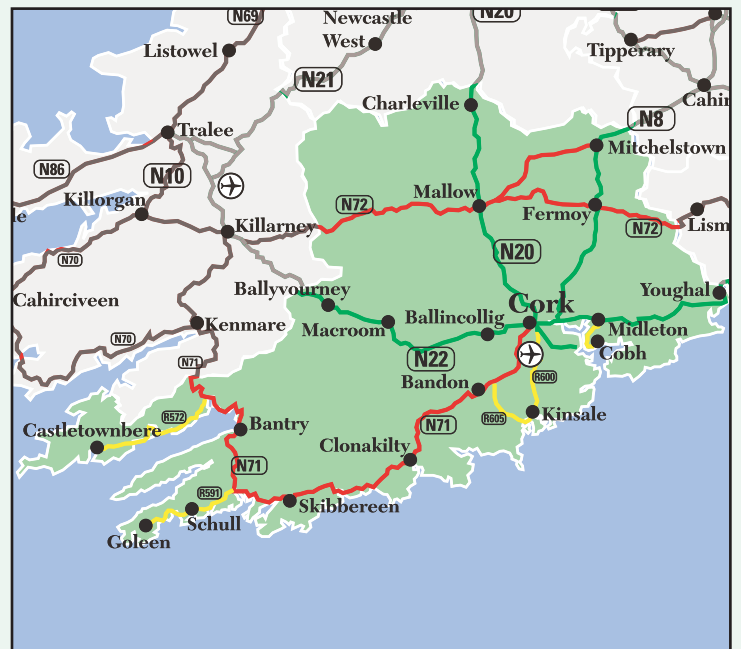


Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

CORK



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 14,201
- Average Farm Size – 37.8 ha
- Land area farmed – 536,609 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 18,454
- Numbers employed in aquaculture (FTE) - 274
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows – 304,636
 - Number of other (beef) cows – 91,281
 - Number of ewes – 128,310
 - Number of sows – 26,176
 - Land area under tillage – 43,864 ha
 - Land area under other crops, fruit & horticulture – 14,000 ha
 - Number of poultry – 955,272

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 44,017 ha
- Output from private forestry – 69,241 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €493 m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment - €159m
 - ANCs – €15.5m
 - BDGP - €2.2m
 - Agri-environment payments - €9m
 - Forestry Premium – €9m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €1,210m
- Value of Aquaculture Output - €30.9m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €1,771m

Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Cork 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 – 8,518
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (South West – Cork, Kerry) – 9,353