

Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

DONEGAL



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 9,198
- Average Farm Size – 27.3 ha
- Land area farmed – 25,0879 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 9,146
- Numbers employed in aquaculture (FTE) - 468
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows – 16,377
 - Number of other (beef) cows – 46,616
 - Number of ewes – 321,108
 - Number of sows – 2,923
 - Land area under tillage – 6,420 ha
 - Number of poultry – 26,607

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 22,910 ha
- Output from private forestry – 36,038 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €65.4m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment - €52m
 - ANCs – €18.2m
 - BDGP - €1.4m
 - Agri-environment payments - €20m
 - Forestry Premium – €3.04m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €207m
- Value of Aquaculture Output - €29m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €303m

Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Donegal 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 – 1,457
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (Border Region – Donegal, Cavan, Monaghan, Sligo, Leitrim, Louth) – 8,231