Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

DUBLIN

Farm Structure
- Number of Farms – 810
- Average Farm Size – 47.6 ha
- Land area farmed – 38,576 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 1,190
- Stock on farm
  - Number of dairy cows – 2,872
  - Number of other (beef) cows – 4,369
  - Number of ewes – 20,002
  - Land area under tillage – 12,578 ha
  - Land area under other crops, fruit & horticulture – 6,500 ha
  - Number of poultry – 11,563

Forestry
- Land area under private forestry – 1,912 ha
- Output from private forestry – 3,008 m³

Agri-Industry Employment
- Agriculture in Dublin 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 – 985
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region – 8,342

Farm Income and Direct Payments
- Farm Income – €45.9m
- Direct Payments
  - Basic Payment - €8.8m
  - ANCs/BDGP/Agri-environment payments - €1m
  - Forestry Premium – €0.1m

Value of Output and Exports
- Value of Agricultural Output - €140m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €205m

Data sources and methodology for estimating figures available at www.ifa.ie/economics

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