

Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

GALWAY



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 13,355
- Average Farm Size – 25.6 ha
- Land area farmed – 341,777 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 14,905
- Numbers employed in aquaculture (FTE) - 237
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows – 27,383
 - Number of other (beef) cows – 109,652
 - Number of ewes – 280,719
 - Number of sows – 513
 - Land area under tillage – 4,260 ha
 - Land area under other crops, fruit & horticulture – 2,900 ha
 - Number of poultry – 34,658

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 20,759 ha
- Output from private forestry – 32,655 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €165m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment - €80m
 - ANC's – €24m
 - BDGP - €3.6m
 - Agri-environment payments - €20m
 - Forestry Premium – €3.6m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €329m
- Value of Aquaculture Output - €42 m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €481m

Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Galway 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 – 2,314
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (West – Galway, Mayo, Roscommon) – 3,819

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