

Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

KERRY



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 8,399
- Average Farm Size – 33.7 ha
- Land area farmed – 283,238 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 9,746
- Numbers employed in aquaculture (FTE) - 361
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows – 90,564
 - Number of other (beef) cows – 47,619
 - Number of ewes – 236,090
 - Number of sows – 3,024
 - Land area under tillage – 1,836 ha
 - Number of poultry – 28,428

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 38,822 ha
- Output from private forestry – 61,068 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €157m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment - €61m
 - ANCs – €17.2m
 - BDGP - €1.5m
 - Agri-environment payments - €10m
 - Forestry Premium – €6.6m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €385m
- Value of Aquaculture Output - €5.6m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €564m

Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Kerry 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 – 2,711
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (South West – Cork, Kerry) – 9,353