

## Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

# KILDARE



### Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 2,618
- Average Farm Size – 44.1 ha
- Land area farmed – 115,460 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 3,302
- Stock on farm
  - Number of dairy cows – 11,972
  - Number of other (beef) cows – 20,312
  - Number of ewes – 74,527
  - Number of sows – 3,389
  - Land area under tillage – 30,405 ha
  - Land area under other crops, fruit & horticulture – 3,900 ha
  - Number of poultry – 33,481

### Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 5,642 ha
- Output from private forestry – 8,875 m<sup>3</sup>

### Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €60m
- Direct Payments
  - Basic Payment - €30 m
  - ANCs – €0.9m
  - BDGP - €0.6m
  - Agri-environment payments - €1m
  - Forestry Premium – €1.2m

### Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €183m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €267m

### Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Kildare 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 – 1,285
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (Mid-East Region – Kildare, Meath, Wicklow) – 5,526