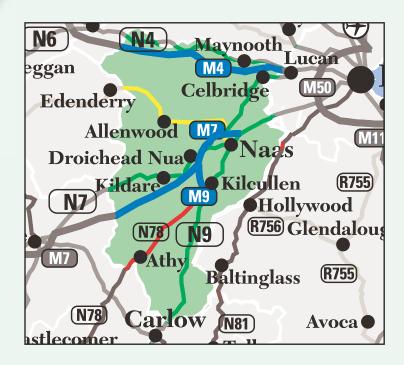


Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

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 m³

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 agriindustry, 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

DELIVERY

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