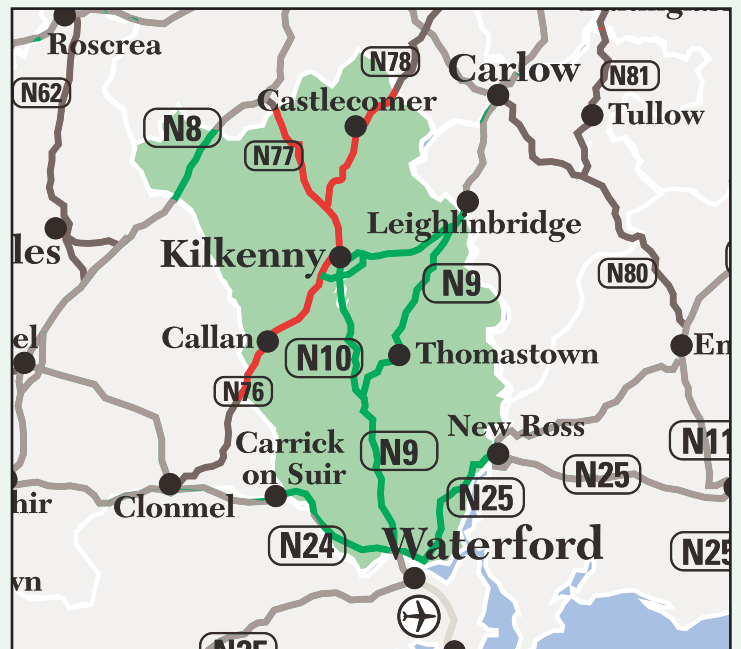


Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

KILKENNY



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 3,746
- Average Farm Size – 44.3ha
- Land area farmed – 165,977 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 5,244
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows – 65,226
 - Number of other (beef) cows – 41,273
 - Number of ewes – 54,332
 - Number of sows – 4,745
 - Land area under tillage – 17,305 ha
 - Land area under other crops, fruit & horticulture – 3,900 ha
 - Number of poultry – 6,982

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 11,479 ha
- Output from private forestry – 18,057 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €84.5m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment - €51.2m
 - ANCs – €3.5m
 - BDGP - €1.1m
 - Agri-environment payments - €3m
 - Forestry Premium – €3.3m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €332.5m
- Value of Aquaculture Output - €0.7m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €487m

Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Kilkenny 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 – 2,339
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (South East Region – Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford) – 8,164