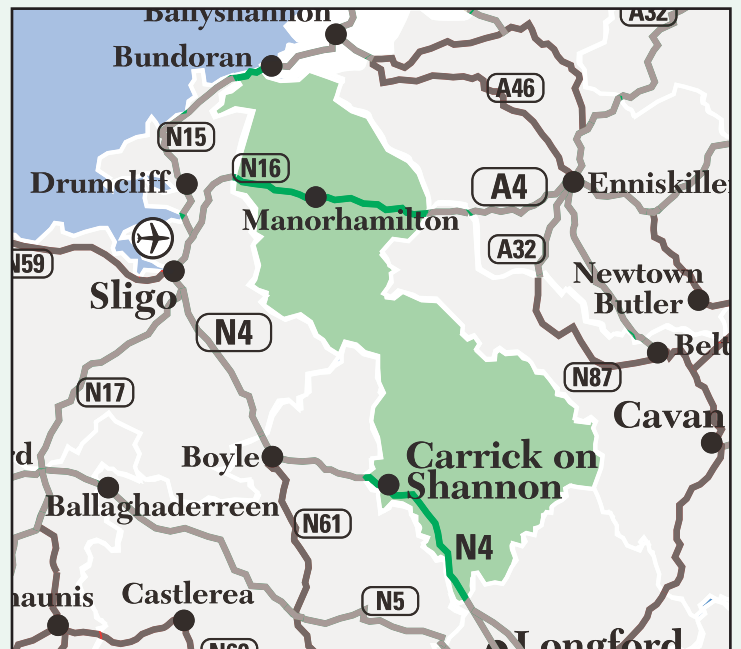


# Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

# LEITRIM



## Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 3,656
- Average Farm Size – 24.5 ha
- Land area farmed – 89,719 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 3,864
- Stock on farm
  - Number of dairy cows – 1,971
  - Number of other (beef) cows – 26,497
  - Number of ewes – 68,907

## Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 14,297 ha
- Output from private forestry – 22,489 m<sup>3</sup>

## Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €20m
- Direct Payments
  - Basic Payment - €18.9m
  - ANCs – €7.2m
  - BDGP - €1m
  - Agri-environment payments - €7m
  - Forestry Premium – €2.4m

## Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €63m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €92m

## Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Leitrim 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 – 445
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (Border Region – Donegal, Cavan, Monaghan, Sligo, Leitrim, Louth) – 8,231