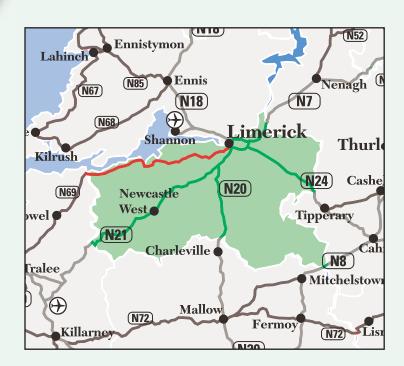


Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

LIMERICK



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms 5.937
- Average Farm Size 34.4 ha
- Land area farmed 204,256 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) 7,270
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows 94,066
 - Number of other (beef) cows 44,214
 - Number of ewes 12,952
 - Number of sows 4,572
 - Land area under other crops, fruit & horticulture - 1,270 ha
 - Number of poultry 1,319,109

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry 16,471 ha
- Output from private forestry 25,909 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income €158m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment €49m
 - ANCs €5.4m
 - BDGP €1.1m
 - Agri-environment payments €4.5m
 - Forestry Premium €4.5m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output €413m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €605m

Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Limerick 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 -2,909
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (Mid-West – Clare, North Tipperary, Limerick) - 4,524

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