

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