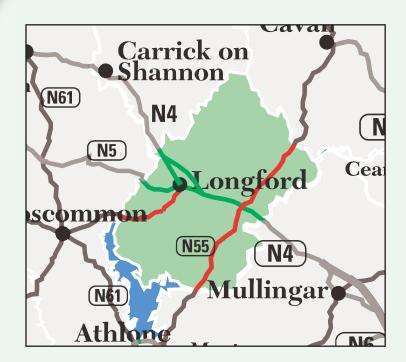


Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

LONGFORD



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms 2,614
- Average Farm Size 28 ha
- Land area farmed 73,203 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) 3,020
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows 8,143
 - Number of other (beef) cows 29,115
 - Number of ewes 22,029
 - Number of sows 4,764
 - Number of poultry 26,357

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry 6,603 ha
- Output from private forestry 10,387 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income €18.6m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment €19m
 - ANCs €4.6m
 - BDGP €1m
 - Agri-environment payments €2m
 - Forestry Premium €1.8m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output €95m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €139m

Agri-Industry Employment

- · Agriculture in Longford 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 -669
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (Midlands - Laois, Longford, Offaly, Westmeath) - 4,091

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