

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
 - ANC's – €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 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 – 669
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (Midlands – Laois, Longford, Offaly, Westmeath) – 4,091