

Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

LOUTH



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 1,668
- Average Farm Size – 35.8 ha
- Land area farmed – 59,696 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 1,957
- Numbers employed in aquaculture (FTE) - 63
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows – 12,646
 - Number of other (beef) cows – 13,024
 - Number of ewes – 37,643
 - Number of sows – 829
 - Land area under tillage – 17,128 ha
 - Land area under other crops, fruit & horticulture – 5,790 ha
 - Number of poultry – 230,402

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 2,094 ha
- Output from private forestry – 3,293 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €38.9m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment - €19m
 - ANCs – €1.2m
 - BDGP - €0.4m
 - Agri-environment payments - €1m
 - Forestry Premium – €0.2m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €123m
- Value of Aquaculture Output - €2.9m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €180m

Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Louth 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 – 868
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (Border Region – Donegal, Cavan, Monaghan, Sligo, Leitrim, Louth) – 8,231

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