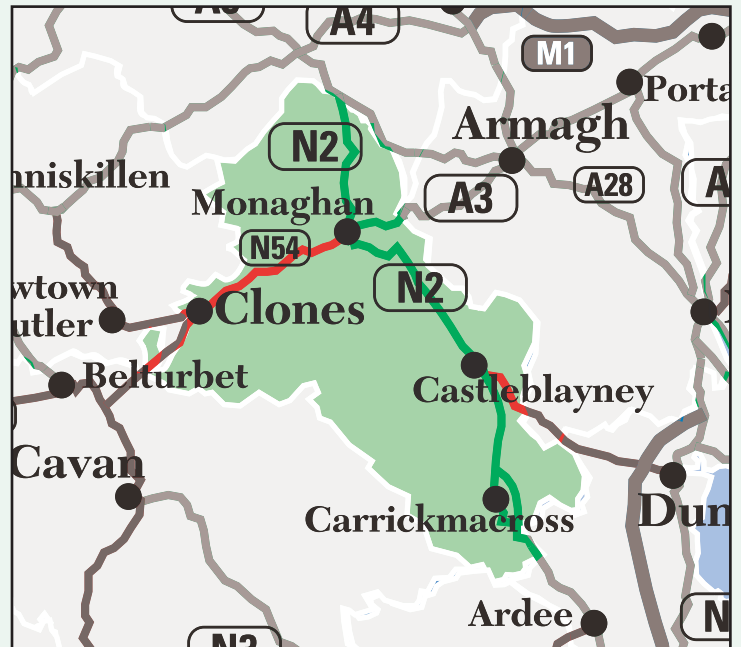


Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

MONAGHAN



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 4,544
- Average Farm Size – 22.8ha
- Land area farmed – 103,511 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 5,304
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows – 32,065
 - Number of other (beef) cows – 34,936
 - Number of ewes – 23,181
 - Number of sows – 2,056
 - Land area under other crops, fruit & horticulture – 2,527 ha
 - Number of poultry – 5,372,176

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 3,674 ha
- Output from private forestry – 5,779 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €107.7m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment - €28.6m
 - ANCs – €7.3m
 - BDGP - €1.2m
 - Agri-environment payments - €3m
 - Forestry Premium – €0.6m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €341m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €499m

Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Monaghan 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 – 2,400
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (Border Region – Donegal, Cavan, Monaghan, Sligo, Leitrim, Louth) – 8,231