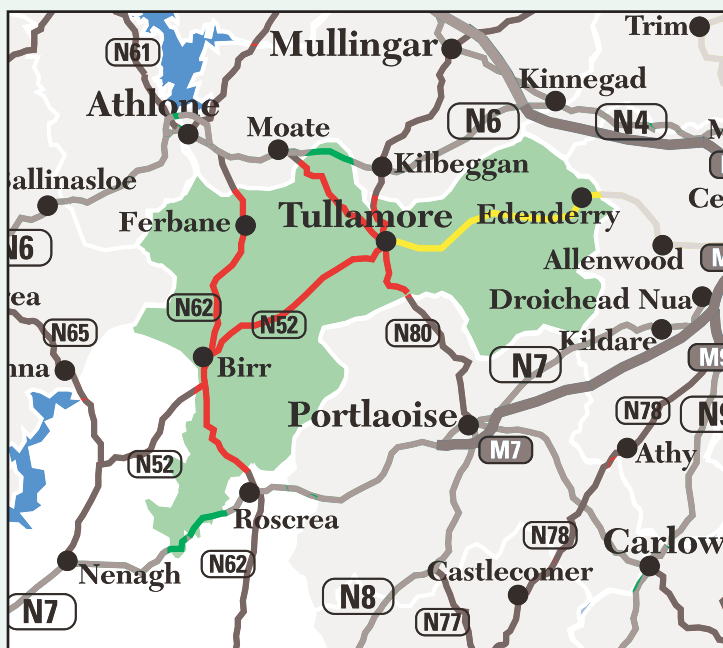


Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

OFFALY



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 3,480
- Average Farm Size – 36.5 ha
- Land area farmed – 127,013 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 4,345
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows – 22,875
 - Number of other (beef) cows – 36,403
 - Number of ewes – 49,534
 - Number of sows – 9,276
 - Land area under tillage – 10,379 ha
 - Land area under other crops, fruit & horticulture – 2,100 ha
 - Number of poultry – 5,135

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 12,237 ha
- Output from private forestry – 19,249 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €42.7m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment - €35m
 - ANCs – €4.4m
 - BDGP - €1.1m
 - Agri-environment payments - €2.3m
 - Forestry Premium – €3m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €218.6m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €320m

Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Offaly 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 – 1,538
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (Midlands – Laois, Longford, Offaly, Westmeath) – 4,091