

Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

ROSCOMMON



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 6,271
- Average Farm Size – 26.9 ha
- Land area farmed – 168,565 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 7,053
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows – 5,373
 - Number of other (beef) cows – 59,246
 - Number of ewes – 125,373
 - Number of sows – 1,941
 - Number of poultry – 18,386

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 14,699 ha
- Output from private forestry – 23,122 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €75.5m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment - €40m
 - ANC's – €11.3m
 - BDGP - €2m
 - Agri-environment payments - €8m
 - Forestry Premium – €2.95m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €151m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €220m

Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Roscommon 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 – 1,060
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (West – Galway, Mayo, Roscommon) – 3,819