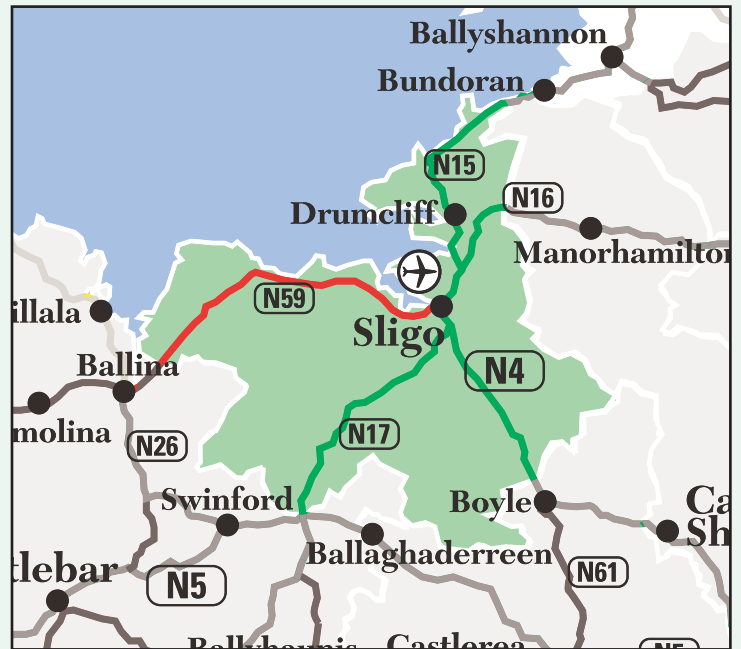


Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

SLIGO



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 4,375
- Average Farm Size – 25.7 ha
- Land area farmed – 112,487 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 4,820
- Numbers employed in aquaculture (FTE) - 35
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows – 7,877
 - Number of other (beef) cows – 33,189
 - Number of ewes – 87,948
 - Number of poultry – 10,316

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 10,591 ha
- Output from private forestry – 16,660 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €27.3m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment - €23 m
 - ANCs – €7.9m
 - BDGP - €1.2m
 - Agri-environment payments - €5.5m
 - Forestry Premium – €2.3m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €86.5m
- Value of Aquaculture Output - €0.84m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €127m

Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Sligo 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 – 609
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (Border Region – Donegal, Cavan, Monaghan, Sligo, Leitrim, Louth) – 8,231