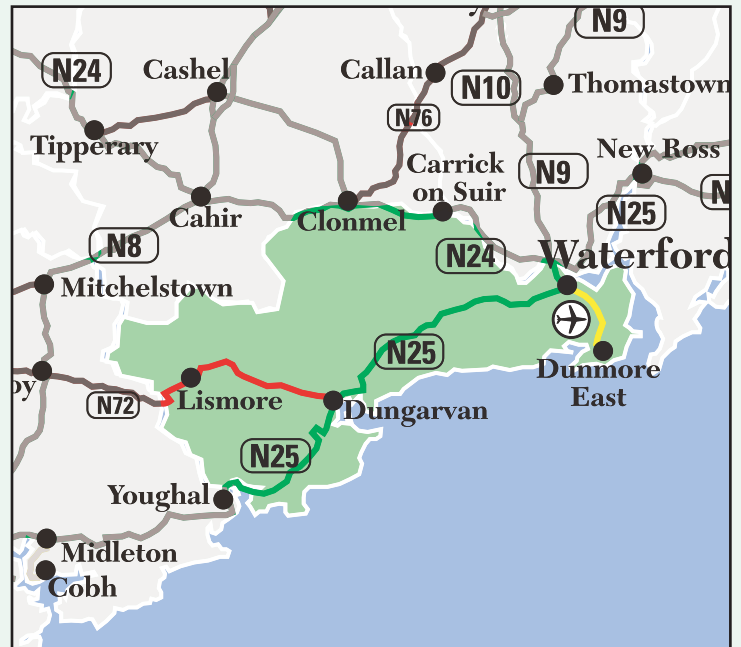


Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

WATERFORD



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 2,768
- Average Farm Size – 45.8 ha
- Land area farmed – 126,799 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 3,784
- Numbers employed in aquaculture (FTE) - 144
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows – 62,793
 - Number of other (beef) cows – 29,481
 - Number of ewes – 52,268
 - Number of sows – 8,860
 - Land area under tillage – 8,568 ha
 - Land area under other crops, fruit & horticulture – 2,950 ha
 - Number of poultry – 603,700

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 11,008 ha
- Output from private forestry – 17,316 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €76.2m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment - €37m
 - ANCs – €2.9m
 - BDGP - €0.7m
 - Agri-environment payments - €2m
 - Forestry Premium – €2.2m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €300m
- Value of Aquaculture Output - €11.8m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €439m

Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Waterford 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 – 2,109
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (South East Region – Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford) – 8,164

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